

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

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:

Faith - 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 31

READ SCRIPTURE

Rex Wallace

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Michael Richardson

Mark Hatcher Sydney Bunnell

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Robbie Fudge

6 p. m. - Robbie Fudge

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

## THOSE SERVING IN AUGUST

READ SCRIPTURE

7 - Willie Cyphers

14 - Ken Russell

21 - Mike Thompson

28 - Wayne Hatcher

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION

Theron Schultz Malon Schuler

Phillip Perkins

PREACHING

7 -

14 - Wayne Hatcher

21 - Mike Thompson

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LEAD SINGING

7 - Ken Russell

14 - Scott Huff

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**Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 6 PM

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 7 PM

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## Reasons I Love My Bible Class

 by Adam Faughn

I have a lot of reasons why I enjoy being a part of a Bible class. Here are just a few.

1. It is Bible-centered. The classes of which I am a part are truly Bible classes. Of course, we share other thoughts, but we continually "search the Scriptures" for our final answers to all matters.

2. It is filled with Bible-lovers. The members of my classes want to be fed by God's Word, not by human opinion. The Bible is the "lamp to our feet" and the "light to our pathway," so we love the answers it alone gives.

3. It is a place for us to share triumphs and tragedies. Of course, we wish our classes were larger, but, being a smaller group, it is a place where we can get to know one another. When someone has a great moment, or a hard moment in life, our class can help him or her through it in a great way.

4. It is a place of prayer. Often, our classes pause and pray. We sometimes have prayer requests and we do our best to honor those. As we grow closer together, we pray for each other more.

5. It causes me to study more. As the instructor, I am charged with the responsibility to do my best. However, I don't have all the answers (only God does!), so I want to study more so the classes will be more helpful and effective. And, when our study is done, I am left with more I want to study from a particular book or topic.

These are just five reasons why I love my Bible class. If you have not been involved in a Bible class in awhile (or never), or if you think they are just a drudgery, look over this list again. Your Bible class has a seat waiting on you so you can learn both the milk and the meat of the Word. Come to our Bible classes, and learn more of God's Word!

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Leon Seaton; R.T. Turner; James Horton; Lori Brewer; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Linda Forbes; Imogene Estes (Vicki Thompson's mom); John Taylor (Sarah Brooks' father); Temisha Denison has been taking therapy after surgery in Charleston; Mary Locke recovering from surgery; prayers for Mary Thompson and all the family; Phillip Perkins still undergoing therapy. It sure was great seeing him at worship last Sunday for the first time in several weeks; Leon Seaton has had cataract surgery; Bill Brooks received a good report from the echo cardiogram. He is still suffering with arthritis; Laura Brooks enjoyed a nice visit with her sister in Ark. last week; Brenda Jagers has not felt well the past two weeks.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Stella Downs; Sherian Gray; Randy Scott; Doug Isenberg; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Charlene Skaggs (Dianna Proffitt's mom); Larry D. Glass; Gail Hatcher Coats; the family of Joseph "Joe" Carter (his wife Beth is a teacher at Caverna Elementary)

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### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

We are in the Summer Quarter on the theme: *Minor New Testament Figures*

This morning we will study "Tychicus" Wayne serves as the teacher.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Remember our study on Wed. nights -- "The End of Time" Mike Thompson serves as the teacher. If you are not attending our bible classes, you are missing some great studies!!

### NEW INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY

Reminder: If you have not filled out a sheet for our new Informational Directory, please do so as we are needing to start printing. Also for those who wish us to take your picture, please see Wayne so that can be done.

### POTLUCK MEAL

Today we welcome Robbie Fudge who will be our guest speaker for the day. We also plan to have a "potluck" meal after worship this morning.

We are doing this to honor and show our love and support to the Reynolds who lost two dear family members in a tragic car accident.

### LADIES DAY

August 6 at South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow with Rosemary McKnight of Henderson, TN Breakfast served at 9 a.m. See bulletin board

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What project was begun in Genesis 11?

The answer to last week's bible question:  
worship him Matt. 4:9

**Visitors are always appreciated and welcomed !!!**

## Minimal Standards

by Joe Slater

"So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do"" (Luke 17:10).

Car parts aren't perfect. In automotive school, they taught us about "specifications" and "tolerances." A cylinder, for example, ought to be perfectly round. But none are. Even the best will be flawed a ten-thousandth of an inch or so. Car makers require that parts be within "tolerances." That is, they can be imperfect up to a point; but beyond that point they are rejected. A degree of imperfection can be tolerated, but not more than that. Parts must meet at least "minimum standards."

I understand why car parts are allowed to be slightly flawed. If we demanded near absolute perfection from each part, cars would cost a million dollars each. We err, however, when we try to apply "minimum standards" to Christianity.

People, like car parts, aren't perfect. Our "specifications" are set out in the Bible, but even the best of us fall short of them. Yet, we dare not think that God will be pleased if we seek merely to meet "minimum standards" as we serve Him.

What is the least I can do and still go to Heaven? What is the minimum I can be while still escaping eternal tor-

ment? Can I squeak by with Sunday-morning-only attendance habits? No doubt Bible classes are good, but are they absolute necessities (would I be outside of "tolerances" if I skipped them)? What is the least amount of Bible reading and study I must do each week while still not dying of spiritual starvation? What is the least amount I can give to the Lord's cause and still be within the specifications? How many sins can I commit each day without jeopardizing my soul? How infrequently may I pray without cutting myself off from God?

We must refuse even to consider such questions! Merely asking them demonstrates that our hearts are not right! We must strive for perfection, knowing full well that we will fall short of it, and realizing that even if somehow we managed to reach it, we would not merit anything from God. We must seek to be the best we can be because we love God. He paid an awful price for us. While we rely upon His grace to forgive our failures, to be satisfied with "minimum standards" is to insult our God!

### Beauty Moves

Some folk, no matter how old in years,  
No matter how deep the wrinkled lines,

Their beauty never disappears,  
It moves from face to heart and shines  
A brighter light than painted veneers.

What lie that beauty's no deeper than  
skin!

The aged reveal the beauty within.

- J. Randal Matheny