

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

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
Sinner's Faith - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Sinner's Repentance - Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession - Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism - 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38
Christian's Hope - Romans 8:24-25
Christian's Faithfulness and Endurance - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

HORSE CAVE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Jan. 3

READ SCRIPTURE:

David Houk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Willie Cyphers

OFFICIATE:

Bryan Denison

SERVE COMMUNION:

Rob Bybee Donnie G. Edwards
David Houk Leon Seaton

PREACH:

a.m. - Wayne Hatcher
p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING:

a. m. - BA Fudge
p. m. - Phillip Carter

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:

This afternoon at the building at 4:00

SYMPATHY:

To the family of Nancy Neeley Miller. Her funeral service was conducted by Wayne on Thursday. She was a former member here several years ago.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Today is the first Sunday of a new year and a new decade. It needs to be said that as this new year gradually loses its "newness," and the focus on resolutions declines, life continues on much like the previous year. It requires great diligence to live the Christian life. Someone has said, "Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing." Let's work together as God's servants to make 2010 a great year for HIM.

- Wayne



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TIME OF SERVICES: **Sunday:** Bible Study 10 AM;
Worship 11 AM & 6 PM **Wednesday:** Bible Study 7 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: www.horsecavecoc.com

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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RESOLUTIONS by John Gipson

It has been said that good resolutions are a pleasant crop to sow—the seed springs up so readily. There is a brave show, especially at first. But between the sowing and the reaping there are the difficulties—difficulties that tend to snuff out the early enthusiasm.

Benjamin Franklin told the story of a man who wanted to buy an ax from a smith. The man agreed to pay the advertised price only on the condition that the smith grind the ax until the entire surface of the head shone as brightly as the cutting edge. The smith accepted, on a condition of his own: that the purchaser power the grinding wheel. The man consented and the work began. After a time the man inquired how the polishing was progressing. Steadily, said the smith. The man turned the wheel some more and inquired again. Steadily, said the smith. Again more turning, again the inquiry. Again: Steadily. Finally, exhausted from his labors, the man said he would take the ax as it was. No, no, said the smith; keep turning and we shall have the whole head like a mirror by and by. So we might, said the man, but I think I like a specked ax best.

We extol the apostle Paul because he was a man who refused to settle for a speckled ax. He, too, encountered his problems, but refused to give up on the resolution he had made to go to Jerusalem. His dogged determination is clearly evident in the following: "and now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit, not knowing what shall befall me there; except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:22-24).

Resolutions are worthless without the follow-through. Paul knew this and calls to us across the centuries. "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart."

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Chris Burchett; Dennis Hatcher; Malcolm Eastridge; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); William E. Estes (Vickie Thompson's dad); Frankie Walters; Buddy Logsdon (elder at Cave City); Faye Guinn (member at Center); Peggy Bybee, Ruth Bradford, Jean Hogan, Lisa Shuler have been sick; Jean Turner; Kay Carter had surgery Thurs. in Louisville.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Roger Lile; Evelyn Smith; John Branstetter; Sue Trowbridge; Diane King; Sue Jewell

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Sally Marshall

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Hallie Davidson Mary Edwards Helen Stanley Berdine Hogan Alma Stilts

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING:

Ford Smith 164

NHC HEALTHCARE in Glasgow:

Robert Allen Edwards

MISSION WORKS WE SUPPORT:

Al Horne in South Africa
Mike Brooks in Bangladesh/Nepal
Patinya Thitathan in Thailand
Sammy Flanary – work in Europe
Danny McCain - Green Co. KY
Mid-South Bible Institute in Glasgow, KY
Jerry Carmichael — Grant Co. KY
Dhan Ramkelawan – Suriname, South America
International Gospel Hour – Fayetteville, TN
Gospel Broadcasting Network – Dalton, GA
HTH/HTH ministry here in Horse Cave
Local Radio programs over WLOC-1150 AM
Darrell Wallace Southeast Satellite Schools

COMMODITY PROGRAM:

Items we are collecting for Potter Children's

Home in Bowling Green – Clorox wipes, grape juice, honey mustard dressing, chicken gravy mix and canned chicken. They will pick up items the week of Jan. 10th

LADIES BIBLE CLASS:

Please note: There will be no Ladies Bible Class during January and February.

SPECIAL THANKS:

to Darrell Wallace for preaching in my absence on Sunday Dec. 27, and to Bill Bybee for teaching the Wed. night class on the 23rd.

ANNUAL JOINT-WORSHIP:

We enjoyed another good evening with the Cave City congregation as they joined us for the last Wed. night service of 2009. It was a great way to close out the year.

MID SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE:

New classes will resume on Thurs. Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m. Don Smyth will be teaching a class on the Holy Spirit and Danny Wyatt will teach a class on Spiritual Renewal. See the flyer on the Bulletin Board.

SHARING WONDERFUL NEWS:

Right after services concluded on Sun. morning, Dec. 20th, **Colby Long** made known his desire that he wanted to obey the gospel. He was baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins by his grandfather, Sydney Bunnell.

David Forbes responded Sun. night, Dec. 27th to the invitation asking for the prayers of the congregation admitting sin in his life and asking for forgiveness. David is to be commended. Remember Colby & David in prayer.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What prophet came from the town of Tekoa?

The answer to last week's question was: Elizabeth, Luke 1:41-43

Confidence: Is it in You?

by Tim Childs

Confidence is important in every area of life. When we were young babies, confidence helped us take those first steps toward learning to walk. If we lacked it, we preferred to crawl and perhaps did so a bit longer than others.

As an older child, upon receiving the first bicycle, again confidence became an issue as we learned to ride. For some in later years, there were training wheels that helped us keep our balance. Taking those wheels off could often be an agonizing decision for both child and parent.

In both of the examples above, it becomes apparent that there is a correlation between one's experience and one's confidence. If the experience is good and positive, confidence grows stronger and there is encouragement to try another step. However, if there is serious failure initially, then one's confidence takes flight as on the wings of a dove.

Confidence is greatly needed in our spiritual lives, too. We should be interested in knowing whether the message falling upon our ears is truly from God. Is the speaker, or writer, speaking as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)?

Upon determining that the message is truly the message of God, confidence is needed in our hearts as we take those first steps in answering the call of the gospel. We need confidence that God will keep his promise in cleansing our sins and forgiving our unrighteousness upon our obeying the truth of the gospel. This is the biblical concept of being saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). "Faith" that is dead is non-responsive; faith

that is living is active, responsive, and obedient to Jesus, the Lord and Master (James 2:20).

Our confidence in our Heavenly Father grows over time by the positive experiences we have in our walk with him. He is ever present at our side watching for our well-being and protecting us in times of spiritual danger. Hear the confidence expressed by one of Jesus' apostles: *"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me"* (Acts 27:25). It happened just as God said. To the brethren at Philippi he wrote with utmost confidence: *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:19). Is it any wonder that within the pages of our hymnal may be found the tried and true lyrics: "God Will Take Care of You"? Because he will never leave us nor forsake us, there is no reason to fear. Time and time again God has proven himself worthy of our confidence.

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YESTERDAY, TODAY by Clay Harrison

Yesterday is a reminder of days both good and bad, The trials that taught us lessons and good times we have had. The future still is waiting as a dream awaits the night To become a reality before the morning light.

The past may bring us memories to treasure through the years, And the future keeps the dream alive despite our doubts and fears. But, oh, my friend, we have today to live, and laugh and cry... A day our Lord has given that soon will pass us by.

-via BulletinGold