

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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Whether knowingly or not, everyone outside of Christ is under the authority of darkness (sin). We all have owed the wages of sin. Paul declared, *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). Because we all have sinned, we all have been under this authority (Romans 3:23).

We also are unable to leave the authority of darkness on our own; we have to be delivered (rescued, NASB). Yes, it is a choice we make, but it is an action that requires Divine assistance. Paul said, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek"* (Romans 1:16). The only way to escape the power, guilt and condemnation of sin is to obey the gospel.

Echoes of Love

The other day a boy refused to obey his mother. Angrily he ran to a ravine and cried, "I hate you!" Suddenly the words came echoing back, "I hate you!" Frightened, the boy ran to his mother and said, "There's a bad man in the woods. I heard him say, 'I hate you.'"

Knowing what had happened she said, "Go back and say, 'I love you.'" The little boy called out, "I love you." And the same words came back to him. "Son," she said, "this is a law of life, what you give, you get. What you say, you hear."

The Bible says "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap" (Galatians 6:7). - copied



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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
5th 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"

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy Bybee is home recuperating from back surgery; Mike Thompson is home recuperating from gall bladder surgery; Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Mark Hatcher; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda has a brain tumor; Laura Brooks at her daughters; Brenda Jagers; Becky Bush having tests; Carolyn Russell recuperating from a broken arm; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann Schuler home under Hospice Care; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law) Tom Whittington; Don Waddell taking treatments for cancer; Chad Davis treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo (thankful he was able to be here last Sunday a.m. along with grandson Conner); Helen Edwards, former member here and the sister-in-law of Janice & Billy Bybee; Frances Davidson at home after surgery; Robin Wallace's brother Ronnie Smith is to have a 2nd back surgery; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Dane Ann Wilson Stinson has made some remarkable improvements and will be rehab somewhere.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Margie Gentry was admitted to TJ Samson over the weekend with serious breathing difficulties.

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 7th lesson in our Summer Quarter. Today's topic: *"The Suffering Servant"* Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching this morning at 11 am and at 5 pm

REMINDER: SUMMER SERIES

Is underway on Wed. evenings at 6:00. Allen Jones spoke Wed. on *Jesus My Lawyer*. Danny McCain will be our next speaker this Wed. Let's have a good show of interest and support.

COIN CANS FOR POTTER CHILDRENS HOME

We have six new coin cans. They are on the table in the foyer. Thank you to those who contributed to the recent effort.

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

Who was the youngest son of Jacob?

Answer to our last question:

Balak Numbers 24

Take Up Your Cross

by Joe Chesser

Everyone knew where Jesus was heading when he was being led through the streets of Jerusalem carrying his own cross. Everyone knew he was heading for Golgotha (the place of the Skull – John 19:17) where criminals were crucified. Carrying a cross for all to see was a part of the cruelty of a crucifixion. It not only

was painfully exhausting, it was also an intentional public humiliation. People watched and pointed. People yelled things that were harsh and heartless. Carrying your cross to your crucifixion was never intended to be something done privately. It was out in the open for all to see.

Likewise, Christianity was never intended to be something kept secret. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). To "take up his cross" meant a public execution to those who heard Jesus speak these words. To be crucified with Christ was not intended to be kept within the safe confines of a church building or a friendly church environment. No, to take up your cross and follow Jesus means to openly acknowledge Jesus as your savior and as your life. Jesus also said, "I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8-9).

To acknowledge Jesus before men means much more than our confession of faith before baptism. It certainly includes that, but to acknowledge Jesus means that our lives are lived openly for the public to see our faith. It means we are to let our lives be like a light to the world, not hidden under a bowl, but up high for all to see (Matthew 5:14-16). It doesn't matter if they point and stare. It doesn't matter if they do not understand or agree. It doesn't matter if they speak ruthlessly, or even physically persecute us. It doesn't matter because we have died to ourselves.

We no longer live. Christ is now living in us (Galatians 2:20), openly for all to see. We have taken up our cross and followed Jesus!

When people became Christians in the first century, they didn't go into hiding; they didn't retreat into communes or monasteries. They openly took up their own cross and followed Jesus! Jack Graham has said, "While salvation is intensely personal, it is never private; it is always public!" Everyone knew where Jesus was going when he carried his cross. Do people know where you are going when you take up your cross?

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Power vs. Power

by J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.

Have you ever considered how the Bible views where Christians were before they were Christians? Notice Colossians 1:13: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Those outside of Christ are under the "power" of darkness.

The word "power" here is the same in the original as the word Jesus used in Matthew 28:18 (*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth"*). That Word always carries the idea of "authority." In other words, while we were outside of Christ, we were living under the authority of darkness (shadiness, i.e., evil). We were under its "domain" (NASB).

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