

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
120 Cave Street
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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - April 5

READ SCRIPTURE:

Sydney Bunnell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leon Seaton

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Phillip Carter John Eastridge
Rob Bybee Willie Cyphers

The Importance of One

A young man walking along the beach at dawn noticed an old man picking up starfish and tossing them into the sea. It was obvious he was rescuing the starfish before they were baked by the summer sun.

"Old man, this is a big beach with hundreds of these starfish," the young man said sarcastically. "How can your efforts make any difference?"

The old man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. "It makes a difference to this one," he replied.

Christians should be concerned about the lost souls in this world. While there are innumerable people who are lost, the task of saving everyone of them seems impossible, but that is no excuse for failure to try and save them from eternal perdition. Just like the old man and the concern he had for starfish, we all can begin with just one.

Begin today - tomorrow may not come.

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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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You are invited to attend our Gospel Meeting April 12-15, 2009

Our Guest Speaker



Michael C. Shepherd

Sunday morning 10, 11
am and Sunday—
Wednesday evenings
7:00 pm

Michael is a native of Alabama. He attended International Bible College in Florence, AL; Northwest Florida School of Biblical studies in Pensacola, FL and Carver State Technical College in Mobile, AL

For the past 15 years he has served as the local preacher of the Church of Christ at Westside in Pensacola, FL

He has held numerous gospel meetings and participated in various lectureship. His preaching has taken him to many locations in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

He and his wife Luverne have been married for 29 years, and they have two daughters.

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Marilyn Ray; Gerald Watt; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son) chemo and radiation treatments; Maxine Turner; Harold Underwood; Keith Dyer (Debbie Adams' dad); Amanda Dugger; Jiraporn Tim (Thailand); Bob Toohey; Buddy Logsdon (undergoing treatments); Larry Glass Sr.; Frankie Walters; Kay Bush (George & Becky Bush's sister-in-law); Dennis Hatcher's father-in-law and mother-in-law are both in the hospital; Donnie Edwards had surgery Thursday in E-town; we have several traveling during Spring Break; Wayne Hatcher is sick at home with the flu

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

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

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS:

Plans are underway to start a Ladies Bible Class this summer. If you are interested, be sure and sign the sheet on the banister at the back of the auditorium.

AREA EVENTS:

April 5-8 Gospel Meeting at Larue County Church of Christ with James Long, 7 p.m.

***April 12-15* Our Gospel Meeting** here at Horse Cave with Michael C. Shepherd of Pensacola, FL Mark your calendar. Be in prayer and prepare to attend and support this good effort.

April 18 Youth Rally at Refuge Church of Christ 9 a.m – 2:30 p.m. Singing, Classes, Activities Lunch will be served.

SPECIAL THANKS:

I deeply appreciate Beauford Fudge and Billy Bybee filling in for me while I am sick with the flu. I managed to come to the office yesterday afternoon to prepare this week's bulletin.

- Wayne

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What Old Testament prophet said: "Smite the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered"?

The answer to last week's question was:
Sychar, John 4:7

RESPONSIBILITY

The Bible teaches that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). This is a clear declaration that each individual bears a responsibility in regard to his salvation. Ezekiel proclaimed, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him" (Eze. 18:20). No one will give an account to God for someone else. Since God demands accountability, it is only logical to understand that God has given us the Law to which we will be accountable. Jesus says, "he that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). All men, therefore, shall be responsible for obeying the Truth that is the New Testament of Christ. Paul states that the Gospel of Christ is the only power that can save man and that the plan to make man righteous is found in that Gospel (Rom. 1:16-17). Thus, no man can be saved without the Bible. The Bible teaches how one can become righteous in God's sight – hear (Rom. 10:17), believe (Heb. 11:6), repent of past sins (Luke 13:3), confess that Jesus is the Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and be immersed in water to have those past sins washed away (Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5).

The Bible also teaches that once an individual has obeyed God's plan to save, he has the responsibility to remain faithful. "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

Each individual with the capacity and ability to give account for his actions will do so on the Day of Judgment. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). Isn't it wonderful to know that *if* we simply obey God's plan of salvation and remain faithful to Him, when He opens the book of our deeds on the Last Great Day, our sins will be covered by the blood of Christ, "blotted out" (Acts 3:19), as if wiped clean from the pages of history. Have you had your sins washed away? "Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

- Brad Green