

### 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; I Peter 3:21;  
 Be faithful, committed, walk in light – Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

### LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - August 23  
 READ SCRIPTURE  
 Bill Brooks  
 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  
 Ken Russell

### Lest I Forget

Once upon a time, a common man was elevated from a poverty-stricken home to the glory of a royal throne. When he became king, he sent his servants to the old shack where he was reared with orders to gather every relic of those days. They brought fragments of his home, many broken toys, his patched britches, an old and tattered shirt, a crude wooden bowl from which he ate, and numerous worthless mementos of his childhood. He arranged all these in a special room of his palace, and each day he spent one whole hour sitting among the reminders of his humble past. On the wall hung a prayer: "Lest I forget" Wisdom must have contributed greatly to his rise from poverty to fame, for he realized a truth all of us need to keep in mind in our lives as Christians: we must never forget from what we have been delivered by the blood of Christ! - - copied



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Preaching Christ to the World - Focused on Christ - Glorifying the Lord - Thankful for our Salvation - Serving through Love

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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### A Lesson From A Fence

There was a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper to hammer a nail in the back fence.

The first day the boy had driven thirty-seven nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out a nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

"You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When we say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say 'I'm sorry,' the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one."

"Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1:19).

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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; Kathy Clarke; James Horton; Christian Shadburne; Russell Brunt; Dennis Hatcher; Laura Brooks; Mark Hatcher; Bill & Robert Brooks' sister's husband who lives in CA; Heather Hatcher (Dennis Hatcher's daughter-in-law) had her tonsils removed last week; Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to have cataract surgery on his other eye Wed.

### HOSPITAL

Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad) was admitted to T.J. Samson this past week with a serious blood clot in his arm. He came back home Friday.

Brandon Brooks (Robert & Laura's grandson) was admitted to T.J. Samson Wed. with heart related problems probably due to medication

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

The family of Kevin Gardner; Dave Puckett; Margie Broady; Doris Garrison; Gunner Eaton; Thelma Thompson; Ruby Whitlow; Wanda Judd; Dane (Petett) Wilson; Marie Burd had surgery Wed. at T. J. Samson

### 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.

The last biopsy report from CARIS shows they still have some options for chemo treatments. They hope to begin the new chemo on Wed. after a new CT scan. Let's pray this chemo will work well with minimal side effects.

### HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford 180 Scottie Drive Glasgow KY 42141

### HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

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

### HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

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### AWAY WED. NIGHT

I was privileged to be guest speaker at the Center Church of Christ for their Wed. Night Summer Series. It has always been a treat for me to be with this good congregation. I appreciate the elders here allowing me the opportunity to participate and teach God's Word as this made my fifth year to participate.

### 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.

### THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

will be our monthly singing and devotional - 7:00.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

How many times did Paul say he was shipwrecked? Hint: it's in 2 Corinthians

The answer to last week's bible question: Methuselah (Gen. 6)

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!!**

[The read the following article in this week's Bulletin of the Lehman Ave. congregation in Bowling Green. I believe bro. Morine has offered some very thought provoking explanations of how or why priorities can gradually or even quickly be misplaced. I might add that sports is just one of many things that could be a contributing factor. WH]

### When Did Sports Become More Important Than the Lord?

by Matthew W Morine

A few years ago my daughter was in gymnastics. She loved it. Because she was quickly identified as being gifted in this sport, the coaches started to move her up from level one to level two to pre-team and then to the club's team in less than a year. With each step, she had to dedicate more of her time. What started with a one-hour practice a week turned into 13 hours a week, and this did not include the weekend gymnastics competitions. This sport was taking over her life.

Years ago, youth sports held an important place within a community, but there were so many boundaries. Because Wednesdays and Sundays were times people went to church, the sports teams refused to compete for people's loyalty. How times have changed! Instead of families refusing to take children away from church, it has become commonplace to skip worship in order to attend the flag football championship for 9 year olds.

Attendance at sporting activities has become non-negotiable; attendance at wor-

ship is not. The same families not attending Wednesday evening services because it is too late for children will not have a problem staying at the ballpark until 10:00 pm on Thursday night. Families complaining of Bible study being too early in the morning muster enough energy to wake up on Sunday morning to drive three hours to participate in a travel basketball team's tournament. Parents say the budget is so tight there is no way to give on the first day of the week but have no problems dropping \$100 for private pitching lessons for the budding Major League starter. When did sports become an acceptable reason to shirk one's obligation to the Lord?

As parents, we need to model priorities to our children - being as engaged with what our children are doing at church as we are on the field. We cannot cheer endlessly when our little one wins the MVP award but barely acknowledge our child's baptism. Every parent sends a message about priorities through actions more than words. Does daddy attend all the volleyball games but refuses to lead in worship? Does mommy provide transportation to the practices and games but whines about driving Sue to the teen devotional? If we are not going to bow the knee to the Baal of baseball, we need to make sure our hearts are given first to the Lord. And if a sport is overtaking our time for the Lord, we need to be courageous and make the hard decisions to repent. Sometimes gymnastics has to go.

- Matthew W Morine

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