

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

**LORD’S DAY ASSIGNMENTS**  
for today Dec 22

READ SCRIPTURE  
Wayne Hatcher

OFFICIATE LORD’S TABLE  
Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION  
Michael Richardson Dennis Hatcher  
Willie Cyphers

PREACHING  
11 a. m. - Mike Thompson  
5 p. m. - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING  
Scott Huff

GREETERS  
Phillip and Renee` Perkins


**THANK YOU NOTE**  
Please excuse the delay in thanking you for your prayers and cards for my accident. I am making progress. Also thank you for the cards for my 104th birthday! I never imagined having so many birthdays! Your kindness is so very much appreciated. Many thanks to all, - Lucille Stone and Carolyn Stone Stice (Mrs. Stone lives directly across the street from our building)

**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](http://www.12hoursofjesus.org)

**NOTE: CHANGE OF SERVICES**  
Services this Wed. night have been changed to Thurs. at 5 pm. We plan to have devotional service for those who can make it.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**





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**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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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Martha Allen Edwards Russell**  
September 4, 1924 - December 15, 2019



Last Sunday morning our Martha Russell passed away peacefully at the Medical Center at Caverna due a massive stroke early Saturday morning.

She has been a member here at Horse Cave for many years and was previously a member at the Fairview Church of Christ in Hardyville.

She is survived by her son Johnny Russell (Sandy), her daughter Renee` Perkins (Phillip)

Two grandchildren, Chris Russell (Myneka) and Laura Sweet (Greg); four great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Baker (Tyler), John Carter Russell, Lyndsey Sweet and Tyler Sweet; two sisters, Jenny Thompson and Betty Edwards and one brother, Bobby Edwards (Lisa)

Funeral services were held Wed. at the Winn Funeral Home conducted by Wayne Hatcher, Marty Edwards, Billy Bybee and Mike Thompson.

Martha was a very special lady. She faithfully served her Lord for 81 years. Besides her love for the Lord and His church, her family was also a very vital part of her life. She was blessed with a wonderful family, and she was proud of them. Martha was strong and independent having lived in her home up till her death. She lived a complete and fulfilling life. She wrote an amazing autobiography of her life when she was 92. We can rejoice with her that she is home "with Christ" her Lord, Philippians 1:23. -- Wayne

## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks; Jim Mears was moved to SKY Rehab on Wed.; Lori Brewer had Out-Patient surgery Tues. at T. J.; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Rex Wallace's sister Rose Compton's procedure on her heart was successful; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Sue Bunnell had her second chemo treatment last week and is home; Becky Hatcher had an MRI and MRA of her brain Mon. in Nashville with no new signs of a stroke; Barbara Smith had one artery with a 90% blockage and were able to insert a stint.

### FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Sammi Jo Eubank; Brad Terry; Whitney Fisher Breeze; Joyce Gibbons; Roger Rutledge, Marion Esters

### 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 4 of our Winter Quarter: **Peter in Acts "Facing Ananias and Sapphira"** 5:1-12. Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

### POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

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 by Jan. 5. 2020. THANKS!!

### MISSION REPORT

Danny McCain presented an excellent report Wed. evening of his recent trip to Budapest, Hungary. I'm glad we had fellowship with him in that mission trip.

### THANK YOU CARDS

On behalf of the entire family of Martha Russell we express our sincere and deep appreciation to the ladies of the congregation for the outstanding meal they prepared for our family after the funeral service. Everything was delicious as usual and all of us truly appreciate our ladies taking the time and effort during this busy holiday season to do this for us.

We also thank Wayne, Billy, and Mike for taking part in the service and for the wonderful job they did. Our church family is always important to us buy especially during times when you lose someone special in your family. We feel truly blessed to be a part of the Horse Cave congregation.

Thank you, Phillip & Renee

Brothers and Sisters, I wanted to thank you for your love and encouragement over the past few months since we stopped in to visit one Sunday several months ago. Your beautiful cards, texts and prayers have meant so much during Dennis's cancer journey and death. May God bless you all and I hope to visit with you again soon.

With love, Rhonda Swinea

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What two men did Paul take with him from Jerusalem on his 1st missionary trip?

The answer to our question last week:

3 months old Exodus 2:1-2

**Welcome to our visitors!!!**

**We are grateful for your presence!!**

## Merry Christmas?

by Steve Higginbotham

For many people, Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year," but for others, it can be the most painful time of the year. While many will be together laughing, and sharing expressions of love during this holiday season, others will be sitting alone, broken, and forlorn.

It's difficult for those who have not suffered loss to appreciate the pain others feel during the holidays. However, if God allows us to live long enough, we all will experience a Christmas without a loved one for the very first time. Instead of being surrounded by family and gifts, our companions will be loneliness and grief. Even in a room filled with family, one may find himself alone in his thoughts, memories, and grief.

So what can be done? Here are some suggestions

1. **To the Joyful** ... Surprise someone who is grieving with gifts, cards, letters, and visits. Get the whole family involved in the project, children included. Make it thoughtful, sacrificial, and memorable. Allow it to be a teaching moment of God's love for the recipient, our children, and ourselves.
2. **To the Joyful** ... Help someone create new memories. Be sensitive to the fact that for some people, Christmas never was a time of joy due to a dysfunctional upbringing. For some people, the mere thought of Christmas drudges up painful memories. While we can't change the past, we can change the present and create pleasant memories to be recalled in the future.
3. **To the Joyful** ... Don't forget to thank God

for what you have. Cherish every joyful moment as His gift to you. We live in a fallen world that sooner or later will affect our lives. God won't exempt us from heartache and pain in this life, but He did promise eternal peace and joy in the life to come. Don't take your present joy for granted.

4. **To the Hurting** ... Don't give up. Don't wallow in your grief. Fight it. Choose what you want to think about. Work at finding joy. Count your blessings, name them one-by-one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.
5. **To the Hurting** ... Serve others. Get outside yourself. It's a paradox, but if you want to lighten your load, you need to pick up the load of another. It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Busy yourself in doing good for others and you'll create your own joy and be distracted from your pain. Remember, we were made for good works (Ephesians 2:10). Functioning according to the "Owner's Manual" will always provide the best results.
6. **To the Hurting** ... Don't forget to thank God for what you have. I don't mean to downplay your hurt and heartache, but if you are the Lord's, your blessings far exceed your problems. Look beyond your pain and you will see countless reasons to give God thanks.

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).*