

## 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 - Dec. 2

READ SCRIPTURE  
Sydney Bunnell

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE  
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION  
Michael Richardson  
Phillip Perkins Jackie Coop

PREACHING  
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher  
5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING  
Ken Russell

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER  
Jim & Fran Mears

## Rejoicing Angels con't from page 1

lives made new through baptism into Christ and we continue to live each day renewed in the Spirit, the angels rejoice over us. What an encouraging thought!

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!" (Rev. 12:11-12a)

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS NOTE:

Ladies who will be attending the ladies class tomorrow night are asked to bring 10 Christmas cards to class signed as follows: *Ladies Bible Class Horse Cave Church of Christ*

These will be distributed to nursing home residents in December. Thanks

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### TIME OF SERVICES:

**Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM; Worship 11 AM & 5 PM  
**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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## Rejoicing Angels by Ed Sterchi

Ever wonder what causes the angels in heaven to shout for joy? There are several instances of angels proclaiming joy, and they all seem to have a common thread.

The first instance of the heavenly host expressing joy is during the creation of the heavens and the earth. Recounting the incident, God tells Job that when it happened, "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:1-7). Most Bible scholars agree that the morning stars and sons of God are in reference to angels, who apparently were created prior to the earth. So in this instance, we see the angels being joyous because of God using His creative powers to make something that had never existed before.

Let's look at another instance of the angels showing joy. When the proper time came (Gal. 4:4), God sent His Son to be born of the human race. It is at this time in announcing the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds that angels proclaimed it a time of "great joy" (Luke 2:8-14). So here the angels express praise and joy at the coming of the Christ-child, the God-Man, Jesus. As in the creation, they are expressing joy over something that had never before existed.

There is one more instance I can find in the Bible of the angels expressing joy - and this one directly involves us. In Luke 15:10 we are told that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Seeing a sinner come to God and becoming a new creation brings great joy to the angels.

From these three instances, I think we can clearly see that angels get excited over new creations. Think about it: when we have our  
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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon Seaton; Bill Brooks; Martha Russell; Jenny Thompson; Laura Brooks; Brenda Jagers (breathing difficulties); Leah Newman still waiting to hear EEG test results; Parker Bybee; Geneane McGuire's son, Greg; Becky Hatcher; Mary Thompson; Geneane McGuire; Lois Edwards recovering at home from a broken kneecap; Bob Toohey (member at Shady Grove) has not been feeling well lately and has been in hospital twice; continue to remember the family of our R. T. Turner; it was good to see John Carter out Wed. night since his injury; Joey Palmore plans to have the procedure Mon. to break it up a large kidney stone which has caused him a lot of pain; Cindy Binkley arrived safely at home in Fairbanks, Alaska

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Sherian Gray; Hal Garland; Tim Shipley; Brad Terry; Billy Cassidy

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is our first lesson in our Winter Quarter: "Mark" This morning's lesson is: "Healings" 1:21-34, 40-45 Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME IN BG

They have asked us to donate any of the following items. They will be here to pick them up the week of **Jan. 6-11:**

cocoa powder    Shout Spray & Wash  
free & clear liquid laundry detergent  
olive oil    white vinegar (gallon size)

### RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS

Carolyn Russell retired this past week from Citizen's First Bank after 39 years and three bank name changes. A nice reception was held Thursday in her honor.

Ken Russell also reached his retirement Friday while serving as Clerk of the City of Horse Cave. A nice reception was held Fri. in his honor.

It is rare that a husband wife are able to at the same time. Blessings and congratulations to Ken and Carolyn. Both have dedicated their lives to serving here in Horse Cave.

### THANK YOU

Special thanks to Rex Wallace for changing the water and cleaning the baptistery. Rex always does a great job of maintaining it.

### ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

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

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

meets tomorrow evening in the Annex at 6:30 All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. \*see note on back page

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

As recorded in the gospel of Mark, what is the name of the man whose daughter Jesus raised from the dead?

The answer to our question last week:  
Luke 1

**Welcome to our visitors!!!**  
**Please return often!!!**

## Who is Saved, Who is Lost?

by David Pharr

God has not put the sentencing of the wicked, nor the rewarding of the righteous, in our hands. It would be folly for us to presume to decide the eternal destinies of those who have died and who now await the just and merciful judgment of God. No doubt there will be many saved whom men thought were lost, and many lost whom men thought were saved. One thing is certain, however, and that is that God will judge everyone without respect of persons according to their deed and His written Word.

Having acknowledged the above, however, let us also recognize that it is our place to work with the living to apply the Scriptures that sinners might be shown they are lost and how they can be saved. We have nothing to do with judging the dead, but we have everything to do with warning and instructing the living. This is the purpose of gospel preaching. And it is the duty of the church and every Christian to teach the gospel to others. Paul said that in his preaching Christ he was "warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom..." (Colossians 1:28).

What things are sinful, what things cause a person to be lost, are not determined by human opinion. God has spoken on these matters and we need not hesitate or be timid about naming sin and its' consequences. Likewise, the Bible plainly shows what is necessary for salvation. There is no need for ambiguity. We can tell people plainly what they must do to be saved and to stay saved. At the same time we must not leave them with a false hope if they refuse to obey God. Notice that Jesus stated it plainly both ways

in Mark 16:15-16. Those who properly respond to the gospel are saved. Those who do not are damned.

The practical meaning of this is that we must apply the Scriptures with "great plainness of speech" (2 Cor 3:12). Loving tactfulness is important, but ambiguity with the gospel is a crime! What justification can there possibly be for letting a sinner think he is right before God, or for letting someone think religious error is acceptable, or of leaving an unfaithful brother comfortable in his backsliding? Ephesians 4:15 instructs us to speak the truth in love. It is wrong to teach the truth without love. But it is also wrong to love without teaching the truth—the truth which the person we love needs to hear (see Acts 20:20, 26-27, 31).

The fact is, therefore, that we do not usurp the Divine Judge when we use the Scriptures to determine who is saved and who is lost. Our own personal judgment in such matters is, to say the least, worthless. But the warnings, requirements, and promises of the Bible do not represent our own personal judgment. Who could question whether the "Judge of all the earth" has the right to say who will be saved and who will be lost? Who can deny that we have the right (and obligation) to plainly show these warnings, requirements, and promises to every man? "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences." (2 Corinthians 5:10-11)