

## 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. 16

READ SCRIPTURE

Mike Thompson

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION

Michael Richardson

Phillip Perkins Jackie Coop

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Mike Thompson

5 p. m. - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Jim & Fran Mears

**I Am Determined** con't from front page....

Jesus said, *"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Matthew 16:26).

## My Friend

by J. P. McEvoy

I could sail the waters of all the world

Bitter and wild and blue,

And never I'd find a friend to love

Like the friend I've found in you.

I could walk down all the roads of the world

And knock on the doors forever,

And never I'd find a friend like you,

Never, never, never!



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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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## I Am Determined

 by Cecil Burch

An epitaph from an old gravestone reads: "What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost."

When the apostle Paul was on his second missionary journey, he came to Troas and, while there, had a vision during the night of a man from Macedonia who stood and pleaded with him: *"Come over to Macedonia and help us"* (Acts 16:9). Paul immediately went to Macedonia and came to Philippi, where he converted Lydia, her household, and the Philippian jailer and his family. In his efforts to preach the gospel, he was beaten with rods and thrown into the inner prison.

Later, when he wrote to the church in Philippi, he tried to impress on them how important it is for Christ to be the number one choice in their lives. He said, *"But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ"* (Philippians 3:7-8).

Paul's attitude toward this life *was* one of sacrifice and service, and in this he rejoiced. He said, *"Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all"* (Philippians 1:17). He told the Corinthians, *"For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified"* (2 Corinthians 2:2). Paul again wrote to Timothy: *"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day"* (2 Timothy 1:12). (concluded on back page)

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon Seaton; Bill Brooks; Martha Russell; Jenny Thompson; Laura Brooks; Brenda Jagers (breathing difficulties); Becky Hatcher will another sleep study Monday; Mary Thompson; Leah Newman still waiting to hear EEG test results; Geneane McGuire's son, Greg; Parker Bybee; Lois Edwards is gradually improving; Joey Palmore; Phillip Perkins; Willie Cyphers has been sick with sinus infection

### 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      Bob Toohey

### HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

### SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

To the family of George Cleo Bush. His funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:00 in the chapel of Winn Funeral Home. He was a member of the Cave City congregation and was a friend to so many of us.

### SUNDAY A.M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is our third lesson in our Winter Quarter: "Mark" This morning's lesson is: "Parables" 4:1-20 Wayne continues to serve as the teacher.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME IN BG

We are collecting the following items. Bring them in by Jan. 6

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

### THANKS FOR A DOING THIS

Rex Wallace and Ken Russell built a very nice ramp in behalf of the church for Leon Seaton at their house last week. We know it is very much appreciated by the Seaton family.

### WELCOME TO THE PROFFITT FAMILY

We are expecting several of our Wanda Proffitt's family to be worshipping with us today here at Horse Cave.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Where was Zaccheus when Jesus called his name?

The answer to our question last week: he had the guards put to death Acts 12:19

### A Prayer For Every Day

Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially,

I need some extra strength to face whatever is to be.

This day more than any day I need to feel you near,

To fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.

By myself, I cannot meet the challenge of the hour,

There are times when humans help, but we need a higher power.

To assist us bear what must be borne, and so dear Lord, I pray -

Hold on to my trembling hand and be near me today.

- author unknown

**Welcome to our visitors!!!**

**Please return often!!!**

### A Christmas Wish

by David A. Sargent

Dennis Doughty has a Christmas wish...

"Let me share with you how I wish the world would celebrate Christ's birth: When I was a boy in school, we had two holidays: one to celebrate Washington's birthday, the other to celebrate Lincoln's. On those occasions we would study about these men and what they did for our country. We studied about their work and their role as presidents. But we never studied anything about their births. I know of no facts or stories concerning the circumstances of their births.

I wish the world would celebrate the birth of Jesus the way it celebrates the birth of other men, by concentrating on His life. I wish [the world] nation would look more at His accomplishments, teaching, world influence, and death; than at the manger scene, the wise men, and the shepherds tending their flocks.

Yes, His virgin birth was special, miraculous, humble and unique. However, in our celebration, let us not lose focus on the man He became and how His life changed the world."

That Jesus was born into the world is something to celebrate! The incarnation, God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus (John 1:14), revealed the great love of God in that He came to us!

However, it is of utmost importance for us to understand WHY He came.

When Mary discovered that she was "with child," an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in

her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21).

Jesus came to save us from sin! That's what makes His birth so special! When our sins rendered us doomed for eternal destruction, Jesus came to rescue us. And, in order to save us, Jesus – the sinless Son of God – had to die on the cross for our sins, be buried, and then rise again after three days (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Jesus WILL save those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). His atoning blood will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

The best way to celebrate the birth of Jesus is to recognize WHY He was born into the world (for our salvation) and to accept His gift on His terms.

Won't YOU?

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### POINTS TO PONDER

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

Correcting faults is like tying a necktie. We can do it more easily on ourselves than on others.

He who holds the stars in space will not let go of His promises to us.

God works - in me, with me, through me, for me.

If you brood over your troubles, you hatch despair.