

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 8

READ SCRIPTURE
Rex Wallace

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION
Michael Richardson Dennis Hatcher
Willie Cyphers

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

LEAD SINGING
Scott Huff

GREETERS
Phillip and Renee Perkins

What Might Have Been

I stood amidst the shambles of yesterday's bright tomorrows Trying to grasp how I, Yes I, had birthed such sorrows When a hand unknown firmly and lovingly clasp mine Imploring me to trust and urging me to climb. At first the rubble seemed such an insurmountable peak My diet of self-pity had left me paralyzed and far too weak "Come on!" He said. "Its not your might that will lift you out!" He softly whispered in what became a deafening shout. "What might have been" ensnares many honest hearts "Freezing the past in mental panes so progress never starts "Trust Me!" He gently implores; "Yesterday's page is forever turned. "What might have been. What might have been. Is a lesson never learned!"

by Jim Bullington



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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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Wait For It

Waiting is one of the most challenging things to do. We wait for the lab report from the last doctor's visit. We wait in line at a toll booth while traveling on the interstate. We wait till the pharmacist fills our prescription for medication. We wait to check out at the grocery store. Things move fast in our world and we do not want to wait for anything. We want it all instantly!

Yet we know that some things just take more time and cannot be rushed. If you plant seed in the garden, it takes time to grow into a plant. It takes time to get that refund check from the IRS. Now, here is something else we must wait for - we wait on God.

The Greek word for "wait" in the New Testament is often translated "*patience*" or "*confidence*." For instance, 2 Thessalonians 3:5 - "Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ" (NKJV). Here this verse is describing the steadfastness or endurance of Jesus as he faced great trials.

So, we must have patience like Jesus. We grow in our trust of Him and His will for our life. As we grow, we become more assured of our faith. Our confidence in God and His Son and their ability to care for us is demonstrated by our willingness to be patient and trust in the promises of God. Our waiting is an opportunity to build our faith.

by Rob Albright

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks; Martha Russell; Jim Mears is to have surgery Dec 19 at Greenview in BG; Lori Brewer is to have surgery at T. J. Dec 17 as Out-Patient if all goes well; Jerry Ann Logsdon (sure was great seeing her able to be out again for worship last Sunday morning); Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Rex Wallace's sister Rose Compton; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Sue Bunnell had her first chemo treatment on Tues. Dec. 3; Becky Hatcher went to Vanderbilt Wed. to see two specialists. Hypertension specialist deleted 3 meds and added 1 new. She also is to have a MRI and MRA of her brain Dec. 16 in Nashville; Margie Gentry had pneumonia last week, and is much improved

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Carol Caldwell, friend of Karon Reynolds; Sammi Jo Eubank; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Roger Rutledge, Marion Esters; the family of Dan Lewis

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 lesson 2 of our Winter Quarter: Peter in Acts — "At the Temple" 3:1-7, 12-26. Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM SUN. MORNING

WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM

Words of Truth 8:30-8:45 Billy Bybee

Truth in Love 8:45-9:00 Wayne Hatcher

These may also be heard on the internet - www.wloconline.com

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTERIES

It is time again to participate in their Commodity Collections. We have been asked to donate the following items:

all purpose cleaner with bleach
beef Ramen Noodles *evaporated milk*
apple juice *Cream of Mushroom soup*

Bring your items to the church building. They plan to be here to pick these up the week of Jan. 5. 2020. THANKS!!

12 HOURS OF JESUS

Dec. 28 at Pritchard Community Center in E-town, KY 8 am to 8 pm 12 session - 12 topics - 12 speakers All About Jesus
Website: www.12hoursofjesus.org
See flyer on bulletin board

MISSION REPORT

Danny McCain minister of the Green Co. Church of Christ will be here on Wed. Dec. 18 at 6:00 to report on his recent trip to Budapest, Hungary. We helped provide some of his support so he was able to go.

*NOTE: Our elders have decided to move Wed. night services on Dec. 25 to Dec. 26 at 5 pm for a short devotional service for those who can make it.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What does Paul say will be swallowed up in victory?

The answer to our question last week: when Jesus' disciples fell asleep while keeping watch in Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 25:36-41)

Welcome to our visitors!!!

We are grateful for your presence!!

One of the Greatest Gifts You Can Give to Someone (and Yourself)

by Edd Sterchi

There is a gift that you can give to others that is absolutely amazing and it does not cost a thing (monetarily, anyway). It is never the wrong color or size. Everyone who receives this gift always loves and cherishes it. And, amazingly enough, when we give this to someone, we also receive something in return. It's a win-win. Ready to hear what it is? It is the gift of forgiveness.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines forgive as: "to stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offense or mistake." Our English word forgive comes from the Old English words "for" and "gifan" (give). So forgiveness in the original root means to give (as in give up). In forgiving someone, we give up on anger, resentment, and revenge – and in doing so, we give the person we are forgiving something, and we are giving ourselves something, also.

I'm sure you have heard the phrase, "forgive and forget." Notice within those words are the words "give" and "get." When we forgive another, we give them a renewed relationship, but we also give ourselves peace of mind – those thoughts of anger and resentment have been let go.

Jesus gave the reminder that if we want forgiveness from God, then we must forgive our fellow humans (Matt. 6:14-15). It is God's design that forgiveness is a gift to others and to ourselves.

Paul, through inspiration, wrote in Col.

3:12-15, "Therefore...put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." When we learn to give forgiveness to others, we make it much easier for the peace of God to rule in our hearts.

So do you want to give a great gift and receive a great gift at the same time? Then learn to forgive. Two for the price of one – what a deal! Forgiveness is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

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Metamorphosis

Oh, what power the gospel is. The power of God to salvation. I was just a caterpillar. Then came a transformation. A caterpillar crawls on the ground. Not knowing that someday he'll be a butterfly who flits above, a lovely thing to see. When I was like that caterpillar, I only thought of me. I could not live the way I should, how God meant me to be. Then came my metamorphosis. Beginning with a "washing." I stretch my wings, fly up towards heaven. My wormy ways, I'm squashing. Some days, I act like the caterpillar. I forget to that I died. I struggle with my attitudes. My love for God I hide. I want to live in Jesus' ways. And on His strength rely. Help me, Lord, keep in my heart. The flight of a butterfly.

- - Rose Ann Noey