

**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

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pleasures and treasures that will one day be no more. May all of us be reminded, *“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever”* (1 John 2:16-17).

As we conclude the present year, and enter into the New Year, may we accept the gift that abides forever, *“redeeming the time.”*

**The Knots Prayer**

*Dear God:*

*Please untie the knots  
that are in my mind,  
my heart, and my life;  
Remove the have nots,  
the cannots, and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.*

*Erase the will nots,  
may nots, and  
might nots  
that may find a home in my heart.*

*Release me from the could nots,  
would nots, and  
should nots that obstruct my life.*

*And most of all,  
Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
my heart, and my life all of the am nots  
that I have allowed to hold me back.  
In Jesus’ name, Amen  
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**The Value of Time** by Ron Bartanen

Every turn of a calendar-page and every tick of a clock tells us that what has passed we will never undo, and we are responsible for what we have now. I have heard time described as “a section cut from the great circle of eternity.” We should view time as a priceless gift from God. As we soon go into the New Year of 2021, we should remind ourselves of time’s value. Once past, it can never be retrieved. It is ours now, but whether it will be ours one moment from now is in God’s hands. We have no binding claim upon time.

The apostle Paul spoke of the value of time when he spoke of *“redeeming the time, because the days are evil”* (Ephesians 5:16). Time is not just the accumulation of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years, but everything that time offers to us, including opportunities and privileges, and Paul, by inspiration, urges us to redeem such. Paul uses the language of the market-place. In the days, and even weeks, prior to Christmas, shoppers have been fervently in search of bargains, taking advantage of sales in stores and online, searching for best-buys. Should we be any less fervent in the pursuit of spiritual blessings that God has graciously made available to us?

One opportunity that is overlooked by too many is the most valuable of all—the opportunity time offers us for salvation. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 6:2, reminds us, *“Now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.”* Here is truly the “best buy” of all—salvation, a gift already paid for with the blood of Christ, as Peter reminds Christians of the fact that we are redeemed (purchased) *“with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The opportunity of salvation is ours as God’s gift to man, but the acceptance of this gift rests with us. As Paul said, *“Now is the accepted time... day of salvation,”* but multitudes pass by this priceless gift as they seek the concluded on back page

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell at home; Lori Brewer continues recovery from shoulder replacement; Lois Edwards recovering at home from injuries sustained from a fall; Becky Hatcher shut-in at home due to four ruptured discs. She had a 2nd injection Monday and can see a slight improvement; Billy Bybee is having issues with his spine and is to see a neurologist in early January; Mark Hatcher's tests shows he has arthritis along his spine and several bulging discs; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Geneane McQuire's son Bobby; Parker Bybee; thankful that Steve Higginbotham received a positive report recently from his oncologist; Wayne Davis; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus which has really increased in numbers; prayers that the vaccines will be successful; our nation and leaders

Friends in our community - Ray Green recovering from by-pass surgery; Seaborn Elzey; Lawrence Johnson; prayers for the family of Dorothy Woodson; prayers for Perry "Wool" Martin and family in the death of his youngest son, J. P. Martin; the family of Kenneth Stephens

### SHARING SORROWS

We have several in our congregation who have lost loved ones, and it is especially hard during the holidays.

### 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 are in our Winter Quarter this morning on

the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning lesson 4: "Isaac and Rebekah" Gen. 24:1-4, 15-18, 56-57 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as 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: wlocoline.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

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this Sunday at our 11:00 worship hour. You are invited to be present and worship with us.

### 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**

Their truck will be here the week of Jan. 3

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who did the Lord use to heal the polluted waters of Jericho and how? (in the OT)

The answer to our question last week:

The disciples of Jesus Matt. 8:25

## Happy New Year!!!

This is our last bulletin for 2020. As your editor, I try to provide you with news and updates as best as I can. It is also my focus to provide you articles I trust benefit you spiritually.

Thanks for your encouragement and support Love, Wayne

## Failed Resolutions

by Alan Smith

At the beginning of a New Year, a high school principal decided to post his teachers' New Year's resolutions on the bulletin board. As the teachers gathered around the bulletin board, a great commotion started. One of the teachers was complaining. "Why weren't my resolutions posted?" She was throwing such a temper tantrum that the principal hurried to his office to see if he had overlooked her resolutions. Sure enough, he had mislaid them on his desk. As he read her resolutions he was astounded. This teacher's first resolution was not to let little things upset her in the New Year.

It has been said that "nothing is certain but death and taxes." Perhaps we should add one more thing to that list of certainties - - the breaking of New Year's resolutions! Looking back on 2020, you may be one of the fortunate ones who accomplished exactly what you hoped to accomplish during the year. But, if you're like most of us, you didn't read all the way through the Bible like you intended to, you quit smoking but only for a while then picked up the habit again, or you lost a few pounds only to put them back on again when your diet failed. After experiencing this failure year after year, a person tends to say to himself, "What's the use? Why even bother to try to make these changes?"

As an old Chinese proverb puts it, though, "Failure is not falling down. Failure is not getting back up." Or as the Japanese put it, "Fall down seven times, get up eight." If there are areas of your life that you've tried to improve and failed, let this be the month that you try again. And if you fail this month, get up and try again next

month. Learn from your mistakes and become stronger. God does not turn his back on the Christian who fails (if you question that, you need only look at the story of Peter's denial of Christ). However, He cannot help the Christian who refuses to try any longer.

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hearts, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded....Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:7-8,10)

If you have made a resolution to develop a habit that will bring you closer to God or a resolution to get rid of a habit that is pulling you away from God, may God bless you with the strength to accomplish your goal. And, if you should stumble on your journey, may He pick you up and dust you off so that you can continue on the long journey of becoming like Christ.

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## Rob Us of the Sun?

*The Bible is an armory of heavenly weapons,  
a laboratory of infallible medicines,  
a mine of exhaustless wealth.  
It is a guidebook for every road,  
a chart for every sea,  
a medicine for every malady,  
and a balm for every wound.*

*Rob us of our Bible and our sky has lost its sun.*

—Thomas Guthrie

*"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."* Psalm 113:3

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