

## 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

## If They Do Not Listen

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special attention to someone who had come back from the dead, and repent. The rich man knew his five brothers were heading to the same place he was ... and he didn't want them to join him there.

Abraham's answer speaks volumes about how people listen to God and His word, both then and now. Abraham told the rich man, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" (16.31). In the Scriptures God has "given us everything we need for life and godliness" (2 Peter 1.3). There is evidence enough in the Bible for everyone who wants to know how to go to heaven when they die to do so. No new miracles or signs are needed. The apostle John put it this way: "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20.30-31). The problem is not insufficient information. The problem is that most people are not listening to the word of God and doing what it says. The rich man and his brothers had access to God's way of salvation, but they chose not to live by them, as do many today.

Over and over God warns us about listening to Him. That means hearing what He says and doing what He says. Jesus said the wise builder is the one who hears God's words and puts them into practice (Matthew 7.24). James warned his readers, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1.19). Only those who do the will of God will enter into his kingdom (Matthew 7.21). Your soul is too valuable for you to refuse to listen to and obey God.

- Joe Chesser



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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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## In Loving Memory of

# Virginia "Jenny" Edwards Thompson



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Jenny has been a faithful member of this congregation for over 50 years. For all who knew Jenny, she was a great Christian woman. I knew her to be quiet and soft spoken, but inwardly and spiritually she was very strong with a tremendous faith in her Lord. Ephesians 6:10 She was left a widow 27 years ago when her beloved husband John T. Thompson passed away at the age of 67. John T. served faithfully as an elder/shepherd and song leader here at HC.

Our thoughts and prayers for her three children (Mike (Vickie) Thompson, Gayla (Gary) Jensen and Connie (Wayne) Davis and all her family. She has several family members here at HC.

She was laid to rest in a private graveside service last Monday. Rev. 14:13. This is another great loss in our congregation. Love, Wayne

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell is restarting IV chemo and then continue every other week as she is able; Ken Russell underwent surgery Mon. for a cochlear implant to improve hearing; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Becky Hatcher was released from the Medical Center at Caverna on Wed. Sept 23 after spending nearly two months in the hospital & two rehabs, but the transition to home has not been easy; Mary Thompson, Parker Bybee; Jackie Coop is being referred to an eye specialist in Nashville; Dennis Hatcher had a cyst removed from his shoulder a few days ago in Glasgow; Wayne Davis undergoing treatments; Steve Higginbotham has begun treatment for stage 4 cancer; Hal Garland at SKY Rehab in BG; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus (including our President); a lot of people are struggling financially, emotionally; the unrest, turmoil and troubles in our nation; Friends in our community - Seaborn Elzey; Lawrence Johnson; sympathy to family of William Henry Amos, Jr.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

JoAnn Wallace

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our new Fall Quarter is underway – on the theme: “Genesis” Part 1 Our lesson this morning is: “Noah and the Ark” Gen. 6:9-22 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

You are encouraged to be here on Wed. at

6:00. Billy Bybee has been teaching in the book of Hebrews. He had another excellent lesson Wed. evening.

### THANKS

Special thanks to Robbie Fudge for filing in for me last Sunday morning in class and the pulpit. Becky was taken to the ER at Caverna and at the time we were concerned she had a stroke. Thankfully she did not but had a bad UTI. We did not get home until after midnight. I am having to stay close with her as a care-giver at this time. We appreciate all your prayers.

### 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

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. Hope you can be with us. Wayne

### ELDERS, DEACONS, MINISTERS MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 Any men of the congregation are invited to attend

**LADIES INSPIRATION DAY** Oct. 17 at North Lexington Church of Christ with Renita Archey Theme: “Friends”



### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which 4 books in the NT consist of only one chapter each?

The answer to our question last week:

The cross of Christ Matt. 27:32

## Life Is Too Short

by Bill Brandstatter

One of my grandsons was married this year. Another grandson entered the sixth grade. Also, my wife and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary later this year. I also signed up for Medicare this year. It just doesn't seem possible all those events are happening in the same year. It seems like I get up at six in the morning, and before I know it five in the afternoon is upon me. All this has caused me to contemplate life; what the Bible says about the brevity of life and how seriously we need to be to make the most of the life we have. The point of Biblical teaching is that the importance of life is not so much the quantity of years as it is the quality. The Psalmist wrote, “We spend our lives as a tale that is told,” (Ps. 90:9 KJV). What kind of tale is your life telling? In thinking about the quality of our lives, emphasis is placed on making the most of the time we have.

We should pay attention and make the most of our lives on earth. The Psalmist wrote, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psa. 90:12 (NKJV) This is a similar thought Paul expressed when he wrote, “Redeeming our time because the days are evil.” (Eph. 5:16) As we look back on life, do we have any regrets? As we look at the present, are there any changes we need to make? As we look toward the future, is there anything we can do now to affect the future?

We can't just compare our lives to others by indicating we are better than someone else. Our souls are precious (Mt. 16:26). We should do some serious thinking about where we are spiritually and where we want to be eternally. Peter told the Jews on Pentecost, “Save yourselves” (Acts 2:40). I have to do something because the future will be here before I know it.

We should make the most of our lives because we don't have long here compared to eternity. Peter described our lives as grass that eventually withers and falls away (1 Pet. 1:24). Life is compared in the Bible to: a sigh (Ps. 90:9); sleep (Ps. 90:5); a shadow (Eccl. 6:12); a moment (2 Co. 4:17); and a weaver's shuttle (Job 7:6). Many of us can identify with these descriptions. We see how accurate these descriptions are every day we live.

How are spending our lives? Do we pay more attention to the physical comforts of life than we do the spiritual? Jesus said, “One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15). Let us be more diligent in our spiritual lives in case death comes too early for us and our lives are cut short.

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## “If They Do Not Listen . . .”

The story Jesus told about the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16 is fascinating on several points. It gives us insight as to what happens to us after we die. Lazarus was taken by angels to Abraham's side, a place of comfort (16.25). When the rich man died he went to a place of torment (16.23). The story tells us that once death has taken place, our destiny is forever sealed (16.26). A great chasm is fixed to prevent movement from one place to the other (16.26). No second chances.

But to me, the greatest impact of this story is how it ends. Why? Because the ending of the story affects every one of us now ... today. The rich man could do nothing about where he was eternally, but he desperately wanted his five brother who were still living on earth to avoid ending up in torment with him. His hope was that if Abraham would send Lazarus back to earth to warn his brothers about the horrors of the place of torment, that they would pay

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