

## 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 - April 19

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Bill Brooks

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leon Seaton

### OFFICIATE:

Bryan Denison

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Phillip Carter John Eastridge  
Rob Bybee Willie Cyphers

### LEAD SINGING:

A.M. - Scott Huff P.M. - BA Fudge

## JUDGING A BOOK BY ITS COVER

We all have heard the familiar cliché about judging a book by its cover. Well, if you have watched any news this week, you know about the 47 year-old Scottish volunteer church worker, Susan Boyle who literally raised eyebrows as she wowed the crowd with her rendition of "I Dreamed A Dream" in a preliminary round of the TV competition, "Britain's Got Talent". Her video has reached about 50 million views on YouTube.

The human interest story for me is when she walked out on the stage, previous to singing her song, she heard jeers and boos from the audience who had already prejudged her ability to sing based solely upon her looks. Within five seconds after she started singing, everyone was spellbound. One judge later said they knew "they had found gold." I am happy for her and glad for her opportunity!

I also am reminded of what the Lord told Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:7: "...for the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- Wayne Hatcher



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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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## You Snooze...You Lose

Every culture has its idiomatic expressions and one of our modern idioms suggests, "If you snooze... you lose!" Snoozing has to do with not paying attention or being neglectful in some enterprise. Neglect will cost you something, therefore "you lose." It may be surprising to some that this idiom has its spiritual applications and is suggested by a couple of statements from the pen of the apostle Paul.

*"And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed."* **Romans 13:11**

Paul is saying that if we are neglectful about the way we conduct ourselves, we could lose out on salvation. He is exhorting his brothers to wake up to the hour in which they live. It is the last hour and they are near salvation. But... if you snooze, you lose.

*"For this reason many among you are weak and sick and a number sleep."* **1 Corinthians 11:30**

Here, Paul is trying to get the attention of Christians who were spiritually asleep, neglecting to do things the way God had commanded. They were not observing the Lord's Supper as it was intended, so they were bringing judgment upon themselves (v. 29). Thus, if you just go through the motions of God's worship, spiritually asleep, then... you snooze, but lose.

It's easy to fall asleep and neglect the things that God expects of us. Perhaps, knowing the consequence of our neglect will awaken us to the work at hand. As Paul said, "...it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep."

Guy Orbison, Jr. Durango, Colorado

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## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Gerald Watt; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); Keith Dyer (Debbie Adams' dad); Dennis Hatcher's father-in-law (Royce Alexander in SKY Rehab) and his mother-in-law (Elizabeth Alexander); Donnie Edwards recovering from surgery; Doris Wallace and Becky Hatcher have been sick; Harold Underwood; Jiraporn Tim (Thailand); Bob Toohey; Buddy Logsdon (undergoing treatments); Larry Glass Sr.; Frankie Walters; Kay Bush (George & Becky Bush's sister-in-law); Amanda Dugger (member at South Green St.) and Brenda Clark (member at Refuge); Matt McKinney (cousin of David Houk); Lucy Byrd Every was taken to T. J. Samson on Wednesday.

### FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Leslie Witty; Susanne Wintsch; Oscar Crain; Sarah Lou Wilson; Tony Bush in Iraq; Jim Reed; L. N. Deweese; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross; Lela Penwheel (friend of Brenda Jaggars); family of Dorothy Gossett; Don Smith

### 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 the first of June. If you are interested, be sure and sign the sheet on the banister at the back of the auditorium.

### GOSPEL RESPONSE:

Our sister Becca Napper responded to the Lord's invitation Tuesday night confessing sin in her life and asking for our prayers. We love and appreciate Becca for her lovely desire to serve and please her heavenly Father.

### AREA EVENTS:

April 19-22 Gospel Meeting at Lehman Ave. with Steve Kirby 7 p.m.

April 19-23 Gospel Meeting at Coral Hill with Marty Edwards 7 p.m.

April 26-27 Seminar at Mt. Vernon with Arlin Chapman of Sarasota, FL "Love is the Golden Chain That Binds" 7 p.m.

April 26-29 Gospel Meeting at Green Co.

May 3 Friends & Family Homecoming at Cave City with Paul Sain 9:45 a.m.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Where did Jonah board a ship bound for Tarshish?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Arimathea Matthew 27:57-60

## REFLECTIONS ON OUR GOSPEL MEETING... by Wayne Hatcher

Another Gospel Meeting is now history. And like all the rest, it was great! We thank God for His love, grace, mercy and unsearchable riches which are ours in Christ Jesus.

We are indebted to our brother Michael C. Shepherd of Pensacola, FL who was invited to preach the gospel. He did an outstanding job! His lessons just continued to get better and better as the Meeting progressed. What a marvelous memory and ability he has to use God's all-powerful Word!! This was bro. Shepherd's first time to be at Horse Cave, and I'm sure it won't be his last.

I appreciate how the congregation responded and supported this effort. We thank those who led the singing, the prayers, the food providers and for inviting people. Everyone had a great time, and were strengthened and encouraged to serve God even more. One precious soul responded publicly to the invitation.

If you did not attend this meeting, it was your loss. I know some were hindered due to illness. We are fortunate that his lessons were recorded. If you desire to hear any of the lessons, see bro. Brian Denison who will have VHS or DVDs. I plan to upload the audio of his sermons to the church web-site as soon as possible.

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*[I ran across the following article this week written by one of my preacher friends, Joe Slater. I thought it was worth reprinting for your consideration as being good food for thought.*

*A funeral director in Cave City has told me more than once that the most requested song he has from family members is the song by Vince Gill, "Go Rest High On That Mountain". That's not a bad choice in comparison to what people are choosing*

*in Britain. Have you given any thought to the choices for your funeral yet? – Wayne]*

## WHAT SONGS DO YOU WANT AT YOUR FUNERAL? by Joe Slater

I've heard some bizarre songs at funerals, haven't you? According to a European news agency, a British funeral company polled more than 30,000 funerals. The results showed that pop songs (as opposed to hymns and classical pieces) now account for more than half of the music selected for funerals.

Among the frequently-played songs are AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" (how tacky!) and Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust" (how crude)! However, the most popular song played at funerals in Britain is Frank Sinatra's hit, "My Way." It glorifies that self-willed, independent streak in all of us..

As much as it might flatter our ego to declare along with Sinatra, "I did it my way," we would do well to hear the word of the Lord. Jeremiah said, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). Perhaps the prophet was familiar with the wise saying of King Solomon: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes" (Prov. 12:15).

Jesus Himself said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). Meekness is the very opposite of self-will. The meek person is not a spineless weakling, but an individual who has willingly subjected his strength to God. Such a person echoes the prayer of the Savior: "Not My will, but Yours be done" (Lk. 22:42).

Instead of proclaiming, "I did it my way," let us so live that when it is our time to quit the walks of men, our song of triumph might be, "I did it God's way!"