

## 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  
Horse Cave, KY 42749

## LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - May 24

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Sydney Bunnell

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Bybee

### OFFICIATE:

Sydney Bunnell

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Phillip Perkins David Houk  
Mark Hatcher Matt Forbes

### LEAD SINGING:

am - Ken Russell pm - Phillip Carter

## THOSE TO SERVE IN JUNE:

### READ SCRIPTURE:

7 - John Eastridge  
14 - David Houk  
21 - Bryan Denison  
28 - Bill Brooks

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Sydney Bunnell

### OFFICIATE:

Bill Brooks

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Chris Burchett Bobby Bybee  
Leon Seaton Bryan Denison

### LEAD SINGING:

7- am Ken Russell pm - BA Fudge  
14 - am Phillip Carter pm - Ken Russell  
21 - am BA Fudge pm - Phillip Carter  
28 - am Ken Russell pm - BA Fudge



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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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## Stop Dating the Church

I recently read a book by Joshua Harris by the above title. In this book Harris affirmed that there are many people who "date" the church, but who are unwilling to fall in love with and be committed to the church. And you know, I think he's right. How many people do you know who are "believers" but they're not "belongers." They believe in Jesus, but don't want to be tied down. They "date" the church, but want to remain independent and free of commitment and responsibility.

Friends, instead of seeing the church for all its flaws and foibles, why not see it as the wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:9-11), and the beautiful bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-32). Committing to the church doesn't tie one down, rather it anchors one through the storms of life. And it's flaws? It's flaws provide us with an opportunity to love, serve, practice patience, and grow more like our Savior.

Listen friends, don't allow yourself to use the excuse that the church is too messed up to commit to it. Jesus is the only one who has the right to disown or give up on the church, but he never has and never will.

Therefore, let me leave you with this challenge. Many people are fond of saying that we need to develop a heart for the poor or a heart for the lost, and these are good desires. But may I challenge you to also develop a heart for the church? Get involved. Get committed. Take on responsibility. Invest yourself. After all, if Jesus loves the church, shouldn't we?

- Steve Higginbotham  
via mercEmail 5/21/2009

## 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; Dennis Hatcher's father and mother-in-law (Royce & Elizabeth Alexander; Buddy Logsdon (undergoing treatments); Larry Glass Sr.; Frankie Walters; bro. Patinya's mother, Piroa Sukawaj in Thailand; little Lindley Hatcher (Mark & Jennifer Hatcher's granddaughter is undergoing tests;

### 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); Roger Lile suffered a stroke and is being treated in Bowling Green.

### 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:

**Ladies Bible Class** is set to start here at Horse Cave on Monday night **June 1** at 7:00. Renee Perkins will be the teacher. If you plan to attend and did not pick up your book Wed. night, you may pick up your copy- today.

**June 10-13** our Vacation Bible School 6:30—8:00 p.m., Sat. morning 10-Noon Theme: *Fishing With the Master (Jesus)*

**June 14-17** Gospel Meeting at Boiling Springs Church of Christ in Warren Co. with Mike Brooks doing the preaching.

**June 28—July 3** Taylor Christian Bible Camp A camper must be 11 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2009; Fee is \$100; Deadline for applications are Sat., May 30 \*See Wayne for an application or for more details.

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES:

**Cody Adams** graduates from Caverna High School on Friday night, May 29 at 7:00

**Megan Wallace** graduates from Hart County High School on Sat. night, May 30

**Savanna Hillard** graduates from Caverna High School, Fri. night, May 29 at 7:00

**Sarah McCandless** (Colby Long's girlfriend) graduates as Valedictorian of Metcalfe Co. High School, Fri. night, May 29 at 7:00

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Who wrote a letter to Felix the governor concerning the apostle Paul?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Luke, 17:32

## How will you spend this Memorial Day Weekend?

Before you get caught up in barbecues and picnics, stop to reflect on the true reason for Memorial Day-to honor the defenders of our American freedom. Listen to these words from World War II General Douglas MacArthur. "It is my earnest hope, indeed the hope of all mankind, that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past, a world founded upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice. Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world, and that God will preserve it always."

- Family Minute

## A WARNING TO YOUTH, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND RESPONSIBLE ADULTS

In recent days and weeks I have been observing and reading a lot of national studies and published reports that focuses on something that concerns me very much. I am referring to the growing abuse in the United States of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs that young people are using to get high. Those studies show that more young people ages 12-17 abuse prescription drugs than any illicit drug except marijuana—more than cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine combined. That is a staggering statistic. At a time when overall teen drug use is down significantly nationwide, there are troubling signs that teens have bought into the myth that prescription and OTC drugs provide a "safer" high than using the common street drugs.

One article I read mentioned about a young lady name Eva. She is one of many teens on

the outskirts of the growing problem with prescription drug abuse. She attends a highly regarded public school at the center of an affluent and highly educated community. This is how she described the situation at her school, and we should take note: *"Prescription drugs are so easily available it's ridiculous. Kids crush pills on the lunch tables in the cafeteria and then sniff them. Almost everyone has a ready source. Many kids are on prescription drugs that they don't want to take. They sell them at school to those that do. Ritalin gives a nice high and Vicadin numbs you out."*

With some teens, prescription drug abuse has evolved into something of a science. Some kids know what alcohol to mix with what drug to get a certain high. Unfortunately most are mixing and taking them without any knowledge of the dangers or consequences. It comes as no surprise there has been a dramatic increase in the number of poisonings and eventual deaths connected with the abuse of prescription and OTC drugs. Painkillers come out on top as the most abused drug with approximately one in five teens using Vicodin, a heavy weight painkiller that creates a nice feeling of numbness. Also in high demand are depressants such as sleeping pills or anti-anxiety drugs and stimulants. Some kids are even taking pills out of their parents medicine bottles which have been properly prescribed for their health problems. As you can see, the availability of these drugs is unlimited. Many parents are not aware of the dangers their children are facing. I want to raise awareness and hope you will become more observant. There are a lot of good websites on the Internet that can help you with information. Here is one to get you started: TheAntiDrug.com

- **Wayne Hatcher**