

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

"Dear God..."

"Holy Father in heaven, I need you! There are so many things going on right now that I'm not even sure what to think sometimes or what I should do in some cases. I realize that I have always needed You, but I believe that I need Your help right now more than ever before!"

"Loving Father, please help me! Please help me to be a Christian at all times, to remember my first loyalty is to You and to Your Son and to His Bride, to test all things by Your Word, to treat others in the way that I would prefer for them to treat me, to help others around me to get to know You through me, to be more concerned about someone's eternal destiny than anything else. Lord, I'm begging You to help me to not become so engrossed in the cultural and political affairs of the day that I completely lose sight of my relationship with You, my eternal soul, my need to grow, my need to serve, my need to be a light for You in this ever-darkening world."

"Father, please help me to pray this in sincerity and not in pretense! I need You and I love You! In Jesus' name, Amen!"

- David Sproule

Hidden Treasures

A South Dakota rancher and his bride received a nice Bible as a wedding gift from his grandfather.

They wrote a thank you note and stowed the Bible in a closet. The grandfather asked every so often how they liked it.

Eventually, they became curious, dug it out, and leafed through it. They found 66 twenty-dollar bills—one in each book. The grandfather left \$1320 in monetary treasure to be discovered, but God has left inestimable eternal spiritual riches. Understanding the Bible takes effort (2 Timothy 2:15), but its treasures are worth the investment. -HH/HH



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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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In Loving Memory of

William C. "Bill" Brooks



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This past Monday our Bill Brooks peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by his family. Bill had valiantly fought cancer for the past three years. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bessie, his wife of 51 years, to his son Mark (Sara), two granddaughters, Samantha Richardson (Ryan) and Amanda Brooks, three great-grandchildren, four sisters, Carolyn Lizza, Merida Brooks, Rodona Nail, Rebecca Kapasukis, two sisters-in-law, Laura Brooks and Linda Brooks. And many nieces and nephews.

Bill has been a faithful member of the church here for many years. He also served in the U. S. Army for three years, one year was in Vietnam where he faithfully served as a Combat Medic. He was awarded three Purple Hearts of which many people did not even know!! Bill was a very humble man. He did so much for people and did so with no recognition. His motto could be summarized from Galatians 6:10 *"As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."* A beautiful "Tribute to Bill" was held here at the building Friday at 11 am. Congregational singing was led by Scott Huff and Wayne Hatcher officiated the service. Full military honors were provided at the Horse Cave Cemetery. We believe the Lord is saying your journey is over, "well done, good and faithful servant..."

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Wanda Proffitt; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Becky Hatcher is slowly making progress while at the Medical Center at Caverna for more rehab; Mary Thompson, Parker Bybee; Jackie Coop is being referred to an eye specialist in Nashville; Wayne Davis; Steve Higginbotham, gospel preacher at Karns in Knoxville seeking treatment for stage 4 cancer; Hal Garland was moved to SKY Rehab last week; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus; a lot of people are struggling financially, emotionally; the effects of Hurricane Laura; the unrest, turmoil and troubles in our nation; friends in our community; Seaborn Elzey

A SERVICE TO THE BROOKS FAMILY

The church provided a meal for the immediate family of our Bill Brooks after his funeral Friday in our Annex. Special thanks to those who contributed food.

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

MEDICAL CENTER AT CAVERNA

Becky Hatcher Rm. 106 (for rehab)

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our new Fall Quarter began last Sunday – on the theme: “Genesis” Part 1 Our lesson this morning is: “God Planted a Garden” Gen. 2:8-25 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

You are encouraged to be here on Wed. at 6:00. Since our Summer Series has ended, Billy Bybee has been teaching on the book of Hebrews.

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

THIS SUNDAY MORNING

I plan to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. Hope you can be with us. Wayne

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Sept 20-23 Elizabethtown church of Christ with Jim Dearman (Host of Good News Today). Mon - Wed 7 pm (EST) Flyer is posted on the bulletin board.



TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was the best known grandson of Methuselah?

The answer to our question last week: Philemon vss 10-18

Soma Tonga

In India, if you're walking through rural roads, you'll occasionally come across a post with a sturdy shelf about shoulder height. It is called "Soma Tonga," which means "resting place." When people are traveling with a heavy load, they place their heavy load on the shelf for relief. Once rested, they continue their journey.

What do you think Christians in India call Jesus? "My Soma Tonga." -copied
Cast your cares upon Him (1 Pet 5:7)

Religious Experiences

by Joe Slater

Does having a "religious experience" save you (or prove that you are saved)? Some religious groups require one to relate a religious experience; then they decide whether that experience shows the person is saved and should be granted membership. How does this compare to the New Testament record?

In Acts 2, the Jews in Jerusalem definitely had a religious experience! *"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they (the 120) were sitting . . . And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language"* (2:2, 6). But even though it was supernatural, that "experience" didn't save anyone! When the apostles preached the gospel, 3000 believed and responded in repentance and immersion, thus receiving salvation.

Who can deny that Saul of Tarsus had a religious experience in Acts 9? *"Suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'"* (9:3-4). Contrary to popular belief, this experience didn't save Saul. God sent Ananias to tell him what to do; Saul "arose and was baptized" (9:18).

Cornelius certainly could lay claim to having a religious experience. An angel of God appeared, telling him to send for Peter (Acts 10:1-6). But that experience didn't save him! Peter told *him "words by which you and all your household will be saved"* (Acts 11:14). Cornelius and his household obeyed the gospel just like all the others (Acts 10:47-48).

Even if you had a supernatural experience today (which you won't), that wouldn't save you! *"Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord!"* (Acts 22:16)

Cancel Culture For Christians

We are in a time referred to as cancel culture. Cancel culture is the act of destroying someone's life over the fact that they disagree with popular opinion. The Christian, however, should have a different take on "cancel culture." Notice, for example:

- We should cancel negativism and pessimism.
- We should cancel prejudice.
- We should cancel immoral thoughts.
- We should cancel sin.
- We should cancel false doctrine.

Rather than focusing on destroying others' lives, let's focus on improving our own – by doing such we will be doing our part to make the world better. *"And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."* (Gal. 5:24-25)

- Edd Sterchi, Campbellsville, KY

God's Infinite Things

Riches that are unsearchable (Ephesians 3:8).

Joy that is unspeakable (1 Peter 1:8).

Peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Love that passes knowledge (Ephesians 3:19).

Ways past finding out (Romans 11:33).

—Mark Posey, Decatur, Alabama