

**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 – I Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38  
Christian's Hope – Romans 8:24-25  
Christian's Faithfulness and Endurance – Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

**HORSE CAVE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
120 Cave Street  
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**LORD'S DAY APPOINTMENTS**

Scheduled for today - Jan. 4

**READ SCRIPTURE:**

Phillip Carter

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bill Brooks

**OFFICIATE:**

Leon Seaton

**SERVE COMMUNION:**

Chris Burchett Matt Forbes  
Mark Hatcher Rob Bybee

**The New Leaf**

He came to my desk with a quivering lip;  
The lesson was done;  
“Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf,” he said,  
“I’ve spoiled this one.”  
I took the old leaf, torn and blotted,  
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes smiled:  
“Do better now, my child!”

I came to the throne with a trembling heart;  
The year’s work was done:  
“Dear Father, I want a new year,” I said,  
“I have spoiled this one.”  
He took the old year, torn and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,  
And into my sad heart smiled:  
“Do better now, my child.”

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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](http://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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**Another Year Closer to God**

by: Helen Steiner Rice

Your many years of loving God have been golden years well spent,  
Which have brought a golden harvest of deep, serene content.

For glorious is the gladness and rich is the reward  
Of all who work unceasingly in the service of the Lord.

And I know our heavenly Father has directed you each day  
As you try to serve and please Him, as you follow in His way.

And looking back across your life, your spirit grows serene,  
As your soul in love envisions what your eyes have never seen.

And while the springtime of your life is pleasant to recall,  
You know the autumn of life is the richest time of all,

For great has been your gladness and priceless your reward  
As through the years you walked with joy in the vineyard of the Lord.

**How  
To  
Have  
A  
Truly  
Happy  
New  
Year**

Holiness – Hebrews 12:14  
Assembly of God's House – Hebrews 10:25  
Prayer – James 5:16  
Pure Hearts – Matthew 5:8  
Yield Not To Temptation – Romans 6:19  
Neglect Not Your talents – I Timothy 4:14  
Examine Self – I Corinthians 11:28  
Walk With God – Genesis 5:22

Yield To God – Romans 6:13  
Exercise Godliness – I Timothy 4:7  
Acknowledge God – Proverbs 3:6  
Redeem the Time – Ephesians 5:16

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## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### **NEWS ABOUT THE SICK:**

*(We need to especially remember the following people in our prayers and render what service we can to them in their time of need).*

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Doug Edwards; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Blake Morris; Becca Napper; Gerald Watt; Oscar Crain (Becky's uncle); Mary & Tim Piercy; Frankie Walters; Jill Petett; Bill McElwain (Betty Brunt's brother); Hugh Edwards; Ken Russell has been sick; the family of David Fant (member at South Green St.);

Harold Underwood (preacher at Green's Chapel) is having some health problems;

Dennis Hatcher is to have back surgery on Tuesday in Lexington.

### **FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:**

Leslie Witty (surgery); Sarah Lou Wilson; Joyce Robinson; Brian Wise in Iraq; Lou Goldsmith; Phyllis Wilson Middleton; Jim Reed; L. N. Deweese; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross; Bertha Hogan

### **SHUT-INS AT HOME:**

Alma Reynolds Sally Marshall Johnalene Lancaster

### **HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:**

Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 502; Helen Stanley 707; Alma Stilts 501 (Dennis & Wayne's aunt)

### **HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING:**

Ford Smith 164 Lucy Byrd Every 106  
Golda Livesay 121 (Rex' Wallace's sister)

### **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  
Doka Obadiah in Nigeria, Africa  
Jason Freed family going to France  
HTH/HTH ministry here in Horse Cave  
Mid-South Bible Institute in Glasgow, KY  
Jerry Carmichael — Grant Co. KY  
Dhan Ramkelawan – E. TN School of Preaching  
International Gospel Hour – Fayetteville, TN  
Gospel Broadcasting Network – Dalton, GA  
Local Radio programs over WLOC-1150 AM

### **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME:**

We are happy to participate again with Potter Children's Home in their Commodity collection program. Please bring your donations to the building. They have asked us to collect: ziti noodles, microwave popcorn, white rice, bathroom tissue, 3x5 index cards.

### **ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:**

Tomorrow night 7:00

### **WELCOME HOME:**

Ruth Bradford arrived back home on Thursday after spending three weeks with family in GA.

Dylan Denison went to Spain over the Christmas break with a group from Caverna High School.

I am sure there were others who traveled over the Holidays. We hope you had a good time with your family and friends.

### **TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:**

Who said: "And be sure your sin will find you out"?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Bartimaeus, Mark 10:46-52

## Thanks and Happy New Year

by Wayne Hatcher

Welcome to the first Sunday in 2009. It is hard to believe that 2008 is now history.

I appreciated and enjoyed the time off as I used my vacation time for 2008 at the end of December. Becky and I didn't go anywhere so that kind of vacation has come to be labeled a "stacation".

The past two weeks we visited with some of the area congregations such as Lehman Ave. in Bowling Green, South Green Street in Glasgow, Cave City, and Mt. Vernon in Park City. I enjoyed sitting and listening to my preaching brothers. We heard some good lessons, and also enjoyed seeing faithful brethren that we have come to know and love over the years.

I know you were blessed to hear good sermons brought by our own B A Fudge and Bill Bybee. I appreciate them filling in while I was away. A special thanks to Martha Cyphers for taking Becky's Sunday morning class.

One of the highlights of our time off was our son Daniel came home from Washington, D.C., and we were able to spend some quality time with him (9 days) - the most in a very long time.

Taking a break is always needed and helpful. It's good for everyone involved. I want you to know that we missed you. It is always good to be back home. Let's all look forward to the opportunities of working together in the Lord's Cause in 2009!

In Christian Love, Wayne

## You Cannot Get Higher Than God

Let every powerful nation, let every powerful business, let every powerful person hear the message of the Book of Obadiah. We can so succeed in life that we believe we are invincible, that no one and nothing can bring us down. Let us never forget there is a God in heaven who is higher than all and He can bring anyone down.

The nation of Edom exalted itself and believed no one could bring it down. Therefore, when others attacked Judah, Edom rejoiced and saw an opportunity to prevail over his brother. (Judah descended from Jacob and Edom descended from Esau.) In response, the Lord of heaven and earth said to Edom,

*"Though you ascend as high as the eagle, And though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down," says the LORD.*  
(Obadiah 1:4)

The Lord made the eagle. The Lord made the stars. The Lord made Edom. Therefore, the Lord is higher than all of them and if He desired to bring one down, He could do it with no trouble. That truth has not retreated, but still lives today.

Let us humble ourselves before our Creator that He may exalt us according to His will.

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[A good follow-up reading would be: James 4:7-10 - WH]