

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



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The Need For Some Good News

I am tired of all the negative messages in the news these days. What the world needs now is good news. The good news needed is the news that has endured for generations. This good news will get us through any war or conflict. The good news of the gospel is needed for all men in all nations.

The gospel is never outdated. It never needs to be made culturally relevant. The gospel should never be comprised. God wants all men to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). Paul indicates the gospel has power. In Rom. 1:16, the writer from Tarsus states that the gospel is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” The gospel can save. It is therefore good news for all men. Here are some good news headlines that would be great for men to hear:

- ◆ YOU CAN BE SAVED
- ◆ YOUR LIFE CAN BE CHANGED
- ◆ YOU CAN START OVER
- ◆ GOD CAN AND WILL FORGET YOUR PAST
- ◆ THE NEW MAN BEGINS NOW

Good news is available today. It’s the same good news preached by the apostles. If that news is heeded and obeyed, man can have the same benefits as those in the early church. What the world needs is good news. What the world needs is the gospel!

- Bill Brandstatter



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Psalm 27 - A Message In Life

- 1. Life is in need of Courage.** Some men prepare themselves for the battle ahead mustering up courage to engage. For some, try as they might, it does not come easy. The battle is engaged, they learn they had more within than they realized. Some Christians wonder about themselves when they face the enemy. Commitment to the Lord means they are better prepared than they realize.
- 2. Life is in need of Shelter.** The battle is over, the scars are impressed on the body and the mind. Lives are changed, sometimes not for the better. What to do? Stay within oneself, seeking only self-consolation. Better still, turn to the Lord, though one does not understand, there is understanding in the Lord. “O’ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” It is there that I find the only relief that is longlasting.
- 3. Life is a great Teacher.** The battle has been fought, the scars have made an impression, now how do I learn from these experiences to be a better person? So many appeal to the Lord, but after the Lord has spoken, the Lord is not heard. To be a better person, the Lord has to be THE teacher. There are experiences in life that are great teaching moments, but what about the teachings moments that take us from this life to the next? “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30, ASV).
- 4. Life’s Exhortation.** You are prepared; you enjoy life and try to be a person of joy to others around you. You have been taught by the Lord, so you try to teach others. “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord” (Psa. 27:14, KJV).

by Ron Thomas

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell at home; Lori Brewer was at worship Sun. for first time since her shoulder replacement; Lois Edwards recovering at home from injuries sustained from a fall; Becky Hatcher continues bedfast at home due to four ruptured discs. She is to have a 2nd injection Dec 21; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye (kidney stones); Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Geneane McQuire son Bobby; Parker Bybee; Steve Higginbotham received very positive news from the oncologist report. He will be able to continue treatments in Knoxville; Wayne Davis undergoing treatments; continued prayers for Wayne & Becky in the loss of their granddaughter Becca and for Mary, Becca's mother; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus which has really increased in numbers; our nation and leaders

Friends in our community - Ray Green is to have quadruple by-pass surgery this week; Tim Atwell battling Covid and cancer; Seaborn Elzey; Greg Gore, Lawrence Johnson; Dorothy Woodson

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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

House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We have begun our Winter Quarter this morning on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning lesson 1 "Abraham's Greatest Test" Gen. 22:1-14 Wayne Hatcher continues be the teacher.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to

hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocofine.com 8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee 8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

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PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this Sunday at 11:00 worship hour

THANK YOU CARDS

We want to thank you so very much for your contribution to hel with our medical and travel expenses. It is greatly appreciated. I don't know how we'd have managed without the love and support of God's people.

Thank you, Steve & Kim Higginbotham

Thank you so much for your generous gift to us and your kind words. We have been in awe of the outpouring of love and support that we have experienced in this past year. This year has not be what anyone expected but it has been filled with joy nonetheless! In Christian love, The Bybees

(this was for money given by members as a shower gift for Will & Lauren Bybee WH)

COMMODITIES OUTREACH

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries is asking for our help with any of these items:

**Toilet Paper Cherry Jello Brownie Mix
Yard Size Trash Bags Parmesan Cheese**

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was the first high priest of the Israelites during the leadership of Moses?

The answer to our question last week:
Job

He Grew Up

by Adam Faughn

Our world is in the hurry and bustle of the final days and hours before Christmas. Presents are being bought and wrapped, baking is being done, traveling is going on, and all sorts of other late-minute things are being completed so the holiday can be enjoyed by as many as possible.

In the midst of all that preparation, many are also focusing on the birth of Jesus Christ. Certainly, we do not know the date on the calendar on which Jesus was born, but so many in our world are thinking about that event this time of year that it is to our advantage to speak even more openly and boldly about our faith. There is, in some ways, a clearer pathway to speak to people about Jesus when they are thinking about His birth during this time.

What is difficult to get across to people, though, is that the baby in the manger grew up. Then, when that same baby was a man, He demanded so much of people and said things that are not always popular in our world. He told us that we have to guard our heart, or we are guilty of the most heinous of sins (see Matthew 5:23; 5:28; 5:44). He told us that families would be torn apart for following Him (Matthew 10:34-37). He made it clear that there is only one way to heaven (Matthew 7:13-14), and that only following Him would be that way (John 14:6).

Ultimately, Jesus gave His life on the cross, but also demanded that we be willing to take up a cross each day, that we

live in order to follow Him (Luke 9:23). Part of the life and teachings of Jesus is simply not what people want to hear, but we dare not shy away from the entirety of Who Jesus was (and is), and what He demands of people if they would be counted faithful and live eternally with Him in heaven.

While so many are thinking about the baby Jesus in the manger, may we have the boldness to take this opportunity to boldly, yet lovingly, remind people that He grew up and that He is to be the Lord of all our lives. But we must also take every opportunity to show and remind people that following Him as Lord is not drudgery, but joy.

Do-It-Yourself

"How-To" books are the thing today. They fill up many a shelf. The Bible is the original one On how to help yourself.

"How to Live Happily Ever After"
"How to Leave Worry Behind"
"How to Grow in Grace and Wisdom"
Are these subjects on your mind?

"How to Have a Blessed Marriage"
"How to Be a Wonderful Saint"
"How to Behave as a Child of God"
(Don't ever think you can't.)

If you want to be a better you,
The Bible is the place to start.
It does not beat about the bush—
It goes straight for your heart.

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