

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 28

READ SCRIPTURE

Wayne Hatcher

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION

Theron Schultz Malon Schuler

Phillip Perkins

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

6 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Scott Huff

THOSE SERVING IN SEPT.

READ SCRIPTURE

4 - Genie Hogan

11 - Rex Wallace

18 - Scott Huff

25 - Sydney Bunnell

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Bill Brooks

SERVE COMMUNION

Willie Cyphers

Dennis Hatcher Rex Wallace

PREACHING

4 - Mike Thompson

11 - Wayne Hatcher

18 - Mike Thompson

25 - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING

4 - Ken Russell

11 - Scott Huff

18 - Ken Russell

25 - Scott Huff



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TIME OF SERVICES:

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

Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

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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A One Track Mind- Leon Bridges

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he wrote to a congregation that needed to get back on track. Many of us are like that. It seems that we are prone to "major in minors" and to forget the most important "majors." Among other things, Paul addressed himself to a problem the Corinthians had which was a lack of cohesion. He asked a question, "Is Christ divided?" (1 Cor. 1:13). In order to deal effectively with this situation, as well as the other problems, he put before them his attitude toward his work and the work of the church. He said, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor 2:2). He was in essence saying, "I have a one track mind." Certainly, there are many things that we should give our attention to, but in back of all these other matters, we should never lose sight of the message of the cross. The Corinthians were caught up in the mundane things of the world and were becoming like the world.

Why center our minds and hearts on "Christ and Him crucified?" Because, a proper understanding and realization of the message of the cross will always PUT US BACK ON TRACK. How can we stand at the foot of the cross and not realize heaven's love for each of us? How can we be self-centered in light of such sacrifice? How can we fail to "Comfort one another with the same comfort wherewith we ourselves, are comforted" (2 Cor. 1:4)? How can we fail to love and build relationships with all who stand at the foot of the cross thanking God for His mercy and grace? Love took our Lord to this ultimate act of obedience. Oh what He can do for us, this "Christ crucified," if we will but center our minds and hearts on the cross! Look at the cross, center your mind on it, and you too, will have that ONE TRACK MIND that really matters. Again, as Paul said, "I want to know Him and the power of His resurrection" (Phil. 3:10).

Yes, indeed, THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS HOME!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R.T. Turner; James Horton; Wrendle Jones (Becky's dad); Parker Bybee; Linda Forbes; Mary Locke; Jackie Coop; Phillip Perkins; Leon Seaton; Bill Brooks; Steve Hatcher (brother of our Mark Hatcher); Lori Brewer spend a few days in the Medical Center undergoing tests. She came back home Wed. to Jim & Fran's. She is taking physical therapy; Stanley & Betty Walton

Carolyn Bowers suffered a stroke last week. We are thankful she was able to get to the hospital in time for the shot that reversed most all of the effects.

Sunday night, Theron Shultz responded at the invitation and ask for our prayers of forgiveness and to stay strong and close to God.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Stella Downs; Randy Scott; Doug Isenberg; Brad Terry; Kim Hatcher; Larry D. Glass; Gail Hatcher Coats; sympathy to family of Joyce Pennington of the Center congregation.

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SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the last lesson in the Summer Quarter. This morning we will study "Jude" 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!!

THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, the 31st

will be our monthly singing and devotional, 7 p.m.

NEW INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY

Reminder: Please take a moment today and check out the rough draft of our new Informational Directory. Make any correction of mistakes.

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Sunday evening, Aug. 14, Genie & Marilyn Hogan placed their membership with the congregation here at Horse Cave. We welcome this fine couple!!

MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE

resumes Aug. 30 at 6:30 Topic: *Excellence In Spiritual Leadership* Richard Rogers is the instructor. See bulletin board for details.

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to say thank you to all of you for your many prayers and concerns shown to me while I was in the hospital and after returning home. I appreciate so much your calls visits, text messages, cards and many acts of kindness shown to me during this time. I'm so thankful for our Church Family at Horse Cave. Thank you, Phillip

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who said this and to whom? "What you do, do quickly."

The answer to the last bible question: Didymus John 20:24

The Mysterious Why

by Mike Brooks

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33, NKJV).

One of the courses which I teach is "Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament" which includes the Book of Job. In that book a central theme is the question of why good people suffer. Or as Job himself expresses it, "What have I done to You O watcher of men? Why have you set me as Your target? (Job 7:20). Job had no problem understanding that whatever happened to him, God is ultimately responsible. But he did not understand why.

We often have the same problems today. Whether it is the presence of evil in the world, or some doctrinal nuance that we cannot understand, we question God. We feel entitled to an understanding. There is the perception that God owes us an explanation. Otherwise it just is not fair. Why should we have to obey a command if we do not understand the reason why it is given to us?

There are two problems with that reasoning. One is that humans do not have a standing with God that permits calling him to account. We are not his equals. He does not owe us anything. That is admittedly hard for us to accept, and it is not surprising that we often struggle against that understanding. But it is nevertheless true. As an illustration, would you argue with your cat over the brand of food you purchase for it? That is simply not inherent to the relationship between you.

The other problem is even more basic. God's actions are beyond our understanding. We are mortal and finite. God is eter-

nal and infinite. There is absolutely no possibility of our comprehending what he does, let alone how and why he does it.

In the book of Job, God finally makes an appearance. But he does not give an explanation. Rather he asks Job where he was when God created the world. He asks Job to tell where God stores the rain, and how he orders the planets and the stars in the heavens. Only if Job can reveal how God performed all of his marvelous works, can he begin to explain to him his motives and purpose.

The apostle Paul stated it beautifully, "How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33). It is not that God is unwilling to explain himself. It is not that he has anything to hide. We are simply incapable of understanding.

That is precisely why faith is so important. It is when we are in the dark, unable to see where to go and what to do, that we must trust the directions that we are given.

There are many things in life which we simply cannot figure out for ourselves. There is much which we do not know. We don't like that, and we don't like to admit it. But it remains true. But God knows all of those things. And God will guide and direct us, if we will trust him, if we will only "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

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Since 1988 Mike and his wife Brenda have been involved in foreign missions in South America, Africa, and South Asia. Beginning in 1999 they devoted full time to missions, primarily in Bangladesh and Nepal.

[Horse Cave has been happy to help support them for many years in their work in Nepal and Bangladesh. -WH]