

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 12

READ SCRIPTURE:

Mike Thompson

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 – Phillip Carter pm – Ken Russell

SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

The Hart Co. Health Care Family Council invites the community to a meeting with area legislators Johnny Bell, David Givens and Carl Rollins to discuss concerns of senior citizens. The meeting will be in the Horse Cave Baptist Church's basement on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 6 p.m. Plan to attend this informative meeting. Please RSVP by July 12th to Marcia Witherspoon at 786-1562

AREA GOSPEL MEETING:

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

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" (I really encourage the youth to attend this so they can meet other young people of like precious faith. WH).



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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 Game Is Only Half Over by Wayne Hatcher

On New Year's Day in 1929, Georgia Tech played the University of California at Berkeley in the Rose Bowl. In that game a young man who played center, named Roy Riegels, recovered a fumble for Cal. Picking up the loose ball, Riegels lost his sense of direction and ran sixty-five yards toward the wrong goal line. Benny Lom, his teammate and quarterback chased him and was able to tackle him just before he scored for the opposing team. Cal chose to punt rather than risk a play so close to their end zone. Tech was able to block it and scored a safety (2 points).

The strange play occurred in the first half. At half-time, Cal players filed off the field and into the dressing room. Coach Price looked at the team and said, "Men, the same team that played the first half will start the second." The players got up and started out, all but Riegels. He didn't budge. Coach Price went over to Riegels and said, "Roy, didn't you hear me? The same team that played the first half will start the second."

Roy Riegels looked up, his cheeks wet with tears. "Coach, I can't do it. I've ruined you, I've ruined myself, I've ruined the University of California. I couldn't face that crowd to save my life." Coach Price said, "Roy, get up and go back out there — the game is only half over."

Riegels finally did get up. He went back and played hard. His team eventually lost the game to Tech 8-7. The point of the story is all of us have run a long way in the wrong direction at times. But remember, because of God's mercy, the game is only half over.

Despite the embarrassing situation, Riegels went on to live a fairly normal life, serving in the US Air Force in WWII, coaching high school and college football including Cal and was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame. He learned a lot from his mistake – the game was only half over.

"If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared" (Psalm 130:3-4) .

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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.; Frankie Walters; Lindley Hatcher; Buddy Logsdon (elder at Cave City); Charles Isenberg (defibulator to be installed Wed.); Janey Gerald's suffered a broken leg last Sat. She had surgery to repair it and is recuperating at her mother's home.

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

Allison Rae Eastridge arrived Tuesday, July 7 at 5:12 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21^{1/4} inches long. Proud parents are John & Candice Eastridge - proud grandparents are Tom & Mary Whittington. Congratulations!!

OUR RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR:

The first session began this past Wed. night. Bro. Sam Dick had an excellent introduction! This Wed. night he will be dealing primarily with relationships in the marriage. We appreciated the good number who were here. You will not want to miss any of the sessions.

WEDDING INVITATION:

Mr & Mrs Mark Hatcher request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter *Meagan Lee* to *Christopher Ryan James* Saturday, August 1st at 6 p.m. at the State Street Methodist Church in Bowling Green. Reception following at the L&N Depot. RSVP by July 18 by calling 524-0764

WEDDING SHOWER:

Ladies, you are invited to a Wedding Shower for **Meagan Hatcher** on Sunday, **July 26, 2-4** at the home of Ken & Carolyn Russell. They are registered at: Target, Pottery Barn and Macys.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

What king of Israel reigned only 7 days and killed himself by burning down his palace around him?

The answer to last week's question was: His servant, Gehazi, 2 Kings 5:20-27-

A Heart of Obedience

by Clark Dugger

In Acts 13:22 the apostle Paul quotes 1 Samuel 13:14 in which God identifies David as "a man after My own heart, who will do all My will." Such a statement may seem odd to some when they consider the crimes that David committed. How could a man commit adultery, lie about it and try to cover up with murder and still be a man after God's own heart? All one must do is read some of the Psalms that David wrote to understand the statement to which Paul refers.

Consider, for instance, statements made by David in Psalm 51. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions" (v. 1). "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight" (v. 4). "Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou wilt make me to know wisdom" (v. 6). "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (v. 9, 10). "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (v. 17).

There is not one of us that has not sinned against God (Rom. 3:23). Perhaps we haven't committed adultery or murder as David did, but we have stood separated from God because of that sin whatever it was. David knew the "godly sorrow" about which Paul speaks in 2 Cor. 7:10; that "godly sorrow" which brings repentance unto salvation. He understood that repentance begins with the identification and confession of the transgression and the realization that we are utterly dependent upon God for comfort and relief

from the burden and consequence of that sin.

What was it about his heart that made it like the Lord's? The answer is found in God's statement as Paul quotes it, "a man after My own heart, *who will do all My will.*" Certainly God makes this statement as He contrasts the attitude and disposition of David to that of King Saul. Saul had been disobedient to God in not destroying the Amalekites. Oh, he had certainly conquered them, but he had not done all that God commanded, for God told him to, "go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass" (1 Sam. 15:3).

Saul spared King Agag and the best of the sheep and oxen, and all that was good. And so God told Samuel, "It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments" (1 Sam. 15:11). The result was Samuel told Saul, "Because thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (v. 26). And so, God looked for "a man after My own heart, who will do all My will" and he found one in David. Not that David was perfect, but that David wanted to do right.

Yes, he made mistakes in his life – big ones. But David's sin was not the product of a rebellious attitude toward God and His will. David yielded to temptation and committed grievous transgressions. But when confronted with His sin, he did not respond as did Saul by blaming others and making excuses. Rather, he said, "I have sinned against Jehovah" and repented (2 Sam. 12:13). May God help us all to have a heart like David's that will strive to do all God's will.