

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

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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - March 1

READ SCRIPTURE:

Bill Brooks

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

John Eastridge

OFFICIATE:

Bobby Bybee

SERVE COMMUNION:

Donnie Edwards Bill Brooks
 Rex Wallace Les Neville

AREA EVENTS:

March 1-4 Gospel Meeting at the Center Church of Christ with Keith Parker, Hendersonville, TN 7 p.m.

March 15-19 Gospel Meeting at Refuge Church of Christ with Chris Coil, 7 p.m.

March 22-25 Gospel Meeting at S. Green St. in Glasgow with Phil Sanders, 7 p.m.

March 28 Fundamental Truths Seminar at Lehman Ave. in Bowling Green.

March 28 & 29 "YOUTH FOCUS 2009: *Confronting Culture*" at the South Green St. Church of Christ Guest speaker: Joe Wells of Focus Press. For more info, call 651-5409 or email youth@glasgow-coc.org

April 12-15 Our Gospel Meeting here at Horse Cave with Michael Shepherd of Pensacola, FL Mark your calendar.

A REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday March 8 at 2 am. Set your clocks forward 1 hour on Sat. night so you will not arrive late for services.

ELDERS and DEACONS MEETING:

This afternoon at 4:00



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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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Weeds or Strawberries

A close acquaintance once remarked to Samuel Coleridge, the noted Englishman of the early 19th century, about his infant son of whom he was so proud, "I don't intend to teach my son anything about God. I will let him grow up, and when he is old enough to judge for himself, he can choose whether to believe or not."

As the two men walked together, they paused at the site of Mr. Coleridge's garden. Samuel spoke, "I had thought about setting out some strawberry plants this spring, but you have given me an idea. I think I'll wait until about mid-summer and see whether the garden would prefer the strawberry plants or weeds."

"But, Samuel," intervened the friend, "by then the weeds will have taken over; you can't afford to wait."

Then thoughtfully, Mr. Coleridge looked his friend in the eye and replied, "yes, you are right about that. And in like manner, so also will the weeds of doubt and unbelief take over the mind of your son in due time unless you start teaching him now that there is a God, and that Jesus is God's Son."

Why can't Christian parents seem to grasp that simple truth? **The time to set out the strawberry plants is before the weeds have taken over the garden area.** And the time to train a child about God, about Jesus, and the Way of righteousness is NOW! while little minds are receptive and pliable. One of the greatest tragedies of our time is that the church, yea, Christian parents, are losing so many of our young people!

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Ray Tucker (Angie Bybee's dad); Betty Brunt; Becca Napper; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Gerald Watt; Hugh Edwards; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son) chemo and radiation treatments; Harold Underwood; Amanda Dugger; Jiraporn Tim (Thailand); Larry Glass; Robert Gossett; Bob Toohey; Buddy Logsdon; Larry Glass; Frankie Walters; Eugene & Connie Campbell's medical mission trip to Honduras.

Linda Forbes had surgery at Centennial Hospital in Nashville this week; Janice Bybee had eye surgery Friday.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Phyllis Wilson Middleton; Susanne Wintsch; Oscar Crain; Leslie Witty; Sarah Lou Wilson; Joyce Robinson; Tony Bush in Iraq; Jim Reed; L. N. Dewese; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross

SYMPATHY: We extend sympathy to Ellen Stinson and family in the death of her mother, Louise "Penny" Stinson. Her funeral was yesterday in Munfordville.

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Sally Marshall Johnalene Lancaster

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 502; Helen Stanley 707; Lucy Byrd Every 402; Alma Stilts 501

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING:

Ford Smith 164 Golda Livesay 121

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

THANK YOU CARD:

Thank you so very much for helping us through this difficult time in the loss of my brother Travis Harp. The visits, flowers, and most of all prayers meant so much. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, and your kindness will not be forgotten.

In Christian Love, *J. Larry & Barbara Smith*

CONGRATULATIONS:

Wayne & Becky Hatcher became grandparents on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 11:42 am when **Rebecca Ann Piercy** arrived at T. J. Samson Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 1^{1/4} ozs. and was 19 in. long. Proud parents are **Tim & Mary Piercy** of Cave City.

[I have written many birth congratulations over the years for lots of people in church bulletins, but this one was uniquely special because it was ours. Becky and I are adjusting fairly quickly to being grandparents. We already know why they are called "grand" children. Mary & Tim appreciates so many who have been so nice. - Wayne]

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Which congregation of the Lord's church allowed a woman (Jezebel) who called herself a prophetess to go unchecked?

The answer to last week's question was: apostle Paul, Gal. 1:8

The Prudent Pause by Tim Nichols

We live in a time in which restraint and self-discipline are not widely considered to be virtues. Impulse guides behavior more than reason. The gap between the impulse and the resulting action is sometimes so small that, to many, it seems not to exist. Many seem to be willing to pronounce any **act** justified if the **impulse** that prompted it is in any way justified.

But we are accountable to God for our actions whether the world recognizes our accountability or does not. When tempted to do a thing that is wrong, we are equipped with the God-given ability to pause and think before acting. What happens during that pause may have eternal consequences. The Philadelphia Youth Study Center used to have this slogan: "The difference between the delinquent and the non-delinquent youth is the pause between the temptation and the act." The slogan is just as true if we delete the word "youth."

As we pause in the midst of temptation, we ought to remind ourselves that we do not usually have to act swiftly. We sometimes make rash decisions rather than allow ourselves to choose our actions or words slowly and deliberately (Proverbs 6:18; Romans 3:15; James 1:19). Slow down. Widen the gap between the impulse and the action.

Take the time to think about the earthly consequences of your actions. How will your actions affect your family, the church, your friends, or your own reputation? Do you want to live with those consequences?

Take the time to consider all of your options. Under pressure, we sometimes develop

"tunnel vision." We see only one course of action when, in fact, there are many options available to us. Look for them. At least one of your options will always be morally right (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Take the time to consider the eternal consequences (Revelation 21:8). The fear motive may not be the "highest" motive in the rating system that some brethren use, but we ought to be grateful that God has revealed both His goodness and His severity (Romans 11:22). If a knowledge of God's wrath helps us to gain one ounce of resolve to do right and avoid evil, then we ought to be pleased to have such knowledge.

Take the time to contemplate the goodness of God. He is the source of every good gift (James 1:17). He loved you enough to give His Son that you might have eternal life (John 3:16). Pause to think of the debt of gratitude that you owe.

Pause to consider God's Word. It contains divine guidance that can keep you from evil (Psalm 119:9-16). Sometimes in the midst of temptation, when tempers or passions are hottest, we search the Word of God less when we need it most. It is during such times that we would do well to heed the Words of our heavenly Father, Who said, "*Be still, and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10).

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We Would Not Love The Sunshine

We would not love the sunshine
If skies were always clear,
Nor know the value of a smile
If we never felt a tear.

- Charles R. Brewer