

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 – I Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38
Christian's Hope – Romans 8:24-25
Christian's Faithfulness and Endurance –
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - July 19

READ SCRIPTURE:

Phillip Carter

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 – BA Fudge pm – Phillip Carter

Anchors

When sailing through the storms of
doubt,
Discouragement, or pain,
I shall not fear the lashing wind,
Nor fury of the rain.

Three anchors hold my little craft;
I tested them with care;
There's one of faith, and one of hope,
And one of daily prayer.

With these to hold my ship secure,
What danger can betide,
I know that I shall reach at last
A harbor safe and wide.

by Bess Samuel Ayres
via BulletinGold



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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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While Men Slept by Mack Lyon

While men slept--that's the explanation Jesus gave for the presence of weeds in the wheat in Matthew 13:25. While men slept, the enemy came and sowed weeds in the wheat—abortion became an acceptable means of population control, homosexuality became an acceptable life style, sex outside marriage became common behavior, teenage pregnancy reached epidemic proportions, our society grew addicted to pornography and gambling, and alcoholism became our Number One health problem—while men slept. Individualism, pluralism, secularism, and apathy rendered American religion impotent, totally incapable of doing anything about our moral crises. No one seemed to know what was right and what was wrong. Most people didn't think there was any right or wrong, and those who did, didn't seem to care one way or the other. So everyone did what felt good to him at the moment, or made him feel good about himself later on. While men slept the weeds grew.

Don't you think it's time we awaken out of our sleep? New Testament Christians "turned the world upside down" by preaching Jesus Christ. They went everywhere doing it—in the Jewish synagogues, then in the market places. They made a great impact on the world around them and thousands of thousands of people became followers of Christ. But that was their Number One priority.

Will our church historians write about the church in our times that, "while men slept", America became a godless nation, forbidding the mention of God in public education and at public affairs? Will they say that on our watch, our national motto, "in God we trust", became unconstitutional? Will they write while that New Testament Christians slept, false religions dominated the airways, that like Israel of old, we abandoned God and worshiped our Baals?

The Lord says, "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead. And Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). - In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

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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; Charles Isenberg did not have the defibulator installed but is rescheduled for July 29; Faye Guinn (member at Center); Brenda K. Thomason (member at E-town); Candice Eastridge spent Mon. in the hospital, and is feeling better; we have a large number away today on vacation.

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Peggy Spann; Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Billy Ross; Roger Lile; Jeff Lile; Kay Bush; Mary Bush; Graham Rutherford (in Iraq)

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

OUR RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR:

This past Wed. night. marked the second lesson in our *Seminar on Relationships* taught by bro. Sam Dick. He did another fabulous job focusing on the relationship of marriage. Wayne recorded the lesson on a DVD. If you would like to have a copy, when the series ends, please let him know. We continue to appreciate the good number who are attending.

GOSPEL RESPONSE:

On Wed. night, Mary Hatcher ask for our prayers and acknowledged wrong doings in her life and asked for God's forgiveness and the church her at Horse Cave.

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.

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 2:30-4:30:

The Mt Pleasant Church of Christ in Bowling Green Ky have moved to a new location, and they have a new building after the fire last August. Address is: 10219 Ky Highway 185

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Where was the apostle Paul when an angel assured him he would be able to stand trial before Caesar?

The answer to last week's question was:
Zimri, I Kings 16:15,18

Seeking the Counsel of the Lord

by Leon Cole

Joshua chapter 9 relates an interesting but seldom read incident. The word had rapidly spread of victories won by the Israelites at Jericho and Ai. Many of the surrounding nations united to fight with Joshua and Israel. The people of Gibeon designed a different strategy. They determined that a treaty with Israel would be a greater safeguard than open warfare.

The Gibeonites, dressed in old garments and carrying old wineskins and moldy bread, came to the Israelites claiming to have traveled from a far country. They stated that when they left home to begin their journey their bread was hot from the oven, their wine skins were new and so was their apparel. They further declared that they had heard of all the wonders God had performed for Israel. In the most humble manner, they asked for a treaty to be made between their people and Israel. It is then that we read this most significant statement, "Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord" (NKJV).

It would be nothing short of amazing to know how many times men have placed themselves in difficulty because "they did not ask counsel of the Lord." Several lessons may be observed from the mistake made by these men of Israel.

This incident teaches us that the senses may easily lead us astray. The moldy bread and the tattered clothing seemed to be

plain proof that these strangers were telling the truth. Often we are deceived by the appearance of a matter. Frequently, it is suggested that an earthquake or a storm has come because of God's wrath on some nation. Some conclude that prosperity is a sign of God's favor and that adversity is an indication that one has sinned. That idea is at least as old as the book of Job. Job's friends propagated it. We should never forget that things are not always as they seem or as they may be discerned by our senses.

This incident also teaches us the weakness of human wisdom. Things seemed so apparent to these Israelite chiefs that they chose not to consult God. Soon they had reason to repent of their haste. Isn't it true that we have done the same thing? God certainly expects us to use our reasoning powers but we ought not totally rely upon them. It is so true, "the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." The Bible, history and experience all attest to this fact.

The most important lesson from this incident is the urgency of seeking the counsel of God. God views nothing as trivial if it concerns his children. When you have a decision to make, seek God's counsel. Many a congregation would have avoided strife if they had only asked counsel of the Lord. Many a trouble would never have beset us if we had only asked counsel of the Lord. "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.