

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

Be Still and Know!

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).
In our world of secular craziness, we need to read these words and ponder them very carefully.

- ◆ When the world just doesn't seem to make any sense, be still and know that Jesus is the truth and He will bring sanity to a sometimes insane existence (John 1:14).
- ◆ When it seems that everyone has turned against us, be still and know that the Lord promised to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6).
- ◆ When the storms of life (both physical and emotional) are raging about us, be still and know that God will be our shelter in any storm that the devil can throw at us (Romans 8:35-39).
- ◆ When the future looks dark and dim, be still and know that God is already there, and there is nothing that He doesn't know or can't handle (Psalm 139).

What a wonderful God we serve. Brethren, let us try to remember these things when life gets dark and dreary; when the days seem empty and long, when all seems to fail about us: Be still and know!
- Ben Thompson

Don't Wait Too Late

A service station attendant was swarmed with last minute customers on a holiday weekend. He shook his head in disgust and said to a preacher who was in the line, "It is funny to me that people always wait until the last minute to prepare for a trip they know they are going to take." "I know," said the preacher, "I have the same problem in my business." Read Matthew 25:1-13.



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Reflecting His Light

Urbain Jean Joseph Le Verrier (11 March 1811 - 23 September 1877) was a French astronomer and mathematician who specialized in celestial mechanics and is best known for predicting the existence and position of Neptune using only mathematics. Le Verrier observed slight irregularities in the orbit of the planet Uranus. He surmised that this must be due to some unknown influence or attraction. Searching for the attractive force led him to discover a formerly "invisible" planet, Neptune.

What does this have to do with us? Brothers and sisters, here's the point: If we, as individuals and as a church, are truly being influenced by our association with Christ, people will notice a difference in our lives and curiously investigate what the cause might be.

You have perhaps read many times the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 5:14-16. Please read them once again in the context of what we are here studying. Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Light doesn't have to draw attention to itself—it is self-evident. Just so, as your life orbits around Christ you reflect His light into a world darkened by sin. People who observe the difference in your life will wonder what it is that makes you different. This curiosity may well lead someone to discover the One whose Light you are reflecting.

by Johnny Hester

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special prayers for Bill Brooks; Sue Bunnell recovering at home. As a precaution, she will begin a regiment of chemotherapy (by infusion) and prescription medication. She will have 1 infusion, 1 time per week, every other week for 6 months; Lori Brewer recovering from shoulder surgery; Jim & Fran Mears; Becky Hatcher; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Jamie Proffitt is finished with his current treatments; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the COVID-19 virus; a lot of people are struggling; the pain & unrest in our nation

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seaborn Eillzey; Jerry Cherry; sympathy to the family of Lisa Fisher; sympathy to the family of Shirley Parson, member of the Munfordville congregation. Marty Edwards and Wayne Hatcher conducted her funeral yesterday at Sego Funeral Home.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 102 JoAnn Wallace

UPDATE FROM OUR ELDERS

The elders have decided to continue meeting as is (Sunday morning only) until June 17 when we plan to begin meeting again on Wednesday evening. We want to get started again on Wednesdays before our Summer Series begins July 1st. No decision has been made on when to begin Sunday evening or any youth classes.

NEW STUDY BEGINS

We look forward to our new study this morning entitled "Paul in Acts"

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAM

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: at 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com 8:30-8:45 a.m. - **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. - **Truth In Love** -Wayne Hatcher Also Gospel Broadcasting Network may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable.

ELDERS & DEACONS

will meet his afternoon at the building at 3:00

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Name the books of the Bible that begin with the letter "L"

The answer to our question last week:
A centurion Acts 10:1-48

Lean On Me

*As the road ahead seems rugged
and the path is getting steep,
I feel that I can't make it
so my heart begins to weep.*

*Then I turn to see who's coming
to join me on my way.
I see it is my Lord
and He slowly turns to say,*

*"Lean on me.....
when you have no strength to stand.
When you feel you're going under,
hold tighter to my hand.*

*Lean on me.....
when your heart begins to bleed.
When you know I'm all you have,
then you'll find I'm all you need."*

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*Then when I felt that no one cared
if I lived or died,
and no one bothered asking why
I'd go alone to cry.*

*When the burden got so heavy
I could barely face the day,
I felt His arms around me
as I gently heard Him say,*

*"Lean on me.....
when you have no strength to stand.
When you feel you're going under,
hold tighter to my hand.*

*Lean on me.....
when your heart begins to bleed.
When you come to know I'm all you have,
then you'll find I'm all you need."*

- author unknown

He Has Plans For You!

Can you imagine how encouraging it would be to walk into a job interview and hear the employer say, "I already have plans for you." Knowing we had a place in the company might be encouraging. However, knowing that the company recognized our potential and was already forming specific plans for our work with them would really get us excited. It would mean that we have been assured of a good future with this company and that would make the physical work joyful, something we looked forward to each day.

Shouldn't we have the same view of our life with God? Honestly, God's view of our life should encourage us. Just think about the enormity of this! Even before you lived one day of your life, God knew you and what you would accomplish in this life (Psalm 139:16). This should encourage us to entrust our lives to Him, making each new day a new opportunity to fulfill His grand will for our life? Do not doubt that God has good things in store

for you.

The Lord spoke to the prophet Jeremiah and told him to share this simple message: I will visit you, fulfill my promises to you, and bring you back to this place (Jer. 29:10-11). He then says that He knows the plans He has for our lives, plans for good and not evil, plans to give us a future and hope. What more could we want? Our God knows us, knows our talents and abilities, and has a plan for us.

No matter where you are at currently, God still has plans for you. As you submit to His plans and His will for your life, He can make all things work together for your good (Rom. 8:28). With God on your side, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish, and nothing is beyond your ability. Remember, His plans for you are not evil but for your good.

In Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, he said, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10, ESV)

Do you realize what that means for you? As you walk with Jesus, equipped, and strengthened to accomplish the things He has called us to do in this life, we are merely stepping into the flow of what He already had in mind for us. Living following His Will, we can be encouraged that with Him, we always have "a future and a hope." With God, this life is no accident!

Do not doubt that God has plans for you, and when you embrace it by faith, trusting in His plans, life is lived to its fullest.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21, ESV)

- Jeff Arnette