

## 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 - Feb. 21

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Bryan Denison

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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### OFFICIATE:

Mike Thompson

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Rex Wallace Bobby Bybee  
Chris Burchett Bill Brooks

### PREACH:

a.m. - Wayne Hatcher  
p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

### LEAD SINGING:

a. m. - BA Fudge  
p. m. - Ken Russell

### BLESSED ARE... (con't from pg. 3)

the peace and fulfillment that only He can give, we will be blessed beyond our ability to understand and explain (cf. Philippians 4:7). This is the abundant life of which Jesus speaks (John 10:10). It is this life in which we find true joy and happiness.

If you are looking for blessings that come from God, then you need to look to the qualities described by Jesus. The proof of your blessings will not be found in how great or wealthy you become in the here and now, but in how many treasures you have laid up for yourself in heaven.

How about it - are we blessed?

### A BIG THANKS!!

to Darrell Wallace and Bill Bybee for filling in for me Sunday night and Wed. night! - WH



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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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## **Jesus Marveled** by Brent Lewis

In the eight chapter of Matthew we find a centurion coming to Jesus, imploring Him to simply say the word that would heal his servant. This man displayed a phenomenal faith in the authority of the Lord, which evoked the response from the lips of Jesus which we read in verse 10: "And when Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel."

Upon another occasion, in Mark 6, Jesus came to His own country of Nazareth. There the kin and countrymen rejected both His works and His teachings; and because of this, we find in Mark 6:6, "And he marveled because of their unbelief."

These are the only two places in the Scriptures where it is stated that Jesus marveled. It is significant, therefore, to notice that in the one case, the astonishment and wonder on the part of our Lord was caused by the great measure of faith; in the other example, His amazement came because of the complete and utter lack of faith.

I wonder which of these dispositions characterizes the life of most Christians today? Would Jesus marvel at your life because of your great belief or unbelief?

## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; R. T. Turner; Phillip Carter; Dennis Hatcher; Mary Piercy; Joe & Maxine Turner; Bill McElwain (Betty Brunt's brother); Pat Bradford; William E. Estes; Frankie Walters; Buddy Logsdon; George Bush; Gary Hogan; Tyler Lowe; Marianna Meadows; Ruby McCain; Gene Corder; Katherine Wright; the relief efforts in Haiti; our Jennifer Hatcher will undergo some tests next month; Ashley Neville as she is due to have her baby this week.

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

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; John Branstetter; Diane King; Hilda Wolff; James Minor

### **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

### **WEDDING SHOWER NEXT SUNDAY:**



You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Kara Roedel, bride-elect of Matthew Forbes.

Date: Feb. 28, 2010 Time: 2:00 Place: the Bunnells at 8172 Happy Valley Rd. Cave City

They are registered at: Target, Kohl's, Lowe's and Pampered Chef.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

In our last Elders & Deacons meeting, we discussed two possible dates for our VBS this Summer. We would like to know which date you would prefer: June 9—12 or June 16—19. As we continue to get snow and miss more school, it is becoming obvious that the later date may be the best option.

### **OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING:**

**May 2—5, 2010** with Phil Sanders of Edmond, OK. He is now working with Mack Lyon and the TV ministry: *In Search of the Lord's Way*. Bro. Sanders was last with us in April of 2005. We are looking forward to his return!

### **LADIES INSPIRATION DAY:**

March 13 at E-town Church of Christ with Mary Greene. See Bulletin Board for details.

### **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR:**

March 27 at Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY 9 — 3 "Knowing the Difference Between Faith and Opinion" See the bulletin board for details.

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

What king of Judah tore down the pagan shrines and stamped out child sacrifice in Judah?

## "BLESSED ARE . . ." T. Doy Moyer

Matthew 5:1-12 contains what is usually called the "Beatitudes." This comes from the Latin *beatus*, meaning happy or blessed. The idea is that of perfect happiness or blessedness. The Greek term, *makarios*, means "blessed, happy, or fortunate." However, the concept goes beyond just being "happy." From a physical standpoint, we know, for example, that the one who is persecuted and reviled is not "happy" in the usual sense. When Jesus says these are "blessed," He means blessed and favored by God. It is "that state of being marked by fullness from God" (Zodhiates 937). It describes those who are the privileged recipients of divine favor.

*Makarios* differs from the typical concept of "happy" in that the idea of happy often carries the concept of good luck coming from favorable circumstances. Yet, Jesus is not describing physically favorable circumstances. He is describing those who find their satisfaction and favor in God, regardless of their physical circumstances. He is describing those who, like Paul, could "rejoice in the Lord" even though their earthly situations were less than ideal (cf. Philippians 4:4).

In other words, true joy and happiness does not come according to the thinking of the world. "I'll be happy when" we often think. But when we get what we think will make us happy, we find that we are still not satisfied, and we target other items that we think will finally make us "happy."

Favorable circumstances can make a person "happy" in the typical sense, but that does not make a person "blessed" in the sense Jesus speaks of. In order to be blessed in this way, Jesus says that there are certain attitudes and actions that must be present. The kingdom of heaven (not the riches and kingdoms of the earth) belong to

those who exhibit the humble and gentle qualities Jesus describes.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

These are spiritual, inner qualities that manifest themselves in humble and gentle behaviors. The one who is "poor in spirit" is one who recognizes his or her need for God. These are able to "mourn" for their sins in order to receive the comfort of forgiveness. The humble, or meek, are those for whom God has reserved grace (1 Peter 5:5). To those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, God will grant the fulfillment and satisfaction. Further blessing awaits the merciful, the pure, and those who make spiritual peace. Even those who physically suffer ridicule and persecution for the Lord's sake will be blessed by God in a way that will cause them to rejoice.

We must be a people who look beyond what the physical earth provides. If we think that happiness comes about due to our earthly circumstances, then we will be greatly disappointed. But if we look to the Lord for

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