

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8  
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4  
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11  
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

### Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16  
Repentance - Luke 13:3  
Confession - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for remission of sins -  
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

## LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - June 2  
READ SCRIPTURE  
Genie Hogan  
OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Willie Cyphers  
SERVE COMMUNION  
Sonny Dye Rex Wallace  
PREACHING  
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
LEAD SINGING  
Scott Huff  
GREETERS FOR JUNE  
Mark & Jennifer Hatcher

## Some Observations

The trouble with those who stand up for their rights is that they usually sit down when it comes to responsibility.

Attempting to shirk responsibilities is like trying to run away from your shadow. It goes wherever you go.

The rights of others are seldom considered by those who demand their rights.

Everyone is responsible for what they say and do. No exceptions! - selected

### A Notable Quote:

"It is an infallible reminder that our greatest hope and faith rests upon two mighty symbols - the cross and the flag; the one based upon those immutable teachings which provide the spiritual strength to persevere along the course which is just and right - the other based upon the invincible will that human freedom shall not perish from the earth."

-- Gen. Douglas MacArthur



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### TIME OF SERVICES:

**Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 5 PM  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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## National Greatness by Bobby Dockery

"The Bible insists that there is a connection between the moral vigor of a nation and its survivability. The strength of any nation lies in the goodness of its people.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34; Goodspeed's translation has: "But sin is a people's ruin").

History is full of examples of nations which fell because they forgot God and failed to walk in His ways. Because of their national iniquity, God allowed Israel to fall to Assyria in 722 B.C. The wickedness of Assyria, in turn, led to its fall to the Babylonians in 612 B.C. The nation of Judah fell to these same Babylonians in 586 B.C., and, once again, God said it was because of sin. Mighty Babylon became so steeped in corruption that God overthrew it in 539 B.C. Eventually Rome, the mightiest empire the world had ever known, collapsed when its burden of wickedness became too great to bear.

And America? ? ? ?

Righteousness is America's greatest defense; sin is our window of vulnerability. Do you love your country? Do you want something good for it? Then do all you can to help turn America's heart back to God!  
-via Old Paths

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks radiation & chemo (pill form); Jim Mears; Martha Russell; Becky Hatcher; Brenda & Buster Jagggers; Joey Palmore; Janice Sue Bybee; Jerry Ann Logsdon is at home with sitters around the clock; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Don Blackwell is undergoing therapy at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA; Mark Hatcher recovering from pneumonia; Dennis Swinea of Florence, AL taking 8 chemo pills a day; Brenda Sullivan (special friend of Wayne & Becky) from a previous work in Fairview, TN is facing a very critical heart surgery this week. Fran Mears also knows her from high school in Nashville

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Kenneth Sartin had back surgery; Kevin Houchens was flown to UL Hospital Sat. due to a stroke caused from bleeding on brain (nephew of Margie Gentry, Susan Palmore's cousin); VA Beach victims

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 501 JoAnn Wallace

### THANK YOU CARD

*I would like to say Thank You to my brothers and sisters here at Horse Cave for the prayers, kind words, and visits during the recent passing of my grandmother. It has definitely helped my family during this difficult time.*

John Eastridge and Family

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is our first lesson of our Summer Quarter: **Romans** This morning's lesson is: "*I Long to See You*" 1:1-13. Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

### VBS JUNE 19-22

Wed.- Fri. 6:30 - 8 pm and Sat. 10 am till Noon Theme: MAROONED: *Steady Faith in Shifting Sands* The Lessons will be:

The Challenge to **KNOW**—King Josiah & the Lost Scroll (2 Chronicles 34:1-33)

The Challenge to **TRUST** - Jehoshaphat Trusts in God (2 Chronicles 20:1-24)

The Challenge to **OBEY** - Jonah Runs from God (Jonah 1:1—3:5)

The Challenge to **BELIEVE** - Thomas Doubts Jesus' Resurrection (John 20:24-29)

### ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

**NOTE:** it has been rescheduled for next Sunday at 3:00

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

meets tomorrow evening in the annex at 6:30

All ladies of the congregation are invited

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What term was used for the first time referring to the disciples of Christ in Antioch?

The answer to our question last week:

Jesse Ruth 4:13-17

**Welcome to our visitors!!!**

**Always grateful for your presence!!!**

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Happiness doesn't depend on what we have, but it does depend on how we feel toward what we have. We can be happy with little and miserable with much.

## Moving On

There is a Peanuts comic strip where Linus says, "Maybe we should only think about today." Charlie Brown disagrees. "No, that's giving up. I'm still hoping yesterday will get better." There might be a little bit of truth in both of their perspectives. We know that we can't change what happened yesterday, but we can learn from yesterday's sins and mistakes, and – with God's help – we can use that knowledge to make a better tomorrow.

Think of all the examples we have from the Bible. Many of them made bad mistakes, but did not let it keep them down, and they went on to do great things. Paul started out persecuting the church, yet he became one of the greatest servants the church has ever known. Moses doubted God when he was first being called, but went on to lead God's people out of Egypt. Peter walked on water only to take his eyes off of Jesus and begin to sink. He often stuck his foot on his mouth and denied three times that He was one of Jesus' disciples or even knew Him. But he went on to preach on the day of Pentecost and was a great leader in the church.

The question for us is not whether or not we have made mistakes – we all have. The question is, "What have we done with those mistakes?" Have we learned from them and moved on, or do we let them continue to drag us down? It is not the mistake that will define us – it is what we decide to do with it afterwards.

Embrace God's grace, move on, and

become the person God has called you to be!

by Luke Bower (Abilene, TX)

via Old Paths (adapted)

## Things That Shine

Once as a young child, I traveled with my grandfather on a work trip to the Cumberland River Ferry at Turkey Neck Bend, KY. Along the way, he gave me a shiny quarter. That quarter gave me much enjoyment until I accidentally dropped it into the river. I could see the coin sparkling on the bottom, forever out of reach of a heartbroken four year old.

For some, the "sparkling thing out of reach" mirrors the disillusionments of life. Some unknowingly place themselves into this situation by establishing goals far beyond realistic expectations. For others, the shiny quarter on the river bed represents the individual who reaches a crossroads and regrets choices made in earlier life. In such circumstances, the phrase "life is just what you make it" rings true.

While life may bring some disappointment, it doesn't have to mean ultimate defeat. In fact, it's just the opposite. The apostle Paul reminds the believer that "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6). The satisfaction found in living the Christian life is unparalleled to anything worldly. What Lord Jesus offers will always be within reach!

(In case you are wondering . . . my grandfather gave me another quarter.)

- - Kenny Westmorland (Celina, TN)