

## 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 - July 14

READ SCRIPTURE  
Malon Schuler

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION  
Eugene Campbell  
Malon Schuler Jackie Coop

PREACHING  
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING  
Scott Huff

GREETERS FOR JULY  
Ken & Carolyn Russell

## Believe in God and Believe God

*"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God" (James 2:23).*

There is a big difference between believing in God and believing God. Abraham did both. God gave him the gift of righteousness, and they were friends.

Imagine a human being a friend of the Almighty. Imagine no more, because Jesus has made it a reality for all of us. We have a friend in Jesus, and that connects us to His Father when we keep His commands. He told us that in John 15. Now, with Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we all can be called a friend of God. Believe in God and believe Him.

- Ron Bartanen



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**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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*You Are Invited To Our Summer Series*

*"Issues facing Us the Church and Our Nation"*

July 3 **Craig Waddell** The Breakdown of the Home and Marriage

July 10 **Allen Jones** Gender Roles in the Church

**July 17 Robbie Fudge** The Evolvement of Abortion from 1973 to 2019

July 24 **Danny McCain** Addiction of Drugs, Alcohol, Gambling, Pornography

July 31 **Don Nims** Coping With the Ever Increasing Rate of Suicide

Aug 7 **Nick Secula** What the Word of God Says About Homosexuality

Aug 14 **Darrell Wallace** The Rise of Islam in America: How the Church Must Respond

Aug 21 **John Board** What Are the Dangers of Electronic Devices For Our Adults & Youth?

Aug 29 **W. Tom Hall** The Solution To All Issues Is Still Found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 and in the Power of the Gospel Rom. 1:16

\*\*Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 CST

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks; Jim Mears; Martha Russell; Becky Hatcher; Janice Sue Bybee; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Don Blackwell is undergoing therapy at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA; Dennis Swinea of Florence, AL has received good reports that the tumors have greatly reduced from the treatment.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Sammi Jo Eubank; Brad Terry; Tim Shipley; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Kevin Houchens continues to improve. He is in Frazier Rehab in Louisville; Rose Hill recovering from a stroke; H. M. Cherry is in Signature Health in HC.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### EXPRESSING OUR SYMPATHY

We share sorrows with the family of Brenda Marr who passed away July 5. She is the sister of our Michael "Sonny" Dye (Joyce). Her funeral was on Tuesday at Brooks Funeral Home. The church here provided a meal for the family afterwards in our Annex.

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 501 JoAnn Wallace

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is our seventh lesson in our Summer Quarter: **Romans** This morning's lesson is: *"Dead to Sin, Alive to God"* 6:1-11; 7:1-11 Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

### SUMMER SERIES

Our Summer Series has gotten off to a great start. Allen Jones was our second speaker last Wed. evening. He had a very good lesson on "Gender Roles in the Church"

Robbie Fudge of the South Green St. congregation in Glasgow will be our speaker this Wed. evening. His topic will be "The Evolvement of Abortion From 1973 to 2019"

### INVITATION TO A BABY SHOWER

for Suzanne & Rob Miller, daughter of Joey & Susan Palmore and grand daughter of Margie Gentry. They are expecting a boy - **Greyson Joe**. The shower will be held next Sunday, **July 21** at **1:30** in our Annex. They are registered at: [www.babylist.com](http://www.babylist.com) Type in Suzanne's name to connect.

### BRING IN YOUR POTTER COIN CANS

If you have one of the Silver Coin cans from Potter Children's Home, they must be turned in today or by Wed. evening. They will be here Thurs. to pick them up. As always thanks for your participation!!!

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

In which NT book does Paul write about Onesimus?

The answer to our question last week: "get thee behind me Satan" Matt. 16

**Welcome to our visitors!!!**

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



Some people can't tell a lie, some can't tell the truth, and some can't tell the difference.

It is impossible to learn what you think you already know.

## Not A Matter of Politics

by Randy Reagan

Many years ago I was working with a congregation where one of the members had formerly been the county chairman of a particular political party. Nationally, the party was going through a difficult time and he wanted to insure that I would not be bringing "politics" into the pulpit. It is something I would think that many who stand in pulpits or teach in classrooms struggle to determine: "How do I separate Biblical teaching from the political happenings in our society?"

Jesus taught us how. The Pharisees were plotting how they could entangle Jesus in His own words to destroy Him. They asked Jesus, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (Matt. 22:17) Jesus "perceived their wickedness" and had them bring a coin with which the taxes would be paid. Jesus asked them whose inscription was on the coin. When they replied "Caesar's," He said, "Render therefore to Caesar those things that are Caesar's and to God those things that are God's." (Matt. 22:21) Jesus drew a clear line.

One of Satan's ploys against Christians is to try to blur the lines so we are confused about where we should stand on Biblical issues by mixing them into a "political" arena. Friends, the topics of abortion (Prov. 1:10-16), homosexuality (1 Cor. 6:9), same sex "marriage" (Gen. 2:24), gambling (Eccl. 5:10; 1 Tim. 6:10), prostitution (1 Cor. 6:9), drunkenness (1 Cor. 6:10), and obeying the laws of the land (Rom. 13:1-7) are not political issues. Discrimina-

tion or wickedness driven by hate is not a political issue, but rather a very important Biblical issue that all Christians should abhor as they would any other form of evil! (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 12:9) I know far too many Christians who will not take a Biblical stand on these important issues because of their allegiance to a political position, heritage, or party. Our allegiance must always be to God and His word first above anyone or anything else. The only time a Christian should not obey the laws of man is when they conflict with God's law. (Acts 5:29)

However, for a preacher or teacher of the gospel to present purely political views as somehow being scripture or binding because they have a certain political persuasion or belief is error and has no place in the pulpit OR the Bible classroom. I never find an instance in the Bible that indicates that part of the message of the Gospel directs someone on how they should vote based on political beliefs or allegiance. A person's belief on economics, taxes, the application and interpretation of our Constitution, or even the interpretation and application of our country's laws are NOT scriptural issues to be addressed or bound as God's law. God did give the Jews a civil as well as a spiritual law in the Old Testament, but God has not given us a civil law to obey today beyond our obligation to obey the civil laws we live under as Christians. (Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-15).

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