

## 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

## Unwanted

by Ron Bartanen

*"Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them: for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again"* (Luke 8:37).

Jesus Christ will not impose Himself upon anyone. He won't stay where he's unwanted. The Gadarenes were so upset with Jesus when He cast a legion of demons from a man and sent them into nearby hogs. To them, the hogs were of more value than the man, so they "besought him to depart from them." In our world today there is an increasing animosity towards Jesus as He seemingly intrudes into men's comfort-zones. Even the mention of His name in prayer is not considered appropriate in schools, the military, etc. His word is considered out-of-date and irrelevant.

Some would purposely exclude Him from their lives. These would tell us there should be no positive mention of Him in school or public activities. He is even being written out of school history books.

Some would exclude Him in their choice of life-style. Evil so fills their hearts and lives, it is impossible for Christ to take up residence in them. He is excluded from their lives.

Some would crowd Him out—not purposely, but simply by filling their lives with material things. Such find no time for Christ, Bible reading or church. Other things clamor for their attention.

What about you? Would you be among those to send Him away? Or would you welcome Him into your life?



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

July 1 **Darrell Wallace** God Has Always Had A Pattern

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

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

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special prayers for Bill Brooks who is under the care of Hosparus; Sue Bunnell has been able to be at a few Sunday morning worship services. She is taking a regiment of chemotherapy (by infusion) and prescription medication; Lisa Schuler asked for our prayers for a health condition - Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis; Becky Hatcher continues to face multiple health issues; Laura Brooks; Rhonda Brooks Quenzer had surgery last week in Louisville to remove a meningioma tumor; Joyce Dye; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Mary Thompson, our daughter & Becca's mom is improving from the COVID-19 virus; Parker Bybee; Geneane McGuire's son, Bobby McGuire; Dennis Hatcher received a good report from the CT of his lungs; Jackie Coop has serious concerns with one of his eyes; 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

### SYMPATHY

to Carolyn Russell in the loss of her aunt Mattie Peden Lee of Glasgow. She was a member of the S. Green St. Church of Christ. Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home is handling her arrangements.

### FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seaborn Ellzey; continued prayers for the family of Joey Wilson

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 102 JoAnn Wallace

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### CONGRATULATIONS

Laura Brooks has a new great-grandson - **Oliver Isaac Brooks** born July 14th at 5:23 PM weighing 5 lb 2 ozs. son of Josh and Rachel Brooks and grandson of Dale and Michelle (McCubbins) Brooks. Mom and son are doing fine. Congratulations to all!!!

### NEW STUDY - SUMMER QUARTER

We are having a great study in our Sunday morning bible study entitled *"Paul in Acts"* Today's lesson is #7 *"Paul in Athens" Acts 17:16-34* 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.

### OUR SUMMER SERIES...

Edd Sterchi had an excellent lesson last week on *"God's Pattern For His Plan of Our Salvation"*

This Wed. evening July 22 will be the 4th lesson in our Summer Series. Our speaker is Craig Waddell, minister with the Church of Christ in Center. His topic is: *"God's Pattern For the Church, Her Place and Work"*

### THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Mike Thompson will be preaching at the 11:00 worship hour this morning.



### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What was the 2nd deception Samson told Delilah on how to subdue him?

The answer to our question last week: doves Matt. 21:12

## Do You Like Honey?

by Caleb J. Rutherford

Have you ever eaten honey? Or how about honeycomb? See, I am not a fan of either. The only way I will eat honey is if it is drizzled over a hot biscuit. But I do know, however, the sweetness that comes with honey and the honeycomb. It is something that is quite pleasant to many people, and something that would be considered a treat to eat.

I think about the book of Proverbs, and how so often, the plea for its readers is to adhere to the wisdom and the knowledge of God. To remember the advice of the Father, to apply it to our lives, so that we might be able to make the best decisions possible in the coming future. I specifically think about chapter 24 and vs. 13 - "My son, eat honey because it is good, and the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste; (14) So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, and your hope will not be cut off." No one likes to put something that tastes bad in our mouths. If someone does not like broccoli, he will not seek out broccoli to eat. But honey, it is sweet, it is good to the taste (for some people), and it is something that most would seek out, in order to eat it. Well the same should be with knowledge and wisdom. It ought to be something that we hunger for. It ought to be something to strive for.

It should be something that is sweet to our lives, because we know it will better our lives. So often, people do not want help. Many people in our world today think we have it all figured out; and, "who are you to tell me that I need advice on how to deal with this or that." And yet so often, we make

mistake after mistake after wrong choice after wrong choice, simply because we did not listen to the wisdom and advice that someone has to offer. If we know that someone can help us in a situation, we ought to be people who will swallow our pride, get rid of our arrogance, and listen to the advice. Well the same is true with us spiritually. We know that the Word of God has everything that we need in order to be the best Christian that we can be (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, why would we not allow it to shape and change our lives? Why would we not allow the wisdom and the knowledge of our God, help form us into the best servants for Him? Let's be individuals who seek out the wisdom of God, and not only seek it, but then apply it to our everyday lives.

## Jesus Cares

The book of Revelation is a whole book dedicated to offering comfort to persecuted believers. It explains that Jesus and His Father see our tears (7:17; 21:4), hear our prayers (8:3-4), value our sacrifices (14:13; 20:4), avenge our wrongs (6:9; 8:3), and assure our victory (15:2).

A key word in the book of Revelation is *overcome (nikao)*. Of the twenty-eight times it is used in the New Testament, John used it twenty-four times - - once in his gospel account, six times in his epistles, and seventeen times in Revelation (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 17:14; 21:7). An excellent one-line summary of Revelation is, "If you will overcome, then you may come over and live with God." He has shown that He cares for you; have you shown that you care for Him? (cf. John 14:15).

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*"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7*