

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

Let Us Never Take Our Spiritual Freedom For Granted

by Mike Riley

As we celebrate this 4th of July with family and friends, we rejoice and are thankful for the many freedoms we have in our country that are many times taken for granted.

Similarly, we rejoice in the spiritual freedom we have by faith in the sin-canceling death of Jesus, but do we realize at least to some small degree the price He paid? Have we become so familiar with the gospel that we sometimes fail to appreciate what our freedom from sin cost our Savior? (cf. Isaiah 53:5-6; Romans 4:25; 1 Peter 2:24).

On this Independence Day (and every day), let us as followers of Christ, be truly grateful to Jesus for all He has sacrificed in order to set us free from certain spiritual death [eternal separation from God] - (Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2; cf. Romans 5:6-11).

No matter what else may be demanding our attention this day, let us take the time to remember the unpayable debt **we owe Him**.

*Gone is all my debt of sin,
A great change is bro't within,
And to live I now begin,
Risen from the fall;
Yet the debt I did not pay
Some one died for me one day,
Sweeping all the debt away,
Jesus paid it all.*

—S. W. Beazley



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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 3rd Summer Series On Wednesdays "Respecting and Following God's Pattern/Blueprint"

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- July 8 Marty Edwards** God's Pattern Once and For All
- July 15 **Edd Sterchi** God's Pattern For His Plan of Our Salvation
- July 22 **Craig Waddell** God's Pattern For the Church, Her Place and Work
- July 29 **Danny McCain** God's Pattern For Worship
- Aug 5 **Robbie Fudge** God's Pattern For Marriage
- Aug 12 **Allen Jones** God's Pattern For the Family and Raising Children
- Aug 19 **Nick Secula** God's Pattern For Daily Living and Christian Growth
- Aug 26 **W. Tom Hall** God's Pattern For the Second Coming of Christ and the End of the World

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special prayers for Bill Brooks. He had another blood transfusion Thurs.; Sue Bunnell recovering at home. She has begun a regimen of chemotherapy (by infusion) and prescription medication; It sure was great seeing Margie Gentry at services Wed. night for the first time in a long time; Becky Hatcher continues to face multiple health issues; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Mary Thompson, our daughter & Becca's mom is still testing positive for the 2nd time for COVID-19 virus; Parker Bybee; Geneane McGuire's son, Bobby fell and hit his head. He is in a Nashville hospital, and she is with him; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus; a lot of people are struggling financially, emotionally; the unrest and troubles in our nation

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seaborn Ellzey

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We look forward to our Summer Series starting next Wed. evening July 1. Details of topics and speakers are on the front page. We will continue to use the recommended safety precautions.

NEW STUDY - SUMMER QUARTER

our new study is underway for our Sunday morning bible study entitled "*Paul in Acts*" Today's lesson is #5 "*The Macedonian Call*" Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

This Wed. evening July 8 will be the second lesson in our Summer Series. Darrell Wallace had an excellent lesson to start us last week.

Our next speaker is Marty Edwards, minister with the Munfordville Church of Christ. See front of this Bulletin.

THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Wayne will be preaching at the 11:00 worship hour. Topic: FREEDOM

ELDERS, DEACONS, MINISTERS

Our monthly meeting is this afternoon at 3:00 here at the building.

APPRECIATION

We appreciate the great job Willie Cyphers and Rex Wallace have been doing on preparing and safely serving the Lord's Supper on Sunday mornings for the past several Sundays.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

Please bring in your coin cans that are a part of their Gleaner Campaign. They will be here soon to pick them up. Thanks for participating!!



TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was the most well known son of Amram and Jochebed?

The answer to our question last week:

"Peace be unto you." John 20:19

The Devil Is Trying To Divide Us

by David Sproule

The nature of God is love (1 John 4:8). He expects His people to be characterized by love (John 13:34-35). Thus, anything that is not of love but is associated with hate is of the devil and not of God (1 John 3:8-15).

The nature of God is peace (Phil. 4:6-9). He expects His people to be characterized by peace (Rom. 12:14-21). Thus, anything that is not of peace but is associated with discord is of the devil and not of God (Jas. 3:13-18; Prov. 6:16-19).

The nature of God is unity (Eph. 4:4-6). He expects His people to be characterized by unity (1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 4:2). Thus, anything that is not of unity but is associated with division is of the devil and not of God (1 Cor. 3:1-4).

The nature of God is truth (Deut. 32:4). He expects His people to be characterized by truth (Eph. 4:15; 3 John 3-4). Thus, anything that is not of truth but is associated with lies is of the devil and not of God (John 8:44).

These four divine qualities ought to help us to put what is happening in our culture into perspective. How much of what we see is of God? How much is of the devil? If we allow the things of this world to come into the church, hijack the church and even direct the affairs of the church, it is certain that the devil is behind it and working to divide the church. Here are three dangerous symptoms to guard against.

The devil is trying to divide us when we

turn inward with fear instead of outward with faith. If the circumstances around us turn our faith into fear, that is not of God (2 Tim. 1:7-12). Though the outward circumstances of the early Christians were dreadful, they still "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). Does that (could that) describe us?

The devil is trying to divide us when we focus on the color of skin instead of the image of God. Being concerned about any element of someone's outward appearance is not of God (1 Sam. 16:7). Every person on earth, without exception, is made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27), and it is not his nationality that matters but whether he seeks the Lord and does His will (Acts 10:34; 17:26). The color of skin does not matter in Christ (Gal. 3:28).

The devil is trying to divide us when we engage in accusing our brethren rather than serving our brethren. It is easy, perhaps, to allow a "root of bitterness" to spring up between brethren and "cause trouble" (Heb. 12:14-15). But the very same context that warns us to not "bite and devour one another" also commands us "through love [to] serve one another" and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Gal. 5:13-15).

The nature of God is love, peace, unity and truth. He expects those same qualities to characterize His children. May God help us to not allow the devil to divide us...ever!



Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8