

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 29

READ SCRIPTURE

Phillip Perkins

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION

Michael Richardson Dennis Hatcher

Willie Cyphers

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Robbie Fudge

5 p. m. - Robbie Fudge

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

GREETERS

Phillip and Renee Perkins

THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY

READ SCRIPTURE

5 - Rex Wallace

12 - Scott Huff

19 - Ken Russell

26 - Phillip Perkins

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Rex Wallace

SERVE COMMUNION

Malon Schuler Sonny Dye

Mark Hatcher

PREACHING

5 - Wayne Hatcher

12 - Wayne Hatcher

19 - Mike Thompson

26 - Mike Thompson

LEAD SINGING

5 - Scott Huff

12 - Ken Russell

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GREETERS: Rex & Doris Wallace



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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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A New Year

The last day of the year is fast approaching! The New Year is but around the corner. Do you look forward to the New Year or are you dreading the change in dates because of check-signing or some other reason?

To me, the New Year is just another date on the calendar that means little. It's one day closer to Spring, one day further along than the first day of Winter. It has been popular for generations to speak of resolutions for the New Year, so what will be your resolution or resolutions? Mine will be the same as it has been the last number of decades, that is, to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world (cf. Titus 2:11-12). I know I can and should do much better.

The upcoming New Year is a time for me to have a bit of reflection. What have I done? If it were not for my desk calendar and office-time sheet that I make each week, I am not sure if I could say what it is that I have done. I live with the habit of letting yesterday stay where it belongs (putting it out of my mind) and moving forward to the next day and the many following. I use my calendar to schedule appointments, set up Bible studies, visit with preachers, encourage the widows and widowers and many other appointments like doctor appointments, civic clubs obligations and the always favorite, dental appointments!

If there is a New Year's resolution I think I will make, it will be to do more of the same. I guess that is not a resolution, is it? Whether it is or not, I can say I could have done better than I did, so I think I will set my mind to do better in the new year. - Ron Thomas

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Brooks; Jim Mears is in SKY Rehab in BG and may come home this week;; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Sue Bunnell is at home. She experienced more weakness after the 2nd treatment. Her 3rd one will be first week of Jan.; Becky Hatcher has been sick all this past week with this respiratory stuff; the families who have lost loved ones; Bonnie Turner had cataract surgery this past week. She will have the other eye done in a few days; we are thankful Bessie Brooks had a good report from tests recently

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 5 of our Winter Quarter: Peter in Acts "In Trouble Again" 5:17-32. Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME

We are participating 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 building by next Sunday, Jan. 5. 2020. THANKS!!

5TH SUNDAY SERVICES TODAY

Today is the last Sunday of 2019 and is also a 5th Sunday. Robbie Fudge has been preaching for us on each 5th Sunday for the past three years. His topics are: AM Who has your attention?

PM Almost Persuaded

After morning worship, we plan to have a Potluck meal in our Annex.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Where was Jonah planning to flee when God hold him to go to Nineveh?

The answer to our question last week: John Mark & Barnabas Acts 12:25; 13:13; 15:36-38 (*John Mark left them early)

Welcome to our visitors!!!

We are grateful for your presence!!

Putting Life Together

Life is like a jigsaw puzzle,
Pieces scattered far and near.
As we grow, life fits together,
Begins a picture to appear.

Jigsaw puzzles should remind us

Others fit in our life's plan.

No one is an "only traveler."

We share life's road with fellow man.

Then, as we are growing older

The picture brightens year by year.

Things that once were life's great puzzles

Are fast becoming plain and clear.

When life's journey we have finished;

When we before our Maker stand

With our picture all completed

Will it be as He has planned?

- Grace Lowrey

A New You

by Ron Bartanen

How would you like a brand new you in this New Year of 2020? Such is not an unreasonable desire or possibility. In fact, it is God's intent to eventually "make all things new" in the "new heavens and new earth" (Rev. 21:5, 1). Until that time, the Lord is preparing a people who are said to be "born again ... of water and the Spirit" (John 3:3, 5).

In the process of the new birth, we become children of God and receive the Spirit of Christ, entitling us to address God as our Father (Gal. 4:6). A truly new you is not through New Years resolutions, but only in Christ: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away...all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Newness of life is not found in just being a good neighbor, a good husband or wife, or a respectable person, or even in just being religious. Jesus expressed His purpose in coming into this world when He told His disciples, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The gospel (good news) by which we receive this life centers upon Jesus' dying upon the cross for our sins, being buried, and raised to life, as witnessed to us through His apostles (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). The apostle Paul also made it plain that this justification is available to us through faith in Christ, saying, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through the Lord

Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Justification by faith involves repentance and baptism, coming forth from the watery grave of baptism into "newness of life" (Rom. 6:1-6).

Mere New Year's resolutions will not accomplish this, but a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, the Son of God in faith and obedience to His word, as Peter explained it: "Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit... being born again...by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Pet. 1:22-23). Have you yet received this new life?

A Human Jesus

The Gospel Accounts present a truly human Jesus, not a ghostly figure who only appeared to be flesh and blood. Jesus spoke of His own body (Mark 14::8), head (Luke 7:44-46), hands, feet, flesh, and bones (Luke 24:39), and blood (Matthew 26:28).

He also displayed distinctly human feelings and qualities: He was moved to pity (Mark 1:41) and compassion (Mark 8:2). He was distressed (Mark 7:34; Luke 8:24-25), angry (Mark 3:5), annoyed (Mark 10:14), surprised (Mark 6:6), disappointed (Mark 8:17; 9:19), and hungry (Mark 11:12).

Although He was born of a virgin, Jesus was a true human being.

Yet after seeing Jesus calm a savage storm by simply "rebuking the winds and the waves," His disciples "were amazed and asked, 'Who can this be?'" (Matthew 8:27).

—Mike Benson, Oxford, Alabama
"Whom say ye that I am?" Matthew 16:15