

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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has been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and trained in God's word might very well recommend the right path frequently. But that's just the point: bottom line, the right way is determined by God's word, not by whatever might be in my heart. Even the heart converted to Christ may be deceived by Satan's lies through the weakness of the flesh.

King Solomon wisely wrote: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

When the world calls you to look within yourself to find the truth, resist that appeal with all your might. Let God direct your paths; then you may be confident that you will arrive safely at your eternal destination!

The Only Opinion That Matters

Babe Ruth was at bat and Babe Pinelli was the umpire behind the plate. The first pitch was a swing and a miss, as was the second pitch. Babe Ruth dug in for the next pitch. The pitcher wound up and delivered, and Ruth didn't move. From behind the plate the umpire cried out, "Strike three!"

Ruth got in Pinelli's face and said, "There's 40,000 people here who know that last one was a ball. tomato head." Pinelli took a look around the stadium, then responded to Ruth, "Maybe so, but mine is the only opinion that counts. The batter's out!" - Jerry Sutton, The Way Back Home

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No matter what we think, no matter what anyone in the world thinks - what God says is the final authority. *See John 12:48 Matt 28:18



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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"

- 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

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Special prayers for Bill Brooks who is under the care of Hospirus. He had another blood transfusion Thursday; Sue Bunnell 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; Rhonda Brooks Quenzer is home recovering from surgery to remove a benign meningioma tumor; Laura Brooks; Wanda Proffitt; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie TurnerJoyce Dye; Mary Thompson, our daughter & Becca's mom has now tested negative for the COVID-19 virus; Parker Bybee; Geneane McGuire's son, Bobby McGuire; 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, turmoil and troubles in our nation

THANK YOU CARD

You're wonderful I'm so thankful for all the warmth, care and love that God put into your heart ... God has given me a great gift Gen. 30:20... and for the beautiful gift of having you in my life. Thanks for prayers and phone calls. Love Bill & Bessie

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Seaborn Ellzey; Ray Green having elbow repair surgery Monday; family of Stacy Curd; family of Craig Meredith; 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

NEW STUDY - SUMMER QUARTER

We are having a great study in our Sunday morning bible study entitled *"Paul in Acts"* Today's lesson is #8 *"Paul in Corinth" Acts 18:1-17* 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 GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable.

OUR SUMMER SERIES. GOING GREAT

Craig Waddell had an excellent lesson last week on *"God's Pattern For the Church, Her Place and Work"*

This Wed. evening July 29 will be the 5th lesson in our Summer Series. Our speaker is Danny McCain, minister with the Green Co. Church of Christ in Greensburg. His topic is: *"God's Pattern For Worship"*

THIS SUNDAY MORNING

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



TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Jesus said that if we follow Him, we are the light of the world. What did He say we should not do with that light?

The answer to our question last week: tie him with new ropes Judges 16:11

Troubled Hearts

by Al Behel

A teenager took a rope and hanged himself in the family's shed, depressed about his relationship with his girlfriend. A two year old is beaten with belts, her head repeatedly dunked into cold bath water, and is thrown to the floor because she doesn't consistently say "please" and "thank you." She dies from her injuries.

These examples of troubled hearts are extreme, but frightening familiar. Most people don't take their frustrations out in such violent ways. They may become depressed, have difficulty sleeping, eat too much, or turn to substance abuse to numb the pain. They may react in anger or internalize their stress. They are still very troubled, nonetheless. They have lost their sense of balance and meaning.

We are told that everyone has a breaking point though few of us reach it. We ask how it could happen and why we didn't see it coming. Could we have prevented it? What would have made a difference in the outcome?

King David found the answer when he confronted his own enemies. He said, *"In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears"* (Psalms 18:6). He went on to tell of God's powerful response in delivering him.

Depression and despair that is borne of anger is like a brain cancer that eats away our peace. David continued, *"Yea, you light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness"* (18:28). The darkness of despair is made bright as day when we place our confidence in

God. Unfortunately, many people never come to know the peace God provides.

Where do you go when you are discouraged or troubled in heart? Do you turn to destructive actions or become bitter? Or do you sit quietly and call on the Lord? Do you lift Him up in your heart and listen to His voice? He will lift you up.

He Shall Direct Your Paths

by Joe Slater

Whoever said life is a breeze was wrong! At home, work, school, and yes, even at church, we struggle with complicated issues. Sometimes we wonder which way to turn. How can we resolve life's thorny problems?

Pop psychology says to look within yourself for the answers. Follow your heart! Do whatever you think is right, and it will all work out.

Major problem: God's word says exactly the opposite! *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23). So, according to God's inspired prophet, we are looking in the wrong place when we look within ourselves for direction. Why is that?

God, through Jeremiah, gives us the answer in 17:9 - *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."* Ouch! It hurts me to admit that I am sinful. The world erroneously insists that people are fundamentally good, so we can find the right course by looking inside ourselves. God Himself says our hearts are deceitful and wicked; it is not in us to direct our own steps.

That's not to say that there is nothing good about us, or that we can never be correct about the direction we should go. A heart that concluded on back page