

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
Faith - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance – Luke 13:3
Confession – Romans 10:10
Baptism – I Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38
Christian's Hope – Romans 8:24-25
Christian's Faithfulness and Endurance –
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

HORSE CAVE CHURCH OF CHRIST
120 Cave Street
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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - May 2

READ SCRIPTURE:

Scott Huff

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Brooks

OFFICIATE:

Bryan Denison

SERVE COMMUNION:

Phillip Carter Matt Forbes
Rex Wallace Roy Petett

PREACH:

a.m. – Wayne Hatcher
p.m. – Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING:

a. m. - Ken Russell
p. m. - Ken Russell

OUR VBS: Vacation Bible School, June 16-19
Theme: *Rise & Shine For Jesus*

SILENCING OF GOD SEMINAR:

Be sure and mark your calendar and plan to promote a very special event that we are sponsoring and being assisted by some area congregations. The Lord willing, on July 18, 19 & 20, brother Dave Miller will be presenting the *Silencing of God Seminar - The Dismantling of America's Christian Heritage* at the Cave City Convention Center. He will speak twice each evening beginning at 7:00. You may recall that we showed his DVDs nearly two years ago. It is a message that our community needs to hear.

MID-SOUTH BIBLE INSTITUTE:

started a new class on **LEADERSHIP** on Thurs. nights at 6:30-8:30. People of all ages are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.



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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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The Greatest of These by Hollis Miller

No person who is even casually familiar with the New Testament will deny that the word "love" runs through it like thread through a fine garment. Jesus informed His disciples that they would be known by the love they had for one another (John 13:35). The apostle Paul declared that of faith, hope, and love, love is the greatest (1 Corinthians 13:13).

It is indisputable that love is a cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith. Yet, in spite of this truth, love may be one of the least understood of all Christian truths. Is it pure sentimentalism in action? Is it always kind and gentle, or can it sometimes be forceful and straight forward? Does love ever offend, or does it always refrain from doing so?

In Matthew 15:1-9, Jesus had a confrontation with the Pharisees during which He spoke plainly to them, saying that they honored God with their lips, but not with their hearts. The disciples later came to Jesus and asked Him if He was aware that the Pharisees were offended by what He had said. Part of Jesus' reply was, "Let them alone". It matters not that Jesus was the Son of God and we are mortal. Love is love whether it be divine or human. Paul instructed Timothy to reprove and rebuke (2 Timothy 4:2). However, how could Timothy love, and at the same time, reprove and rebuke? The answer is obvious—love does not exclude reproof and rebuking when either is needed.

It is human theory, and not biblical teaching, that has turned love into a kind of wishy-washy sentimentalism. "If you love me, you will accept me as I am." NO! Love never accepts a wrongdoer as he/she is. On the contrary, love always seeks to persuade the wrongdoer to become a right-doer. Were it not so, Jesus would never have taught, for His every message is designed to improve us, not to leave us as we are.

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; BA Fudge; Dennis Hatcher; Joe Turner; Bill McElwain (Betty Brunt's brother); William E. Estes; Frankie Walters; Tyler Lowe; Marianna Meadows; Andrew Koshiol (Betty Brunt's grandson); Jeanette Brooks; Matt McKinney (David Houk's cousin); Hugh Edwards; our troops; Jean Turner as she recovers from a stroke; Becky Hatcher is still undergoing therapy for the pain in her back. Sydney Bunnell's dad and mom are both in the Hardin Memorial Hospital with pneumonia; Ella Hammer (Molly Gerald's grandmother); Hallie Davidson; Brenda Jagers has pneumonia.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Diane King; Hilda Wolff; Josh Rountree; Sherman Vance; Robert Sloan; Gail Coats

SHUT-IN AT HOME:

Sally Marshall

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Hallie Davidson Mary Edwards Maxine Turner Helen Stanley Berdine Hogan Alma Stilts

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING:

Ford Smith

NHC HEALTHCARE in Glasgow:

Robert Allen Edwards

PRAY FOR OUR MISSION EFFORTS:

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

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS:

May 2-5 Lehman Ave. with Phil Sanders 7 pm
Mon-Wed “*Christ Is the Answer*”

May 9-13 Coral Hill Church of Christ with Philip Goad 7 p.m.

May 16-19 E-town Church of Christ with Tom Holland 7 p.m. (EST)

(see Bulletin Board for details)

IT'S A BOY!

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Steven & Denisha Kirby Sat., May 8th 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. South Green Street Church of Christ Glasgow, KY They are registered at: Baby Boutique (Glasgow), Babies-R-Us, Wal-Mart (gift cards are welcome).

CARD SHOWER:

Bobby Russell is requesting for friends and church family to send cards to his wife Debbie as she turns 60 on her birthday next Thursday, May 6th. He is hoping she will receive 60 cards. Her address is: Mrs. Bobby Russell 109 Lakeview Dr. Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

SHOWER INVITATION:

There will be a Bridal Shower for Kimberly Gerald, bride-elect of Matt Spradlin, on Sun., May 16 at 2 p.m. at the home of Sydney & Sue Bunnell.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:

this afternoon at 4:00

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What book in the bible begins with “There was a man in the land of Uz” ?

The answer to last week's question was: Lebanon, I Kings 5:6-14

Do You Know What Christianity Is Worth? *by Owen Cosgrove*

You hear of it every once in awhile. Somebody has something of inestimable value that he virtually gives away. Years ago I read of a man who bought one of the classic Stradivarius violins at a rummage sale for ten dollars. The instrument was later appraised for over \$200,000. Some very rare antique may be sold for a fraction of its worth. Many of life's most precious things are virtually thrown away.

Jesus often taught about facts – facts that are indispensable to life and salvation. He taught about **skills** – skills in worship, in living with oneself, in getting along with others, in managing one's life. He taught many lessons about **attitudes** – ways of thinking about people, things, and relationships. And much of His teaching was about appreciation – the ability to assign values to people, to things, and to life.

Without proper appreciation, people can hoard things of little importance while throwing away many of life's most precious treasures. Adam and Eve sacrificed a paradise for a moment's reckless folly – for a taste of that which was forbidden. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas betrayed his greatest friend for thirty pieces of silver. The Prodigal Son wasted a fortune for foolish pleasures in a life that left him starving in a pig pen.

One of the most amazing things about much of humanity is the very low value it sometimes places on virtue, and morality, and hope. There are a few things in life that are exceedingly important. The wise person would not think of throwing these away for

things that, by comparison, are virtually garbage.

Jesus taught that His words and His way are like the pearl of great price, worth everything else that one may give up in order to possess it. Christianity is like the hidden treasure that a man found, and he sold all that he had so that he would be able to buy it. It is worth self-denial, taking up one's cross, bearing whatever burden he must, and suffering whatever privation necessary in order to have that which deserves to be first in one's life. Christ's words resound through the ages: “*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...*” (Matthew 6:33).

Satan is the most ruthless criminal of all time. **For mere pennies he can buy off souls that Christ gave His life to save** – all because many are poor, poor traders; they never truly learned the value of Christianity and their own life. The Savior asks, “*For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?*” (Mark 8:36). Do we often think of what Christianity is worth? One word sums it up: everything!

Whoever You Are

Whoever you are, there is some younger person who thinks you are perfect. Whoever you are, there is some work that won't get done unless you do it. Whoever you are, there is someone who would miss you if you were gone. Whoever you are, there is a reason for becoming better than you are. Whoever you are, there is a place to be filled that you alone can fill.

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