

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the gospel – Acts 15:7; 10:33
Believe the gospel – Mark 16:15-16
Repent of my sins – Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
Confess my faith in Christ – Rom. 10:9ff;
Acts 8:37
Be baptized for remission of sins – Acts
2: 38; Acts 22:16; Eph. 1:7
Walk in the light & live faithful unto death -
I John 1:7ff; Rev. 2:10

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LORD’S DAY APPOINTMENTS

Scheduled for Today - Jan. 28

READ SCRIPTURE:

BA Fudge

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Brooks

OFFICIATE:

Tom Evans

SERVE COMMUNION:

Matt Forbes Sydney Bunnell
David Houk Bryan Denison

LEAD SINGING:

am – BA Fudge pm - Ken Russell

THOSE SERVING IN FEBRUARY:

READ SCRIPTURE:

4 – Doug Edwards
11 – Wayne Hatcher
18 – Sydney Bunnell
25 – Willie Cyphers

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bryan Denison

OFFICIATE:

Ken Russell

SERVE COMMUNION:

Chris Burchett Donnie Edwards
Bobby Bybee Mark Hatcher

SONG LEADERS:

4 – am Scott Huff pm BA Fudge
11 - am Ken Russell pm Scott Huff
18 – am BA Fudge pm Ken Russell
25 – am Scott Huff pm BA Fudge

FLOWERS TO THE NURSING HOME:

Peggy Fudge and Peggy Bybee



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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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Beulah Land by J. S. Smith

Believe it or not – the name Beulah was the seventy-seventh most popular name for baby girls born at the turn of the century. That’s the early 1900s, not the most recent century turn, but that is probably pretty obvious since there are not too many Beulahs around today.

The name Beulah traces itself back to the Old Testament, however, and has two important characteristics. First, it is a Hebrew word for “married” – a beautiful, if not currently observed, condition. Second, it was God’s way of reaffirming his love for Israel by pointing forward to the kingdom that would come through the Messiah, born in Bethlehem and sending forth his law from Zion.

Isaiah 62:1-5 reads: “*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee*” (KJV).

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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:

James Horton; Parker Bybee; Cindy Clark; Betty Brunt; Dorothy Forbis (member at Cave City); **Diane Hall** (Angie Bybee's cousin); **Dixie Strode; Teresa Ayers; Art Lattanzi; B. L. Bogue** had out-patient surgery on Jan. 24; **Chad Briggs** had surgery Thursday at Vanderbilt to repair an ACL injury; **Jeremiah Logsdon** has been sick.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Marge Handy; Francis Moss; Krista (Button) Harris, Jerri Borden, Mary Lou Myers, Pat Spencer, Kenneth Shaw, Debbie Mouser

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Luna Lowe
Sally Marshall Johnalene Lancaster
Marjorie Aldridge

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Noah Isenberg 101; Marjorie Isenberg 305; Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 405; Doris Walton 405; Helen Stanley 707

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

OUR REGULAR MISSION EFFORTS:

Al Horne in South Africa
Mike Brooks in Bangladesh/Nepal
Patinya Thitathan in Thailand
Sammy Flanary – work in Europe
Danny McCain - Green Co. KY
Marty Edwards – Munfordville, KY
Doka Obadiah in Nigeria, Africa

HTH/HTH ministry here in Horse Cave
Mid-South Bible Institute in Glasgow, KY
Jerry Carmichael — Grant Co. KY
International Gospel Hour – Fayetteville, TN
Local Radio programs over WLOC-1150

SYMPATHY:

We share sorrows with the family of Betty Neville who passed away last Sunday morning. Her funeral was Wed. at the Winn Funeral Home.

AL AND DONNA HORNE:

It was so good to have Al and Donna Horne with us last Sunday morning. It is a pleasure to have fellowship with them in God's work in South Africa. I have submitted a picture and news story to the local papers in hopes they will publish it.

FREED-HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP:

Feb. 4-9th 71st Annual Bible Lectureship in Henderson, TN The theme this year is: *Hear O Israel—Preserving a Godly Heritage in Deuteronomy*

OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING:

Note: the dates of our next Gospel Meeting will be **April 29 - May 2 Frank Higginbotham** will be doing the preaching.

VISITORS WELCOME:

If you are visiting with us, you are our honored guests. We appreciate your presence. Welcome home to our Jean Turner who has been in Florida for a few weeks.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Philip, Andrew and Peter lived in this city, which Jesus rebuked for its unbelief. Also Jesus healed a blind man here.

The answer to last week's question was Gideon, Judges 6:36-40

Beulah Land... continued

The church is the bride of Christ, a Beulah Land in prospect of a heavenly union, "betrothed to one husband" (2 Cor. 11:2), even Christ the bridegroom (John 3:28, Eph. 5:27). John writes, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.... Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7, 9).

An invitation to a wedding is almost always welcome, but when it means oneself being joined to Christ, it is an invitation that is rejected only at complete personal peril. One of the Lord's own parables, however, reveals that many will thoughtlessly beg out and be lost.

In Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus taught the parable of the wedding feast, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a king who "gave a wedding feast for his son." The king sent out messengers to call the invited, but "they were unwilling to come" (1-3).

Imagine that. Perhaps they perceived the wedding invitation to be a bill for a gift. Perhaps they were counting the cost and deeming it excessive (Luke 14:28). People often do.

The king then sent out other messengers to inform the invited that a great feast was prepared for their refreshment, "but they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business ..." (4-6).

Enraged, the king punished those who refused his initial invitation and then sent messengers into the main highways to find more common guests who would joyfully

respond "and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests" (7-10).

Truly, the Jews who were first invited to Beulah Land generally refused the invitation, even seizing and mistreating God's messengers – the apostles, prophets and the Lord himself. Does the parable not apply today just as well, however?

The gospel invitation is to be wed to Christ, divorcing the world and its wicked ways, but how many respond with joy? Christ offers rest to those who are spiritually weak and laden with guilt, moral nutrition for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, but how many fit that profile when the invitation is repeated (Matt. 11:28-30, 5:6)?

Some count the cost and consider it excessive – abstinence from popular sins like drink and lust, attention to honesty and selflessness, financial support of the work behind it all. Excessive, they think.

Others are hampered by spiritual apathy as they rest on personal laurels of self-righteousness and doubt about the reality of God or the necessity of discipleship.

Even some in the church shrink back in such directions. In the parable of the wedding feast, the king discovered one guest who actually did not belong and the king exiled him to "outer darkness...weeping and gnashing of teeth" (11-13).

Beulah Land is being wed to Christ, the son of God. "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14). You have been called by God, but as the parable indicates, your selection is up to you (2 Peter 1:10). Perhaps it is finally time to get off the farm and look into the Father's business for a change. Beulah Land awaits, but it won't wait forever.