

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 - July 5

READ SCRIPTURE:

John Eastridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bryan Denison

OFFICIATE:

Leon Seaton

SERVE COMMUNION:

Donnie Edwards Rex Wallace
Les Neville John Eastridge

PREACH:

a.m. - Wayne Hatcher
p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING:

am - Ken Russell pm - BA Fudge

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS:

July 6-10 Beckton Church of Christ with Steve Higginbotham 7 pm

July 12-17 Hickory College Church of Christ with Kenny Hart

YOUTH DAY:

July 11 Mt. Vernon Church of Christ in Park City 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Speaker: Andrew Phillips, Minister, Crittendon Church of Christ in Russellville, KY

Happy July 4th!!!

I know we as Americans are happy and thankful for our freedom we enjoy in this country. We are very appreciative of those who have sacrificed and given their lives for freedom, But we as Christians are most happy and thankful for our freedom in Christ Jesus our Lord who died for us that we may be free from the penalty of sin. Rom. 8:1-4
- Wayne



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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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Are you failing in your relationships?

Beginning this Wednesday night, we will host a special
Seminar on
RELATIONSHIPS — A Biblical Perspective



Dr. Sam Dick

Our elders have invited brother Sam Dick of Cave City, Ky to conduct this Seminar on Wednesday nights through the rest of July.

He has his Doctorate in Biblical Counseling and does counseling along with his many duties as a Gospel Preacher, conducting meetings, TV program on WBKO and is Superintendent of our local School District, Caverna Independent Schools.

In his first lesson, he will discuss why we humans have troubles in relationships. In the next lessons, he will be discussing all aspects of the relationships in the home and family, community, work, school and a lesson on how to deal with difficult people in our lives.

Make plans to be here for this very timely study. Be sure and invite your family and friends to attend. Wayne has printed flyers which you may give with your invitation. If you have a computer, he has PDF files that you may also send as invitations. The information is also uploaded to the church website. Remember to pray for this effort.

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; Paul Hogan; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Chris Burchett; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Gerald Watt; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); Vickie Thompson's dad, William E. Estes and her uncle, Elmer Estes, Jr.; Dennis Hatcher's father and mother-in-law (Royce & Elizabeth Alexander); Buddy Logsdon, (elder at Cave City); Frankie Walters; Lindley Hatcher (Mark & Jennifer Hatcher's granddaughter); Noreida Reesor (Vickie Houk's mother) had successful surgery last week; Brenda Kay Thomason (member at E-town); Dylan Denison away for three more weeks with the Governor's Scholar Program in Louisville. Her address is on the bulletin board; political unrest in Honduras

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Krista Harris; Leslie Witty; Peggy Spann; Jerry Greer; Billy Ross; Roger Lile; Jeff Lile; Kay Bush, Mary Bush; family of Cody Allen Barr

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Sally Marshall Johnalene Lancaster

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Hallie Davidson 403; Mary Edwards 502; 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
Darrell Wallace Sunset's Satellite Schools

LADIES BIBLE CLASS:

Will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 here at the building. This is only the second class so it is not too late to join them. Renee Perkins is the teacher.

LIBRARY BOOKS:

Two new books have been donated to the church library by Johnalene Lancaster in memory of **Lucy Byrd Every**. *"The Road to Forgiveness"* and *"Conquering Your Giants"* both by Nancy Eichman.

CONGRATULATIONS:

On Thurs. July 9, 1-4 p.m., Citizens First Bank is honoring Carolyn Russell for her 30 years of service. We likewise are proud of the work record Carolyn has accomplished. She plans to continue working by the way.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES:

July 13 South Green St. Church of Christ 7-8:30 p.m. with Ray Pack *"Surviving the Fast Track of Life"*

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Who was turned into a leper for lying to the prophet Elisha?
The answer to last week's question was:

Sifted Like Wheat

by Michael E. Brooks

"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat'" (Luke 22:31 NKJV).

Over years of missionary travels I have gained much enjoyment from photography. One of my all-time favorite pictures is of an adolescent girl sifting wheat by tossing it into the air from a shallow woven basket (tray) in the mountains of Nepal. The picture clearly shows the heavier kernels of grain falling back into the basket with the lighter husks (often called "chaff" in the Bible) and other waste being blown away by the breeze.

What makes that picture special to me is that it clearly shows the backdrop of the beautiful Himalayan mountains and also the proximity of a deep crevice, on the edge of which the girl is working.

On the night he was betrayed, while eating a final meal with his disciples, Jesus warned Simon (Peter) of the great danger which he faced. Unknown to Simon, Satan was bargaining with the Lord for his soul. He desired to throw him up and let the wind blow him where it would. Satan obviously believed and hoped that Peter would be proven unworthy and would perish. What a picture of temptation and sin. What a challenge to each of us as we consider the daily trials we face.

Consider the picture described above as a sort of parable or allegory, illustrating Simon's plight. First, there is the acting agent -- the girl who is tossing the wheat into the air. In the incident related in Luke 22, the one who desires this role is Satan, that he might tempt and destroy Peter.

Second, there is material being separated in the basket (wheat grains and chaff) -- symbolic of Satan's desire to sift Simon, and of all humans facing the circumstances of life (Matthew 13:21).

Third, there are the high mountains -- illustrating Simon's (and our) potential for good.

Fourth, there is the deep gorge over which the action takes place -- obviously reflecting the danger facing Simon, the fate of chaff which is blown by the wind.

Fifth and finally, there is the basket into which the good grain falls -- a place of refuge and potential usefulness. In Luke's text, Jesus is Simon's protector -- "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to me, strengthen your brethren" (Luke 22:32). Peter's place in the basket of refuge was guaranteed.

Men and women are constantly being tested and proven by the various activities of life. Just as the wind separates good kernels of grain from useless husks in the sifting process, so temptation to sin and opportunities to serve God each act to prove the true nature of every individual.

Faith in God, righteous conduct, and obedience to the commands of Jesus give weight and substance. Selfishness, pride, immorality, and uncleanness all reduce human life to a meaningless shell (Romans 1:20-32). Satan continuously sifts us to see which we are. Only Jesus can shelter and save us.

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