

### 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; I Peter 3:21;  
 Be faithful, committed, walk in light – Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

### LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Nov. 8  
**READ SCRIPTURE**  
 Phillip Perkins  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Mike Thompson  
**OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE**  
 Mark Hatcher  
**SERVE COMMUNION**  
 Dennis Hatcher Willie Cyphers  
 Mike Richardson  
**PREACHING**  
 11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
 5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
**LEAD SINGING**  
 Scott Huff

### Our Challenge

I have no time to find fault with others;  
 I have too many faults of my own.  
 While I, myself, may not know them,  
 To others I am sure they are known.  
 I have no time to listen  
 To those who are stirring up strife.  
 Far better to tell the good deeds done,  
 And brighten the journey of life.  
 I have no time for gossip;  
 You see, it may all be a lie,  
 And soon the story will die out,  
 If everyone passes it by.  
 I have no time to be moody and lonely;  
 No time to be gloomy and sad;  
 It takes all my time planning  
 How I may help others be glad!

-Author Unknown-



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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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### It Ain't Easy Being Us! Life is a Struggle

Life is a struggle. Life as a Christian is becoming an even harder struggle! As a comedian used to say, "It ain't easy being me." Well, in today's world it ain't easy being US! Our struggles are both within and without. Paul said that he wanted to do good, but ended up doing the very evil thing he did not want to do (Romans 7:19). Today's world encourages us to do the evil. Outside pressure to sin makes it harder to do the good.

Our own nation is making living for Christ more difficult. Our courts have taken God out of our schools, our government supports abortion, our society's illegitimate birth rates are destroying the family, the press ridicules biblical values, the internet is polluting our youth, civil rights groups march against Christian business, Hollywood has made havoc of our morals, and a growing number of states are encouraging drug use. Our society is turning people away from God, and not toward Him. It makes living the Christian life hard, and raising our children even harder.

We must turn the wick up and let our light shine brighter, we must strengthen our salt and let it have a stronger influence. We are the last hope of this nation! We all have got to strengthen our back, because the cross we are called to bear in today's world is getting heavier by the hour. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might" (Ephesians 6:10).

We must never give up! We must run to win the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24), take up our cross and follow the Lord (Luke 9:23), be tough and finish the course (2 Timothy 4:7); No, it ain't easy being us, but Jesus never said it would be easy, just worth it! - - Dennis Doughty

- via the Magnolia Messenger, Summer 2015

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Brandon Schuler's care at home is being assisted by Hosparus; Bessie Brooks on dialysis; R. T. Turner; Renee Perkins; Robert & Laura Brooks; Mary Locke; James Horton; Russell Brunt; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Christian Shadburne; Wrendle Jones (Becky Hatcher's dad) confined at home; Dennis Hatcher; Jennifer Hatcher has been given the go-ahead to return to work tomorrow; Donnie Gale Edwards has not felt well this week; Leon Seaton went to the hospital in Lexington last week to get his heart back in rhythm. He came home Friday; Robert Brooks is in the Medical Center in B.G. with acute renal failure.

### VISIT BRANDON SCHULER'S WEBSITE

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/brandonschuler>

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Dane Petett Wilson; Thelma Thompson; Ruby Whitlow; Wanda Judd; Freddie Richardson (Lois Edwards' brother); Stella Downs (teacher at Park City Elem.)

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Robert Gossett, member at Shady Grove. Robert's funeral was conducted Wed. at Sego Funeral Home by Billy Bybee.

### HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford 180 Scottie Drive Glasgow

### HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Mildred Briggs (member at Cave City)  
Carroll Stilts, Sr (Dennis & Wayne's uncle)

### GLASGOW HEALTH CARE

Elizabeth Alexander (Dennis Hatcher's mother-in-law)

### HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner 201 Trista Lane Glasgow, KY

### MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE

An excellent study is underway: "God Among the Nations". The class meets on Tues. evenings from 6:30-7:45 at 413 Samson St. in Glasgow

### LADIES DAY

**Nov. 14** Lehman Ave Church of Christ in Bowling Green with Melissa Lester Theme: "A Woman of Worth" Melissa is the associate editor for Victoria magazine, and contributing editor to Christian Woman magazine.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. See bulletin board for more details

### WEDDING BELLS

Rebecca "Becca" Napper and James Higdon were married yesterday in Bonnieville. We wish them many years of success and happiness.

### SIGN UP SHEETS

If you would like to participate in the Angel Tree program again this year, be sure and sign the sheet on the banister.

Also, we are preparing Thanksgiving baskets to give to some who could use a helping hand. That sign up sheet is also on the banister.

### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Annex All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What important event did only Peter, James and John get to see?

The answer to last week's bible question: Luke

### VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

## Genericided Christianity

by Charles Broyles

By becoming too well-known a product can lose its distinctiveness. The Trademark Association calls this problem "genericide." 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 Cor. 1:10). Let's all preach "one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Eph. 4:4-6). Let's unite upon the solid truth of Scripture (I Cor. 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 Pet. 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 Pet. 2:9).

## Every Spiritual Blessing

It's very common for people to ask this question: "Why do good people suffer?" Why do good people get sick, have money problems, and simply struggle with difficult times? The basic answer to these questions is that we live in a physical world and along with being physical beings we both enjoy physical blessings and suffer physical pain. However, in Ephesians 1:3 the apostle Paul reminded us of something very important. He said, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ." It is certainly true that even Christians struggle in this life; however, God has promised that when it comes to our spiritual life (which is far more important) the Christian has been blessed with every single spiritual blessing. We must stop considering life successful based on our physical circumstance and start basing our lives' success on spiritual blessings.

- Garrett Bookout (Bulletin Digest)

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God's promises are always greater than our problems.