

### 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 - Feb 3**

#### **READ SCRIPTURE:**

Willie Cyphers

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

John Eastridge

#### **OFFICIATE:**

Sydney Bunnell

#### **SERVE COMMUNION:**

Phillip Perkins Bobby Bybee  
Matt Forbes Donnie Edwards

#### **LEAD SINGING:**

am BA Fudge pm Scott Huff

### **Change Is In the Air** (from page 3)

There are many folks who dislike our biblical position that a person must repent and be baptized in order to become a Christian (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6). The commands to sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16f) are just as clear in scripture as what we must do to be saved. However, the New Testament is silent about instruments, and we lack authority to insert them into our worship. It's no surprise that instruments of music were never even used in Christian worship until hundreds of years *after* the first century. Even the early major denominational leaders such as Clark, Calvin, Wesley, Moody, et. al. strongly opposed the instrument. But there were people then who pushed for changes just like we see today.

For the record, I am not against all changes. But I am against *the kind of changes* I see and hear that are underway. I hope we do not wake up one day after all this and witness the unpleasant consequences of changes that affected churches of Christ over a hundred years ago. History is destined to be repeated if we are not alert!!



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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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### **By What Standard of Authority?**

By what authority do you practice the things you do in religion?

**Is “the majority” the correct standard of authority?** Surely not. Through time, the majority has been in the wrong. Where was the majority when the flood came? What about Sodom and Gomorrah? Jesus said many would go in the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). “The majority” is not the correct standard of authority.

**Are “kinsmen” the correct standard of authority?** Surely not. If they were, then every religion, even those that deny the divinity of Christ and reject the Bible as the infallible guide in matters of religion, would be all right if such was accepted by kinsmen. “Kinsmen” are not the standard of authority.

**Are “the creeds of men” the correct standard of authority?** Surely not. They are contradictory to the inspired and infallible Word of God. They contain the doctrines and commandments of men, concerning which Jesus said, “*But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matthew 15:9). “The creeds of men” are not the correct standard of authority.

**Is “I think” the correct standard of authority?** Surely not. In Jeremiah 10:23 we read, “*O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*” Also, observe Proverbs 14:12, “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*” “I think” is not the correct standard of authority.

**Christ, and His Testament, is the correct standard of authority.** All authority in heaven and in earth has been given unto Christ (Matthew 28:18). His Testament is complete, final and all-sufficient (John 16:13; Jude 3). Religious practices are to be based upon His Word. Peter wrote, “*If any man speak, let him speak as of the oracles of God*” (1 Peter 4:11).

In view of this, can you give book, chapter, and verse from the New Testament for what you practice in religion?  
- Wendell Winkler

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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; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Phillip Carter; Dorothy Forbis, Terry Matthews; Angie Eastridge; Katherine Wright; Berdine Hogan and Claudia Isenberg (members at Shady Grove); Lois Edwards; Lucy Byrd Every; Blake Morris will have surgery Wed. in Lexington; Dennis Hatcher (shingles); Chad Hatcher will have gall bladder surgery Wed. in Glasgow; Gerald Watt continues his recovery. He will begin treatments soon. He is very grateful for everyone's love and concern.

### **IN THE HOSPITAL:**

Russell Hogan is in the ICU at T. J. Samson  
Hugh Edwards is in the Jewish Hospital in Louisville after suffering a heart attack.

**NEWS FLASH:** J. C. Choate passed away at his home in Winona, MS yesterday. He and his wife Betty have dedicated the past 45 years of their lives to reaching souls in India, Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and various nations in Africa with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He DID what others only THOUGHT.

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

J. C. Groce; Joyce Robinson; Richard Brown; Sarah Lou Wilson; Lou Goldsmith; George Corrie; Dana Branstetter

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

Luna Lowe Sally Marshall Alma Reynolds  
Johnalene Lancaster

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

Noah Isenberg 101; Marjorie Isenberg 305; Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 411; Doris Walton 503; 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

### **MISSION WORK SUPPORTED:**

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  
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

### **MEN'S LEADERSHIP & TRAINING CLASS:**

Last week we had a great beginning for our leadership/training class. It was encouraging to have such a good turn-out. For those who did not make the first meeting, please make the effort to be here this afternoon at 4:00. This is very important, so your presence and interest is needed.

### **FREED HARDEMAN LECTURESHIP:**

Feb. 3-8 72nd Annual FHU Lectureship will be held in Henderson, TN. This year's theme is: *'Behold the Lamb: John's Gospel of Belief'*

### **THANKS:**

Rebecca Napper's mom really appreciated the get-well cards she received after her surgery and during her recovery.

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

What figure did Jesus use as a contrast to the humble publican?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Jehoiakim, Jeremiah 36:23

## Change Is In the Air

by Wayne Hatcher

It seems like everywhere we turn today we are hearing the "c" word. No, I am not referring to cancer even though it plagues us to no end. The "c" word I have in mind is the word "change." We all know it has become the major theme of this year's Presidential Election. Candidates from both major political parties are trying to sell themselves to the American people that they are the "change agents" for politics in Washington especially at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. There is no doubt that after this year's election we will have change. I am not willing to venture and say if it will be for the best.

Of far more importance to me is spiritual changes. "Change" has been the code word used by many folks for several years now. I know within the body of Christ it has been going for some 20 years. As norms within secular society and religion have undergone radical changes within our lifetime, people are clamoring for change in the Lord's church as well. There's not a week that goes by that I don't receive a bulletin, or an email or read someone's Blog where they are talking about this issue. CHANGE is definitely in the air.

Many churches are calling for change in order to keep some members from leaving and going elsewhere, or in order to attract people who otherwise would not be interested. **Worship** seems to be one of the main issues of the controversy. People are demanding that their worship be more "contemporary" i.e. modern and do what the denominations are doing. They often are accusatory of worship that it has become a meaningless exercise and is "outdated" and unless we change some members will leave the church.

This becomes a very painful experience for those affected by the "change agents". Those in opposition want nothing to do with changing worship such as adding mechanical

instruments of music or the emotional hand clapping, the swaying and holding up of hands, dimming lights, etc. They rightly argue that we must not change the way we worship because in doing so we violate biblical principles that we have held dear from the beginning. Often times they are forced to either stay and go along with the changes, or go elsewhere and start all over.

Just this week I corresponded with a preacher from a congregation in Oklahoma after learning that this congregation of about 1,000 had decided that they needed to change by adding an instrumental worship service on Sunday morning. He gave two reasons: (1) To keep more of their people who were leaving for instrumental churches. (2) to reach people they had been missing who had hang-ups about worship styles without the use of instruments of music. One example he gave was: "One member will say, 'I brought a guest, and they didn't have any concerns about our worship style. They said the singing was beautiful, and they couldn't believe how impressed they were with the a cappella worship.' And another member would say, 'I brought a guest, and they really liked the church and everything, but they're asking us what's the deal with the musical instruments, and I really can't get over this worship style.' "

The elders and preacher were worried about loosing or not attracting people, but what about the 300+ members they lost after they added the instruments? Their convictions would not allow them to stay. So what about them?? By the way, that congregation is down to 600, but I'm sure in time they will gain others. But at what price??

My question is where will it end? If we change and compromise our beliefs in worship to accommodate people, what shall we do with how one becomes a Christian or the plan of salvation. (concluded on back pg.)