

## 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 - May 10

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Bryan Denison

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Bybee

### OFFICIATE:

Sydney Bunnell

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Phillip Perkins David Houk  
Mark Hatcher Matt Forbes

### LEAD SINGING:

am - Phillip Carter pm - Ken Russell

## It Takes A Mother

It takes a mother's love to make a house a home,

A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam.

It takes a mother's patience to bring a child up right

And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright.

It takes a mother's kindness to forgive us when we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer.

It takes a mother's wisdom to recognize our needs

And give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds.

It takes a mother's endless faith, her endless confidence and trust,

To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust.

And that is why in all this world there can never be another

Who will fulfill God's purposes as completely as a mother. - Helen Steiner



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120 Cave Street  
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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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## The Blessing of Mothers

A first grade teacher seated her students in a circle. She asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up. One by one, each child got up and announced, "I'd like to be a nurse like my mother," or "I want to be a banker like my father," or "I want to be a teacher like you, Miss Smith."

The last child to speak was the most shy and timid little boy in the class. He said, "When I get big, I'm going to be a lion tamer in the circus. I'm going to face those animals with my whip and chair and make them leap through hoops of fire and obey all of my commands." Seeing the disbelieving looks on the faces of his classmates that he could ever act so boldly or bravely, he was quick to reassure them, "Well, of course, I'll have my mother with me."

Many of us have had the self-confidence to accomplish great tasks because we knew that our mothers would be there to support us. In a couple of days, we will have a special opportunity to honor mothers. I think this is a valuable holiday because, if you are a mother, you will likely never receive much special recognition for the work that you do - training your children to love God, teaching them compassion, instilling self-confidence within them, developing character and teaching morals. You will perhaps never be honored publicly, given a medal (or even a certificate), or be compensated monetarily. All that you do may go unnoticed and unappreciated at times.

Be assured, though, that there is great value in what you are doing. On Mother's Day, may you receive the honor due you.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her." (Prov. 31:28).

And be assured that someday you will receive the honor from your heavenly Father for the difference you make in the world. - Alan Smith

## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton is undergoing more treatments; Marilyn Ray; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Gerald Watt; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); Ilouise Bradford (Ruth's granddaughter); Keith Dyer (Debbie Adams' dad); Dennis Hatcher's father and mother-in-law (Royce & Elizabeth Alexander; Harold Underwood; Buddy Logsdon (undergoing treatments); Larry Glass Sr.; Frankie Walters; Amanda Dugger (member at South Green St.); Matt McKinney (cousin of David Houk); bro. Patinya's mother, Piroa Sukawaj, in Thailand; Tom Evans

### FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Krista Harris; Leslie Witty; Peggy Spann; Oscar Crain; Tony Bush in Iraq; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross; Lela Penwheel (friend of Brenda Jagers);

We extend our sympathy to the families of Frances Goodman Duff; Junior Monroe; and Susanne Wintsch

### SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Sally Marshall Johnalene Lancaster

### HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

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

### HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING:

Ford Smith 164

### 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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 17** Mike Brooks will be here next Sunday night to report and preach a sermon: "*Sowing With Tears*" (Text: Psalm 126:1-6). He will illustrate it with slides from Bangladesh/Nepal.

**June 10-13** is the dates set for our Vacation Bible School 6:30—8:00 p.m., Sat. morning 10-Noon Theme: *Fishing With the Master*

### CONGRATULATIONS:

We have more information as a follow-up from last week's bulletin. David & Vicki Houk's new grandson born April 29<sup>th</sup> has been named *Raif Alan Dennison*. He weighed 7 lb 14 oz and was 21 in. long.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

According to the Gospel of John, Satan was from the very beginning both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Obadiah I Kings 18:4

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*May we always honor our mothers not only on this day but everyday. – Ephesians 6:1-3*

To all of our mothers and grandmothers,  
"Happy Mother's Day."

## It's Not Easy Being a Mom

Judith Viorst once wrote an essay based on interviews she had with children. The subject was "What's a good mother like?"

Viorst reports that the children expected their mother to get angry from time to time. "She has to," said Ted, "or she'll faint from holding it in." "But it's best to remember," said Randy, "that when your mother starts to act real weird, you have to look scared and serious. Don't giggle. When mommies are mad, they get madder if you giggle." "My mommy got so mad," said Megan, "that she yanked the plate off the table and all the mashed potatoes flew into the air." "And why," Viorst asked, pretending she'd never heard of such shocking behavior, "why would a mother do a thing like that?" "Well," said Megan, "she told my older brother, Mike, he's 11 years old, to eat the potatoes on his plate and he said 'Later.' And then she told him again to eat the potatoes and Mike said 'Soon.' And then she told him he had better eat those potatoes right now and he said, 'In a minute.' And then she stood up and Mike finally took a bite and told her, 'How can I eat them? They're cold!'"

It truly is not easy being a Mom! But how blessed we were to have our mothers. In this country, we will honor our mothers on Sunday, and I think it's certainly appropriate. Paul said we as Christians are to "give honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7), and I can't think of anyone any more deserving of honor than mothers. I hope that you will honor in a special way those mothers who are like Hannah.

In I Samuel 1, we have recorded the birth of Samuel. Before he was born, Hannah prayed a vow to God. She said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maid-

servant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." (I Samuel 1:11)

The Lord heard her petition and she was blessed with the birth of Samuel. Hannah didn't forget her vow to the Lord. She took her son Samuel to be trained at the feet of Eli, the priest of God. From a very young age, Hannah made sure that her son was preparing to serve the Lord.

I heard about a preacher a number of years ago who came home after preaching a gospel meeting, and he was asked how it went. Rather discouraged, he said that he had only baptized one young girl who was about 12 or 13 years old -- all in all, comparatively speaking, not a very successful meeting. But, after that girl grew up, she married and became the mother of five sons who became gospel preachers. What a great impact that young lady ended up having in the world!

I know that mothers -- especially mothers of young children -- sometimes get discouraged because they wonder if they're really accomplishing anything. Let me assure you that if you are instilling within your children a love for God and His Word, you're accomplishing something. It may be years down the road before you see the results, but you're having an impact. You're making a difference.

Give honor this weekend to your own mother -- and to those mothers around you -- who, like Hannah, have vowed to give their children over to God.

Alan Smith – "Thought For the Day"