

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
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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Jan. 25

READ SCRIPTURE:

Doug Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Brooks

OFFICIATE:

Leon Seaton

SERVE COMMUNION:

Chris Burchett Matt Forbes
Mark Hatcher Rob Bybee

THOSE TO SERVE IN FEBRUARY:

READ SCRIPTURE:

Feb 1 – Bryan Denison
Feb 8 – Leon Seaton
Feb 15 – Bill Brooks
Feb 22 – David Houk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Willie Cyphers

OFFICIATE:

Phillip Carter

SERVE COMMUNION:

Phillip Perkins David Houk
Bobby Bybee Sydney Bunnell

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING:

This Wed. night will be time for our 4th Wed. night singing

CANS FOR POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME:

We still have a few cans if you would like to take one and help save your change. You have until July 5 before they pick them up.



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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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Remembering Things We Take For Granted by Patrick Hogan

Sometimes seemingly insignificant events can teach important lessons. Tuesday morning the electricity went off twice at my house. The first time it was off for about a minute. The second time it was off for perhaps five minutes. During the second outage, while I was shaving, I realized how dependent we are upon electricity, but how much we take it for granted. Without power there would be no morning coffee, no hot breakfast, no heat, and no lights. Even knowing that the power was off, I wanted to switch on the light so I could locate some things more easily. I again realized that we pretty much take electric power for granted and don't appreciate it until it goes off. It is truly amazing that we have so many conveniences that are made available through electricity, a source of power we cannot see and to which we give little thought until it's not there.

You can probably see the applications before I even mention them. Though we cannot see God, we have so many blessings from Him that make our lives so good. Unfortunately, we often take Him and the blessings that He gives for granted. We don't really think too much about them until they aren't there. Often we do not really think about God until adversity strikes and then we wonder why He isn't doing what we expect Him to do.

A couple of passages of Scripture come to mind. The first is James 1:16-17, "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." The second is from Acts 17: "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ... for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring." May we become more mindful of all that God, our Father, does for us and become more grateful to Him for His love and care for us.

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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; R.T. Turner; Betty Brunt; Becca Napper; Blake Morris; Gerald Watt; Dennis Hatcher; Frankie Walters; Jill Petett; Bill McElwain; Hugh Edwards; Harold Underwood (preacher at Green's Chapel); several within the congregation have been sick with some kind of "bug" that is going around.

BA Fudge, David Houk, Becky Hatcher were sick Wed. night;

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Susanne Wintsch; Penny Stinson; Oscar Crain; Leslie Witty; Sarah Lou Wilson; Joyce Robinson; Brian Wise & Tony Bush in Iraq; Phyllis Wilson Middleton; Jim Reed; L. N. Deweese; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross; Mary McGavic; Erica Norman; Odell Martin

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

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.

MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE:

New classes resumed this past Thurs. night. with *Galatians* taught by Ed Wharton and *Romans* taught by Richard Rogers. Time: 6:30—8:30 Location: 413 Samson St. Glasgow, Ky

NEW BULLETIN BOARD:

Be sure and check out the beautiful new bulletin board on the wall downstairs. It is very special because it has a world map and lists all the missionaries we help support. We are indebted to Martha Cyphers for doing this wonderful project.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:

Next Sunday afternoon at 4:00

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What OT king made a famous judgment about a baby that two women claimed was theirs?

The answer to last week's question was: his father-in-law, Jethro, Exodus 18

Choices Have Consequences

by Ken Chumbley

In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, He created them to be creatures of choice and not robots that had to do His will. In the Garden of Eden, Adam was told: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it" (Genesis 2:16-17a). That Adam was able to make to make a choice is clearly seen in that God set forth a consequence if he violated that restriction: "for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:17b). Eve was also aware of the restriction that God had made and the consequences of making a wrong choice. When she was confronted by the serpent, she stated: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die" (Genesis 3:2-3).

We all know of the choice that Adam and Eve made when the serpent (Satan) was able to convince Eve that God didn't really mean what He said. She was able to convince Adam and both made the choice to partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now, Adam might try to say it was Eve's fault and Eve might try to place the blame at the feet of the serpent but those excuses would not fly. They both made the choice and thus both bore the consequences of that decision. They might have felt like the consequences of eating the fruit where good based on what they saw and the immediate results. However, the real consequences came later when, true to His Word, they died, spiritually, and were thrust out of their home in Eden. Other consequences followed for them, as we read from Genesis 3:15-24.

However, that was not all, for all men and women have suffered the consequences of the sin of Adam and Eve (Romans 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 15:22).

One lesson all need to learn in every area of life is that each choice that we make brings consequences. When one makes a good choice, there can be good consequences. Bad choices can bring bad consequences. Note I did not say that every good choice brings good consequences or vice versa. Paul made a good choice when he was obedient to the Gospel of Christ but as we read some of the consequences were not good. However, it is clear that the eternal consequences, as Paul teaches, were all good. Sometimes people make bad choices and, the immediate consequences may be good. For example, one may choose to rob a bank. The initial consequences are good – they have lots of extra money. However, the good consequences do not last. Often they end when the bank robber is apprehended and he has to give up his loot and also will probably lose his freedom. Further, if the robber is not repentant, there will be eternal consequences that are not good.

All are called upon to make a choice – whether or not to serve God and be obedient to His will. God has told us of the consequences of that choice. What is your choice? Will you choose to serve God and be obedient to His will? That choice brings eternal consequences with respect to Heaven and Hell. God does not want any to perish but desires all to come to repentance and be saved (II Peter 3:9). However, each individual has to make that choice bearing in mind the eternal consequences.

[I found this article on BulletinGold and thought it fit well with our lesson last Sunday morning. - WH]