

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 - 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

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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - June 6

READ SCRIPTURE:

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Willie Cyphers

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Leon Seaton

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John Eastridge Bill Brooks
Phillip Perkins Mark Hatcher

PREACH:

a.m. - Wayne Hatcher

p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING:

a. m. - Ken Russell

p. m. - BA Fudge

And If We Suffer

Bill Jackson

Paul promises that all who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12), and it needs to be remembered that not all persecution is of a physical sort that touches our fleshly bodies. More, all will be tempted (1 Corinthians 10:13), and all will have those occasions when they sin (1 John 1:8, 10). None can claim exemption here!

Some of God's children will know and experience painful afflictions, due to their living in a tabernacle of clay, and due to disease touching them in a way that does not come to everybody. God's child, of course, takes what comes his way in this life, and possesses the faith that he and God can handle it all! But we note just here 2 Corinthians 4:17, where Paul mentions affliction, and ties to it the fact that God proportionately prepares blessings. "For our light affliction, which is put for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We're glad it's thus stated, that those enduring pain can know that blessings and joy are prepared on the other side to more than offset the troubles known in this life!



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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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It's Not My Fault

Man is inclined, when he is wrong, to lay the blame on someone else. He is like the small boy who was standing on the cat's tail. The mother, hearing the terrible outburst from the cat, called from the next room, "Tommy, stop pulling that cat's tail!" Tommy yelled back, "I'm not pulling the cat's tail. I'm standing on it. The cat is doing the pulling!"

Is this not what Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden in Genesis 3:12-13? Adam blamed God for his sin because God gave him that woman, and blamed Eve for giving him the fruit. Eve, in turn, blamed the serpent for their wrong doing.

Many in the church today have the "it's not my fault" mentality. They either make excuse or blame someone else for their own sins or shortcomings. Brethren, it is time to take an honest look at ourselves by the standard of God's word (2 Corinthians 13:5), look at our sins for what they are, confess them, and ask God to forgive us (1 John 1:9). Only then can we truly be fruitful in the Lord's kingdom (John 15:5,7,8; cf. Matthew 5:16; Philippians 1:11).

- Mike Riley

PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Dennis Hatcher; Bill McElwain (Betty Brunt's brother); William E. Estes; Frankie Walters; Marianna Meadows; Andrew Koshiol (Betty Brunt's grandson); Jeanette Brooks; Matt McKinney (David Houk's cousin); Hugh Edwards; Becky Hatcher had been sick with a virus; Ella Hammer (Molly Gerald's grandmother; bro. Patinya and the political situation in Bangkok; Connie Campbell was feeling better on Wed. night; Phyllis Attebery, sister-in-law to Laura Brooks, was to have surgery Friday; Mike Thompson is not feeling well; Zack Newman has pneumonia and has been very sick.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Mineva Dennison; Clifford Coats; Jim Reed; Josh Rountree; Leslie Witty; Robert Sloan; Gail Coats; O. D. Cagle

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

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

We are asking all the members to make a special effort to invite young people to attend this year's VBS.

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. It is a message that our community needs to hear.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Steven & Denisha Kirby in the birth of their son **Aiden Brooks Wallace Kirby** born Fri. June 4 weighing 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 19 1/2 in. long.
Proud grandparents: Darrell & Robin Wallace
great-grandparents: Rex and Doris Wallace
great-great grandmother: Hallie Davidson

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:

this afternoon at 4:00. Preceding this at 3:00 will be a meeting re: The Silencing of God Seminar.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What were the Israelite priests carrying when they crossed the Jordan on dry ground?

The answer to last week's question was:
I Thess. 5:4-8

Decisions For Graduates

This time of year is filled with anticipation and excitement as young people who have spent more than half of their life in school will graduate and move on to the next phase of their lives. With eagerness graduates will enter the world with naïve expectations and goals. There will be many lessons to learn from the "university of hard knocks" and without proper guidance, these decisions will lead to life long regrets. How can the young secure their hearts to make decisions that will offer a life time of rewards? The answer lies within the pages of God's word.

The fifth book of the Bible is a place of transition for a newly formed nation. From the days of Abraham in Genesis through the stories of the Exodus, the nation of Israel was formed and delivered from the bondage of Egyptian oppression. Because of rebellion, the nation had spent forty years wandering through the wilderness. Joshua has taken the lead of the nation following the death of Moses. The Lord's advice to Joshua in Joshua 1 is an important foundation that young people should build their lives upon.

In verse two, Jehovah says to Joshua - "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel." Joshua needed to recognize that the days of Moses were passed and that a new day dawned. There was a time of mourning for Moses (Deuteronomy 34) but those days were passed. There was work to be done and goals to accomplish. The Jordan River needed to be crossed to conquer the land. Joshua should focus on the task at hand without the regrets and disappointments of yesterday.

Someone once said, "We are victims of our past, prisoners of the present and judges of our future." The days of High School are over and the expanse of life is before each graduate. An eye of anticipation should prevail as each graduate be-

gins to set the course for his or her life. There may be regrets in life and disappointments but what matters now is establishing solid patterns of decisions that will lessen the regrets of the future. "Now therefore" signifies the face being set for the challenges of tomorrow.

God tells Joshua to "arise and go over this Jordan." This is the importance of action and direction. Talking about conquering the land of Canaan did not get the job done. Crossing the Jordan and going about the work of God's plan required action. In life, there will be many Jordan's to cross. There will be Jericho's that give us great victory (Joshua 6) and there will be failures as in the day of Ai (Joshua 7). The difference between Jericho and Ai is whether one trusts in the Lord and obeys him.

Joshua was promised by God that in obedience, no man would be able to stand against the people of God nor would God forsake them. (Joshua 1:5) The most valuable tool the graduate can take with them in life is the promise of God given to Joshua. If one will fully trust in the Lord and seek His guidance in life, great victories will be achieved. Forsaking Jehovah will only bring failure. It takes courage to face the uncertainties of the future. "Be strong and of a good courage." (Joshua 1:6) Be alert to the wiles of the devil (1 Peter 5:8) and follow the admonition of Paul in Ephesians 5:15,16 – "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

The final advice is never to let the word of God depart from your life. "Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left...not depart out of thy mouth...meditate day and night...observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:7-8) The decision is yours graduate. Let Jehovah God rule in your life and guide your steps.

- Kent Heaton