

**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

**LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS**

for today Oct. 6

READ SCRIPTURE

Dennis Hatcher

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Sydney Bunnell

SERVE COMMUNION

Phillip Perkins Sonny Dye

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Mark & Jennifer Hatcher

**God's Minorities**

When Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority - but he won!

When Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt, he was a decided minority - but he won!

When Gideon and his 300 followers went with pitchers and lamps against the Midianites, they were an insignificant minority - but they put the enemy to flight!

When Elijah prayed on Mt. Carmel, he was a notable minority; but God answered with fire, and he won!

When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was a decided minority - but he won!

When Jesus the Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was a conspicuous minority - but He won!

What about you, friend? Are you in the minority, standing with Christ? Or are you on the other side?

Why not stand where the faithful have always stood - in the minority?

- Bulletin Digest (adapted)



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**Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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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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**Keep Being Friendly** by Joe Slater

This is a friendly congregation, and I appreciate you for it! My heart warms when I notice how you welcome people who are new to our assembly.

Most of us have dropped in on congregations at one place or another where, to put it mildly, the reception lacked warmth. To be a bit more blunt, we were treated like we didn't exist! That's bad enough when we are Christians visiting a congregation away from home; but what if lost souls endured such thoughtless, un-Christlike treatment? It could permanently turn them away from the gospel!

Jesus freely received people who were seeking God. He broke down the various barriers that hindered others from reaching out. The poor, the sick, foreigners, even the notoriously sinful, found unconditional love from the One we confess as Lord.

Our purpose must be none other than His. "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matthew 9:13).

Being friendly shows others that Jesus really has made a positive difference in your life, and that you are enthusiastic about sharing His love and truth with them.

Rejection, apathy, and self-centeredness characterize most of the world; when people visit an assembly of the Lord's body, let us not give them "more of the same," but demonstrate that Jesus has something far better to offer.

That doesn't mean we condone sin (Jesus didn't). It assuredly does mean that we love as Jesus loved, seeking the redemption of all.

[Note: The above article was said of the congregation where bro. Slater preaches. His said perfectly how I feel about the church here at Horse Cave. It is a very important quality - something that anyone can do. - Wayne]

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Martha Russell is home recovering; Bill Brooks; Jim Mears had out-patient surgery Friday; Becky Hatcher; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Lori Brewer soon will have rotator cuff surgery; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Dennis Swinea of Florence, AL; Rex Wallace's twin sister Rose Compton; Mark Quigley went to Washington state for an eye procedure

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Carol Caldwell, friend of Karon Reynolds; Sammi Jo Eubank; Brad Terry; Tim Shipley; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Billy Thompson

### EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Larry Davidson of Cave City. His funeral was on Sat. at Patton Funeral Home.

Also we express sympathy to our Agnes Seaton in the death of her aunt Joyce Harrison of Bowling Green on Sept. 26

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner Bob Toohey (Shady Grove)

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE HORSE CAVE

Jenny Thompson Rm. 109 JoAnn Wallace

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the 6th lesson of our Fall Quarter: Exodus - "The Last Plague" 11:1-10 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

### A FEW REFLECTIONS

Last Sunday, Sept. 29 was a wonderful day!!! We had our Family & Friends Day that morning with 81 present. Robbie Fudge did a great job of reminding us of our many

blessings and of our responsibility to give back to God. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious and bountiful Potluck meal.

Then that evening we began a three night Gospel Meeting with W. Tom Hall. He brought us three fantastic lessons. We truly were blessed and spiritually uplifted as we reflect back on the events of Sun. - Tues.

As I usually try to do, the lessons of our Gospel Meeting were recorded and will be available on DVD when I can get time to prepare them. - WH

### SUMMER SERIES ON DVD

Wayne has made DVD's of our Summer Series that concluded last month. No cost

### AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Oct. 13-16 Elizabethtown Church of Christ with Robert Hatfield "Becoming the Best YOU Ever!" *see flyer on bulletin board*

### AREA LADIES DAYS

Oct. 12 Columbia Church of Christ with Tiffany Secula "The Sweet Life of Sisters"

Oct 18 Green Co. Church of Christ with Tara Haulk "Standing Strong in the Faith" *see flyers on bulletin board*

### ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

this afternoon at 3:00 in the auditorium. Men of the congregation are invited to attend.

If anyone ever has something of interest or concern, please mention it to any of our elders or deacons.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

meets tomorrow evening in the Annex at 6:30. Ladies you are invited to be a part.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

For what is Abishag best known?

The answer to our question last week: He buried it Matt. 25:18

**Welcome to our visitors!!!  
We are grateful for your presence!!**

## Genericided Christianity

by Charles Broyles

By becoming too well-known, a product can lose its distinctiveness. The Trademark Association calls this problem "genericide." (Think of "generic" brands) Marlin Connelly gives some examples:

- All facial tissue is called "Kleenex."
- Any gelatin dessert is "Jello."
- Any clear, sticky tape is "Scotch Tape."
- Any carbonated drink is a "Coke."
- Any adhesive bandage is a "Band-Aid."

This has happened to the words "Christian" and "Christianity." Once a brand name for a definite product, it is now used by the world for any kind of vague religiosity connected loosely with the historical Christ. Doctrines that, in Bible times, were black and white, are now gray and faded. Practices that were then commanded are now optional. The rigid New Testament ethical code is now fluid and accommodating.

Churches of Christ are calling all those who claim the name of Christ back to the Bible. Let's be of "one mind," "one judgment," and have "no divisions" among us (I Corinthians 1:10). Let's all preach "one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). Let's unite upon the solid truth of Scripture (I Corinthians 3:10, 11). Let's put away the doctrines and commandments of men (Mark 7:7-9). Let's teach God's

plan of salvation, offer worship heavenward that reflects God's desires rather than man's entertainment preferences, and have lifestyles that reflect God's holiness (e.g., Acts 8:35-40; John 4:24; I Peter 1:16). In short, let's all be "One" (John 17:21).

Don't lose your trademark!

*"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people..."* (I Peter 2:9).

## History Changed Forever

In an instant history changed forever, because where once the human mortality rate had held steady at 100%, now it skipped a beat as Jesus, Savior of all mankind, stepped out of dead statistics into life. Death is the last word no longer for Jesus' followers; life is.

"I believe in Buddha," some still insist amid the marketplace of the world religions. "Confucius," say the Chinese. "Mohammed," cry the Muslims. "Bhagway Shree Rajneesh," shout his followers, and on and on it goes.

"Jesus," Mary would tell us; "He changed my life." And millions around the globe would echo, "Mine, too. He touched my life, too."

For while religious leaders have come and gone, the fact remains:

Only One stepped forth from the tomb.

Only One has risen from the dead.

Only One has conquered death.

Only One offers the promise of eternal life to those who follow Him.

*"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus said. "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*

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