

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 - August 16

READ SCRIPTURE

Rex Wallace

Phillip ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Brooks

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Phillip Perkins Rex Wallace

Dennis Hatcher

PREACHING

a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

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among the wheat. When the servants of the landowner discovered the tares growing, they asked if he wanted them to pull them out. He said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them" (Matthew 13:29).

We often grow impatient with God (much like the prophets Jonah and Habakkuk) because of his patience with sinners. We want him to "do something about all the wickedness and evil we see." But he remains long-suffering and merciful, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Sin will be punished. Righteousness will be rewarded. All in God's good time.

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Worship 11 AM & 6 PM **Wednesday:** Bible Study 7 PM

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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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Goal

IT WAS A fog-shrouded morning, July 4, 1952, when a young woman named Florence Chadwick waded into the water off Catalina Island...

She intended to swim the channel from the island to the California coast. Long-distance swimming was not new to her; she had been the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. The water was numbing cold that day. The fog was so thick she could hardly see the boats in her party. Several times sharks had to be driven away with rifle fire. She swam more than 15 hours before she asked to be taken out of the water. Her trainer tried to encourage her to swim on since they were so close to land, but when Florence looked, all she saw was fog. So she quit. . . only one-mile from her goal. Later she said, "I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen the land I might have made it." It wasn't the cold or fear or exhaustion that caused Florence Chadwick to fail. It was the fog.

THOUGHT: Many times we too fail, not because we're afraid or because of the peer pressure or because of anything other than the fact that we lose sight of the goal. By the way, two months after her failure, Florence Chadwick walked off the same beach into the same channel and swam the distance, setting a new speed record, because she could see the land!

KneEmail: "...I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

- Mike Benson,

Editor (of an online devotional), *KneEmail*

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Leon Seaton; Renee` Perkins; Robert Brooks; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Mary Locke; James Horton; Christian Shadburne; Imogene Estes (Vickie Thompson's mother); Dennis Hatcher will have another treatment for his back this week in B.G. Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad) at his home; Laura Brooks went to B.G. Friday due to back pain; Wayne Hatcher continues to have issues with high pressure in his eyes after surgery.

OUR OF THE HOSPITAL

Our bro. Russell Brunt has been to Chicago to the hospital where his daughter Eugenia works to seek further solutions. They did confirm that he has a malignant tumor on his pancreas. He has elected not to have any surgery or treatments.

SYMPATHY

to the family of Garrett Landon Edwards of who passed away Aug. 2. at his home in Oneida, TN. He is the grandson of Carlos & Rita Edwards, and the grandnephew of our Della Broady.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Dave Puckett; Kevin Gardner is very low at this time; Margie Broady; Doris Garrison; Gunner Eaton; Thelma Thompson; Ruby Whitlow; Wanda Judd; Dane (Petett) Wilson; Marie Burd is having surgery Aug. 19 at T. J. Samson Hosp.; the family of Tommye Cagle; the family of C. G. Coomer formerly of Cave City; the family of Charlene Withrow of Munfordville who passed away Friday at University of Louisville Hospital.

VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>
We encourage you to leave messages on his page. It is encouraging to him and family.

They will be going back to Louisville tomorrow to check with his doctors regarding the recent biopsy as they are seeking a new target drug.

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HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Mildred Briggs (member at Cave City)
Carroll Stilts, Sr (Dennis & Wayne's uncle)

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AWAY WED. NIGHT

Wayne is scheduled to be guest speaker at the Center Church of Christ for their Wed. Night Summer Series.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Please be making plans to attend, support and pray for our Gospel Meeting next month - Sept. 13-16 with Mel Futrell. Bro. Mel was last with us in 2009. His wife Shayna will be with him for the first few days. We also plan to have a Potluck Meal on Sunday after worship in the Annex.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was the father of Lamech?

The answer to last week's bible question:
Ahab I Kings 22:38

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!!

Sheep or goat?

by Michael Brooks

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:31-33 NKJV).

It is quite common when driving in the mountains of Nepal to round a curve and find the road filled with a flock of sheep or goats, or to a mixed group of both. Though usually the difference is apparent, sometimes it requires a second look or more to decide exactly what kind of animals one is seeing.

This is apparently not something unique to me. I recently read an article about wild sheep which stated that scientists recognize more than forty species in each category, but that there are some species that share characteristics from both types. Opinion is split as to whether those animals are properly classified as sheep or goats. It is just not always easy to decide.

We recognize the same dilemma when it comes to spiritual discrimination. It is not always easy to tell whether an individual is a righteous person or sinful. Yes, "By their fruits you shall know them" (Matthew 7:20), but all humans bear mixed fruit. As someone has said, "there is a little good in the worst of us and a little bad in the best of us." While the words are not inspired, the sentiment is consistent with Scripture. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of

God" (Romans 3:23). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

A student in one of my classes asked, "Why did God use an unrighteous man like Moses (because Moses was not allowed to enter Canaan because of his sin) to write the first books of the Bible?" I answered by reminding him of the sins of David, Peter, and Paul and then said, "If God used only perfect men to write the Bible we would not have a Bible."

As imperfect humans, we must admit that our ability to judge others is also imperfect. We cannot always know the true relationship between another person and God. Yes, willful rebellious sin is usually obvious, and that person's spiritual condition is not in doubt (1 John 3:4-9). But what about the alcoholic who struggles for years battling his addiction and striving to conquer it, often asking for God's forgiveness? He may fluctuate between sin and righteousness frequently in such a struggle. Who among us really wants to be the judge of his condition at any given time? This is only one of many such ambiguous situations.

Thankfully, there is someone who knows infallibly the difference between sheep and goats. Jesus, the Son of Man (and Son of God), will come in judgment and separate one from the other, without mistake. We can trust his knowledge. His decisions will be perfectly righteous and just.

In a different parable, Jesus taught that separation of the righteous and unrighteous must wait until the time is right to avoid damaging the righteous. He spoke of a field in which an enemy had sown seed of tares
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