

### GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

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

### LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - June 28  
 READ SCRIPTURE  
 Rex Wallace  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 Mike Thompson  
 OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
 Leon Seaton  
 SERVE COMMUNION  
 Malon Schuler  
 Dennis Hatcher Donnie Edwards  
 PREACHING  
 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
 LEAD SINGING  
 Scott Huff

### SERVING IN JULY

READ SCRIPTURE  
 5 - Sydney Bunnell  
 12 - Wayne Hatcher  
 19 - Malon Schuler  
 26 - Bill Brooks  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 Sydney Bunnell  
 OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
 Mark Hatcher  
 SERVE COMMUNION  
 Mike Thompson Willie Cyphers  
 Michael Richardson  
 LEAD SINGING  
 5 - Ken Russell  
 12 - Scott Huff  
 19 - Ken Russell  
 26 - Scott Huff



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 Worship 11 AM & 6 PM Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

**CHURCH WEB PAGE:** www.horsecavecoc.com

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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### Incremental Lostness

by Van Ledbetter

I listened the other day as a political "spin doctor" explained how those he represented were planning to get their program across. He understood, he said, that the American people wouldn't accept it in one huge dose. But, he said, "We'll implement it incrementally." What he meant was this: *They won't approve our plan if we give them the whole thing up front, so we intend to give it to them a little at a time until we have the whole thing in place without their realizing what's going on.*

Isn't that the way Satan works to destroy Christians' faith? See, very few will just leap wildly into apostasy, and Satan knows that. But he also knows that he can, sometimes, get us to accept sin in small doses, then in greater and greater doses, gradually, until we've finally gone all the way in departing from the living God.

A worship assembly skipped here; a little wrong thing done there. A seemingly innocuous but spiritually detrimental attitude adopted here; an "insignificant" unbiblical belief accepted there. And the next thing you know you're a lot farther from faithful discipleship than you ever thought, in your wildest dreams, you could go.

What's the difference really, whether you surrender totally and immediately to the evil One, or take your trip down the Broad Way to the Bad Place one "little" step at a time? The end result is all the same, isn't it?

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## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jean Hogan is getting weaker; Brandon Schuler; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Leon Seaton; Renee` Perkins; Robert Brooks; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; Kathy Clarke; James Horton; Christian Shadburne (formerly of Hart County) undergoing treatments for pediatric cancer. His address is on the bulletin board; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad) at home; Vickie Thompson's mother has been having some health problems; Jake Quenzer, grandson of Robert & Laura Brooks got a good report this past week; Robbie Fudge and the group from S. Green St. are in Honduras with the Latin American Mission campaign from June 26-July 4; Dennis Hatcher had a follow-up visit with his cardiologist. They found fluid in one of his lungs that had to be withdrawn. He will be wearing an external defibrillator for a month as a precaution; various ones are traveling on vacations

### VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>  
You may leave messages on his page.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

the family of Jane Nichols; Margie Broady; Kevin Gardner; Doris Garrison; Gunner Eaton; Thelma Thompson; Ruby Whitlow; Wanda Judd; Mrs. Cagle at Hart Co. Health Care

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### HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Mildred Briggs (member at Cave City)  
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### SPECIAL THANKS

To Mike Thompson for filling in for me last weekend. All of your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. -Wayne

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sept. 13-16** our Gospel Meeting with Mel Futrell bro. Mel was last with us in Oct. of 2012

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which book begins with: "now David was old and stricken in years" ?

The answer to last week's bible question: the book of Job

### Visitors are appreciated and always welcomed !!!!

"Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

"They are of the world: therefore speak they as of the world and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us: he who is not of God heareth us not, By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." I John 4:5-6

"The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak it." - George Orwell

## No Good Deed

by Michael Brooks

"Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life" (1 Kings 19:2-3 NKJV).

Elijah is often considered the greatest of all the prophets of Israel. On the Mount of Transfiguration, he appeared with Moses and Jesus as the representative of the prophetic office (Mark 9:2-13). His challenge to the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel stands as one of the greatest exhibitions of faith and courage of all time (1 Kings 18:20-40). There he defeated and put to death 850 idolatrous prophets, establishing the Lord as the one true God.

When Queen Jezebel, the royal sponsor of Baalism in Israel, heard of Elijah's victory, her response was far different from what the prophet may have expected and hoped. Rather than accept the verdict of the test – that the Lord only is God – she vowed vengeance against Elijah.

A modern cynical proverb holds that "No good deed goes unpunished." Elijah would no doubt agree wholeheartedly. Rather than lead the people of Israel back into acceptable worship of the Lord, he was forced to run far away from Israel, all the way back to Mount Sinai (called in the text by its alternate name, Horeb) to save his life from the angry queen.

Later in chapter 19 we find Elijah in despair, calling on God to take his life because he is the last true believer in the land and is under condemnation by the Queen. Facing

apparently insurmountable odds, the courageous prophet is giving up.

Many believers in all generations come to places in their lives where hope seems gone and defeat certain. Though they may have served God faithfully for many years people turn against them, false accusations are made, and their Christian example seems unappreciated or even disbelieved. What good have they done? What benefit is there to righteousness?

God's reply to Elijah was short and to the point. In verses 15-18 he basically said, "Go back to Israel. Your work is not complete. Appoint your replacement, so that if you die others can carry on. You are not the only faithful one left."

As a missionary, I must confess that one dangerous temptation is the sense of being overwhelmed by a seemingly impossible task. After 50 years of preaching the Gospel in India, members of Churches of Christ have baptized millions, and planted over ten thousand churches. Yet, since the population has increased from 8 hundred million to 1.3 billion, there are now 500 million more lost souls in that country than when we began. How can we ever fulfill the great commission?

We must learn the lesson of Elijah. God is with us. We are not alone. With his help we can still accomplish great things. Men may punish us for the good that we do, but God will see that true justice prevails. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

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