

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

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LORD'S DAY APPOINTMENTS

Scheduled for today - Jan. 11

READ SCRIPTURE:

Phillip Perkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Brooks

OFFICIATE:

Leon Seaton

SERVE COMMUNION:

Chris Burchett Matt Forbes
Mark Hatcher Rob Bybee

What Happens When a Church Grows?

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5. The world takes notice.

Man possesses a particular instinct for measuring sincerity. When we radiate the glory of the Father and seek to communicate His mercy to the lost, people know. All that makes them wonder what's happening. So, non-members become members, and the church learns more of how to be God's people.

6. Heaven rejoices.

God is glorified. Christ is lifted up. All Heaven sings in joy. ***"There is more joy in Heaven over one sinner that comes to repentance..."***

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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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What Happens When a Church Grows?

1. Weak members are growing stronger.

Some who have not been so interested in the past are taking a new, fresh look at their involvement in the Lord's work here. They are finding it exciting and meaningful, and they are receiving a blessing for their increased interest.

2. Strong members are reaching out to those whose faith needs strengthening.

They are encouraging others to be a part of the Lord's people, to share in the fellowship and joys of Christian labor. They are becoming more aware of the weaknesses and needs of those around them. They are seeking to build and not criticize, to help and not hinder.

3. Satan is upset.

He sees this increase as a real threat to his dominion over the minds of worldly people. He sees God's kingdom chipping away at this kingdom. He sees the power of the truth overruling his power of darkness. He knows that his own power is no match for the Lord's power, and he panics. We can be pretty sure that he will increase his efforts against us. But, the Lord's power will always "overwhelmingly conquer" if we live in it.

4. The church is happier.

God designed man for God's own glory. When we are in line with God's will, we see the benefits, and it gives us peace. When we can help spread the Gospel and see its power changing the lives of the wicked, we rejoice in being able to give as He has given to us. When we do, we grow.

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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; Linda Forbes; Blake Morris; Gerald Watt; Oscar Crain (Becky's uncle); Mary & Tim Piercy; Frankie Walters; Jill Petett; Bill McElwain (Betty Brunt's brother); Hugh Edwards

Becca Napper, Becky Hatcher, Temisha Denison, Janice Bybee, Robert Brooks and BA Fudge were all sick Wed. night
Crystal Martin, R. T Turner have been real sick with the flu; Harold Underwood (preacher at Green's Chapel); Dennis Hatcher is recovering from successful back surgery last week.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Leslie Witty; Sarah Lou Wilson; Joyce Robinson; Brian Wise & Tony Bush in Iraq; Lou Goldsmith; Phyllis Wilson Middleton; Jim Reed; L. N. Deweese; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross

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

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
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
HTH/HTH ministry here in Horse Cave
Local Radio programs over WLOC-1150 AM

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME:

Today is the deadline to bring in your donations for the commodity program. They have asked us to collect: ziti noodles, microwave popcorn, white rice, bathroom tissue, 3x5 index cards.

SLIGHT CORRECTION:

We reported last week that Dylan Denison went to Spain with a group from Caverna High School. She actually went with her aunt Vinna. We are glad they had a safe and enjoyable trip.

FREED-HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP:

The 73rd Annual Bible Lectureship will be held in Henderson, TN: Feb. 1-6 "Crying Out to God: Prayer and Praise in the Psalms"

This year the Lectureship will be dedicated to Parker & Donna Henderson for their many years of service in the Lord's Kingdom. A dinner on Tues. night will be in their honor.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What animal was to be eaten at the Passover meal?

The answer to last week's question was:
Moses, Num. 32:23

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

by Fred Mayberry

What must I do to be saved? This is a very important question. Many people would answer this question in many different ways. Any way that differs from what the Bible says is false. But what does God require in the Bible for one to be saved? **We must believe in God and in Christ.** Jesus says in John 8:24, "For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." To believe in Jesus is to accept and do all He says.

We must repent. The Bible says, "The Lord...is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). It is either repent or perish. Repentance is a change of heart and mind to turn away from sin. It is making up our mind that henceforth we are going to serve God with all our might and do everything He says. Without repentance we cannot receive forgiveness and be saved.

We must be willing to confess our belief in Christ to other people. Jesus says, "Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32). Jesus says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). One needs help to misunderstand what Jesus says here. Jesus placed both belief and baptism before salvation. Also we read in Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Notice the Bible says that both **repentance and baptism come before remission of sins.** Most of the denominational world laughs at God's word when it says that baptism is for the remission of one's sins so one can be saved and go to Heaven. This is sad and will cause many people to be eternally lost in Hell. This lie of Satan says that baptism is not necessary for forgiveness of sins and to be saved. Satan says all you have to do to be saved is just "**accept Jesus as you personal**

Saviour" and say the "**sinner's prayer.**" Satan says it is alright to be baptized after you think you are saved because even Satan knows one is saved at the point of baptism and not before. Satan knows that if one is not baptized for the forgiveness of sins to be saved, he still has every sin he ever committed and is still lost. Another lie Satan says, infants are born sinners and must be baptized in order to be saved. This again contradicts God's word. God says in Ezekiel 18:20, "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son." God says children do not inherit sin from their parents, grandparents, or any of their forefathers all the way back to Adam. Infants and little children are innocent and have no sin. Jesus says, "**Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven**" (Matthew 18:3). When one who was baptized as an infant becomes accountable, he doesn't think he needs to be baptized again to be saved. Satan knows that when people who were baptized as infants become accountable and begin to sin, they will be eternally lost if they do not obey the Lord in baptism. Our word "**baptize**" is translated from the Greek word **baptizo**. Let's look in the Bible to see how people were baptized. "**Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there**" (John 3:23). Scriptural baptism, which is immersion according to the Bible, requires much water, at least enough to immerse a person. Sprinkling and pouring are unlawful substitutes made by man that will cause many people to be eternally lost. Just as Satan has deceived many people down through the ages, he continues to deceive the vast majority of people today with his lies. Anything that contradicts or is different from God's word in the Bible is another lie of Satan. God offers salvation to all people, but He conditions that salvation with obeying the requirements, which He set forth in His word, the Bible.

- from the Fairview Visitor, Fairview, TN