

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

Safe and Secure in the Lord's Way

If you build your house upon the shifting sand
You will dread each storm that rages.

To be quite sure,
Calm and secure,
Build upon the Rock of Ages.

Without ties and proper anchors for your soul
Your boat upon life's sea is tossed.

The tide may shift
And you will drift,
Both life and soul may then be lost.

Strait and narrow is the way of righteousness.

God set the boundaries for all.
His voice is clear
And you must hear.

Obeys the Master when he calls.

Walk within the way of light and truth and life
That is marked for us by Jesus,
Or life will end in
The dark and sin

From which, in Christ, our God frees us.

- Gerald Cowan

Whoever You Are

*Whoever you are, there is some younger person
who thinks you are perfect.*

*Whoever you are, there is some work that won't
get done unless you do it.*

*Whoever you are, there is someone who would
miss you if you were gone.*

*Whoever you are, there is a reason to become
better than you are.*

*Whoever you are, there is a place to be filled
that you alone can fill.*

Matthew 5:16)



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

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 **Allen Jones** God's Pattern For the Family and Raising Children
Aug 12 **Robbie Fudge** God's Pattern For Marriage
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 Hospice; Sue Bunnell is taking a brief break from the chemotherapy; Lisa Schuler asked for our prayers for a health condition - Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis; Joyce Dye; Becky Hatcher has suffered excruciating pain over the past 2 weeks. She could not make the trip to Nashville. She spent a few days in hospital in BG; she now has 4 ruptured discs and is in SKY Rehab for a few days; Laura Brooks; Wanda Proffitt; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Mary Thompson, Parker Bybee; Jackie Coop; Wayne Davis; Steve Higginbotham, gospel preacher at Karns in Knoxville, has stage 4 cancer. Immunotherapy is planned as radiation or chemo are not options; Hal Garland was injured in a vehicle accident and is in hospital in Nashville; Bobby Russell was admitted to hospital in Lexington; he is hoping to go home today; 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

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are having a great study in our Sunday morning class entitled "*Paul in Acts*" Today's lesson is #12 "*Paul Appeals to Caesar*" Acts 25:1-12 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 24/7

*Special thanks to Billy Bybee for filing in for me last Sunday morning.

OUR SUMMER SERIES

Nick Secula had an excellent lesson last week on "*God's Pattern For Daily Living and Christian Growth*"

This Wed. evening August 26 will be our last lesson in our Summer Series. Our speaker will be W. Tom Hall minister of the Mt Pleasant Church of Christ in Bowling Green. His topic is: "*God's Pattern For the Second Coming and the End of the World*"

THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Mike Thompson is to preach at the 11:00 worship hour this morning. Next Sunday morning is a 5th Sunday, and Robbie Fudge is scheduled to preach.



TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Finish this verse from Proverbs 16:18; "Pride goeth before destruction and . . ."

The answer to our question last week:

Jeroboam I Kings 13:4

Sharing Brownies

A little boy was in a heated argument with his sister about who was going to get the last brownie. His mother overheard the loud discussion in their kitchen and came in to resolve the conflict. Her two children were obviously very distraught about getting that final treat. Sensing the need to teach a deeper truth, the mom asked her children that ever-relevant question: "*What would Jesus do?*" The older sibling immediately answered, "*That's easy; Jesus would just break the brownie and make five thousand more!*"

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Beyond the Mask

by Joe Chesser

The title of this article comes from the title of a 2015 movie I recently watched. The hero of the story, William Reynolds, had to overcome an evil (but deserved) reputation in his attempt at redemption. To establish a better character he had to wear a mask, otherwise people who knew his past would not accept the changes he was trying to make. They wouldn't be able to separate his present good life from his evil past. Bad reputations will sometimes mask repentance from those unwilling to look beyond the past (Acts 9.19b-27). In the meantime, Charles Kemp, his primary adversary and the true villain, wore a mask of a different kind. He portrayed the false appearance of being a just and good man when beyond that mask he was thoroughly corrupt. Truly a wolf in sheep's clothing.

The ancient Greeks had a word for it: 'hypocrite.' Originally the word 'hypocrite' meant someone playing a role in the theatre. Even today we sometimes find it difficult to separate an actor's real life from the roles he plays in the movies. But as they often do, words tend to take on different meanings over time. Today, the word 'hypocrite' has mostly negative overtones. Like Charles Kemp, hypocrites wear masks to hide their true nature.

The movie made me think about the masks we wear. Oh yes, we all wear them. We like to pretend everything is ok with us, when in fact we are hurting inside. We like to act like we are strong, when in fact we really need the strength of others. We like to give the impression we love God and the church, when in fact we are only going through the motions. We like to arrogantly pass judgment on others, when in fact we are no different.

We like to pretend we are patient, joyful and loving, when in fact we are not.

We often hide behind a mask because we are afraid of showing others what we are really like. We are afraid of what they might say or think or how they might treat us if they found out the truth about us. And that deception often gives us temporary comfort.

What we urgently need to know and remember is that God can see beyond our masks, and He challenges us to look beyond them also. In warning his disciples about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, Jesus warned them (and us), "There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs" (Luke 12.1-3).

Our masks may at times prevent others from seeing who we really are, but they will never keep God from it. Our masks may offer us temporary, but false comfort. Our masks may give us temporary, but false courage. The more we hide behind our masks, the easier it will be to believe that is who we really are, and the more difficult it will be for us to look beyond these masks to see ourselves as God see us. But we must. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy" (Luke 12.1). "Woe to you ... hypocrites!" (Matthew 23.1-33). We must learn to look beyond the masks to see the truth as God does.

THE CROSS CAN CANCEL OUT YOUR SINS, OR YOUR SINS CAN CANCEL OUT THE CROSS. WHICH IS IT FOR YOU?

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." - I Cor. 1:18