

## 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. 31

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Willie Cyphers

### 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

## THOSE TO SERVE IN FEBRUARY:

### READ SCRIPTURE:

7 - Phillip Perkins  
14 - David Houk  
21 - Bryan Denison  
28 - Bill Brooks

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leon Seaton

### OFFICIATE:

Mike Thompson

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Rex Wallace Bobby Bybee  
Chris Burchett Bill Brooks

### LEAD SINGING:

7 - a.m. Scott Huff p.m. Ken Russell  
14 - a.m. Phillip Carter p.m. BA Fudge  
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28 - a.m. BA Fudge p.m. Phillip Carter



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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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## Righteous Lot

Lot is hardly a man for whom great admiration can be mustered. But Peter called him a righteous man with a righteous soul (2 Peter 2:7-8). What is interesting is the fact that Peter used an active verb to describe Lot. He said that the Lord delivered "*righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their lawless deeds.*"

The fact that he actively vexed his righteous soul over the condition of the city indicates that he made himself uncomfortable, if not even miserable, as he pondered the enormity and ugliness of sinful conditions in which he had chosen to live. As a righteous man he could not be indifferent. He could not simply ignore what was so obvious. He was too good for such things. He had to be active in his disgust with sin. His vexation apparently did not lead him to launch a city-wide campaign to clean up Sodom or to lead a violent crusade against sodomy. But still, righteous Lot vexed his righteous soul over the deplorable and wretched conditions.

While Lot did not have his uncle's great faith, moral fortitude, or energetic godliness, still he is described as a righteous man with a righteous soul. But sometimes righteous people don't do enough. Lot was certainly deficient in moral courage. Someone wrote, "If Sodom had need to open her gates after that strife among the hills between the herdsmen of Lot's cattle and the herdsmen of Abraham's cattle, she did well, as regards her own tranquility, to open them to this man whose personal piety could hardly have caused a ripple upon that iniquitous sea of human depravity."

Like many of us, Lot may have worried, vexed his soul, and cried out in disgust at the horrible conditions he lived in -- but that is about all. He will ever stand before the world as typical of that large class of men who are wanting in moral forcefulness.

## NEWS & NOTES...

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; R. T. Turner; Chris Burchett; Dennis Hatcher; Jean Turner; Joe & Maxine Turner; Bill McElwain (Betty Brunt's brother); Pat Bradford; William E. Estes; Frankie Walters; Buddy Logsdon; Gary Hogan; the Eastridge family; citizens of Haiti; Remember to pray for Mary Piercy who responded to the invitation Sunday night asking for our prayers.

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

Oscar Crain; Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Roger Lile; John Branstetter; Diane King; Hilda Wolff; family of Nell Trowbridge

### **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

### **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

### **MID SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE:**

New classes resumed on Thurs. Jan. 14th at 6:30 p.m. Danny Wyatt is teaching a class on Spiritual Renewal and Don Smyth has a class on the Holy Spirit. See the flyer on the Bulletin Board.

### **THANK YOU NOTES:**

*Dear Family in Christ,  
Thank you so much for all the love and kindness shown to Doug and to us during his sickness and passing. You held a very special place in his heart and we can hardly express our appreciation for your prayers, flowers, food, visits and your love.*

*In Christian love, Doug's family*

### **DEALING WITH GRIEF & LOSS WORKSHOP:**

Feb. 19-21 at the South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow. Ron & Don Williams will be speaking on a variety of topics. I highly recommend this workshop to you. Ron & Don are the authors of two very good books which I have in my library. See Bulletin Board for more details.

### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

As I prepare the Bulletin on Sat. morning, we have received one of the biggest snow falls in quite awhile: 6-8 in. Again, thanks to R. T. Turner for bringing his tractor and grader blade and clearing our parking lot. Also thanks to Rex Wallace for clearing the front steps and spreading salt. However, everyone will still need to use extreme caution.

### **CONTRIBUTION TO HAITI RELIEF:**

A check for \$1000 has been sent to help our brethren in Haiti.

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

Who went to sleep single, but when he awoke, he had a wife?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Jacob, Gen. 29:18-20

## I Know...



Many of us have things in our past we wish to hide. We have done or said things of which we are now ashamed and embarrassed. Some of those things were foolish indiscretions of youth, when our wills were ruled more by emotions than intellect. Others cannot be blamed on youth, but only on the strength of temptation and the weakness of faith.

I have never understood why some people use these sinful things as a spiritual marquee. They openly profess their youthful indulgences, claiming the Lord saved them from themselves. The demons of drugs and illicit sex had bound them until Jesus set them free. They almost appear to revel in their rebellion.

I am glad people who know me best have not tried to find out every mix-step and blunder. I would be ashamed for them to know about some things from years past. I am quite happy about their ignorance. I suspect they feel the same way: let us leave the past in the past.

However, I must confess there is a person who knows everything about me. Things I have forgotten, He knows. Things I remember with shame, He knows. He knows not only what I have done, but also what I have thought. Thoughts and desires which have never been expressed to a living soul, He knows. I am entirely incapable of thinking or acting apart from His knowledge.

This person who knows everything about me is the one John describes as walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks and He who holds the keys of death and Hades (Rev. 1 :12-18).

There is no place I can go to escape His scrutiny. He sees me when I arise and when I retire; when I work and when I play. Wherever I am, He sees and knows.

He not only knows me, He knows you (singular and plural). He told the church at Ephesus, "I know thy works, and thy toil and patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that call themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false" (Rev. 2: 2). No congregation has any secrets from the Lord. He knows our strengths and weaknesses, our wants and our wills.

It becomes us individually and collectively to try to live in such a way as to cause no disappointment and wrath from our Savior. He calls upon us to forsake sin and return to truth. To Ephesus He said, "Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent" (Rev. 2:5)

- Author unknown

*"O Lord, You have searched me, and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to You." Psalm 139: 1,2,7,12*