

## 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

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made and preparing to destroy it with the flood, there are some encouraging words to be found about one man. A man, that in spite of his circumstances, managed to live righteously in the eyes of God; a man named Noah—Gen.6:8.

Thus, Noah serves as an example of the fact that men can still be pleasing to God, even if they live in a world where *"every intent of the thoughts of men's heart are continually evil."* Why? Because even in a wicked world, Noah found favor in the eyes of God.

### A Lesson From Horses - copied

At a county fair, the townspeople held a horse-pulling contest. The first-place horse ended up moving a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The second-place finisher pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses decided to see what these horses could pull together. They hitched them up and found that the team could move 12,000 pounds. By working separately, the two horses were good for only 8,500 pounds. When coupled together, their synergism produced an added 3,500 pounds.

It's a hard lesson for us, but unity consistently produces greater results than individual endeavors. "Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect."

"...are laborers together with God..."

1 Corinthians 3:9

June 24-26 Marriage Enrichment Seminar at the Center church of Christ at 44 Main St. in Center, KY 42214 with Nick & Tiffany Secula Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 9 am—2 pm Sun. 10 am—12 pm



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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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You Are Invited To Our  
5<sup>th</sup> Summer Series in July  
and August

## "My Favorite Sermon"

- July 6 **Marty Edwards** "My Favorite Lesser Known Passages of the Bible "
- July 13 **Allen Jones** "Jesus, My Lawyer"
- July 20 **Danny McCain** "Heaven, Rest for the Faithful" Heb. 4:1-11
- July 27 **Edd Sterchi** "What the Gospel Will Do"
- Aug 3 **Craig Waddell** "Be Sure to Eat a Balanced Diet for Your Spiritual Health"
- Aug 10 **Neal Pollard** "God Eternal Plan of Salvation"
- Aug 17 **Bart Warren** "United With Him (from Romans 6)"
- Aug 24 **Robbie Fudge** "Four Reasons To Be Faithful"
- Aug 31 **John Board** "Mechanical Instrumental Music"

\*Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 CST

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Margie Gentry at home; Mark Hatcher; Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye; Becky Bush; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Laura Brooks at her daughters; Brenda Jagers; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann at home with Home Health & caregivers; Tom Whittington; Don Waddell taking treatments for cancer; Chad Davis treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Frances Davidson had surgery on Monday and has been moved to Medical Center at Caverna for Rehab; Billy Bybee will be having back surgery in a week or so; Carolyn Russell recuperating at home from a broken arm; Helen Edwards, former member here and the sister-in-law of Janice & Billy Bybee has liver cancer; the family of Archie Hay, life-long resident of Horse Cave

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass  
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing  
Manna Project

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 2nd lesson in our Summer Quarter "Isaiah—Part 2" Today's topic: *"The Servant of the Lord"* Isaiah 42:1-20 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### PREACHING TODAY

Wayne will be preaching today at 11 am - *"Having the Heart of a Servant"* Matt. 20:20-28 and at 5 pm - Series in I John:

*"Walking In Obedience"* I John 2:3-11

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Darrell Wallace will teach the class this week and he may be able to conclude the study in Hebrews.

### ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER MEETING

Will be today at 3:00 in the library

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What were the first four words God said to Adam and Eve?

Answer to our question last week: because they were sleeping

## Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

by Joe Slater

The song is right – burdens really are lifted at Calvary! Our Savior Himself invited, *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). Jesus didn't shed His blood and die on the cross so you could carry your sin around like a ball and chain for the rest of your life. He offers rest!

Jesus made a point of saying "heavy laden." He extends His grace to those who have committed "big" sins as well as transgressors in less extreme ways. Even as life was draining from Him, Jesus lifted the burden of a violent criminal who, only a short time before, had mocked Him. Jesus told him, *"Today you will be with Me in paradise"* (Luke 23:43).

Sometime later Jesus (next page)

lifted the burden of Saul of Tarsus, a man who absolutely hated Him and was doing everything in his power to destroy the church. Innumerable disciples of Jesus had suffered arrest, torture, imprisonment, and even death at this man's behest. So awful were his crimes that he later referred to himself as the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet Jesus lifted even Saul's enormous burden of sin! *"For this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life"* (1 Timothy 1:16). If I may paraphrase, "If Jesus can save me (and He did) then He can save anyone!"

Even before the cross, God's people found relief from sin because Christ's blood reached back to them just as it reaches forward to us. David's burden made him feel lifeless and crushed until *"I acknowledged my sin to You . . . and You forgave the iniquity of my sin"* (Psalm 32:3-5).

So often we react to our sin with self-loathing and beating ourselves up. While such responses are understandable, they can never "fix" the problem! Only Jesus can do that.

Burdens are lifted at Calvary!

## Finding Favor in the Eyes of God

by Brian Mitchell

*5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man*

*on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD (Genesis 6:5-8).*

As much as I hate to admit it, this sounds pretty similar to the days in which we live. It is pretty difficult to read these words and not see that the societal circumstances described in the days of Noah bear a striking similarity to the times in which we find ourselves living. In fact, Paul writes thousands of years later about a time when circumstances would be similar to those described in the days of Noah—2 Tim.3:1-5. The point is simple and that is that there have always been evil and wicked men among us, and it has always displeased God.

In fact, it was those circumstances described in Genesis that led God to destroy the world which He had created with the Great Flood. And this leads to a great question; can a man live right in times such as these? Given the times we live in it would be understandable to ask whether or not one could really live a life that is pleasing to God in the midst of such sin and perversion. We know that we are supposed to - Titus 2:11-12. But can it really be done and if so, how?

The answer of course is yes. We can live right in our day and time regardless of how many around us want to follow their own path in life. Even in Gen. 6, when God was pronouncing judgment upon the world He (next page)