

## 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**  
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## LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - August 9

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Leon Seaton

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Willie Cyphers

### OFFICIATE:

Ken Russell

### SERVE COMMUNION:

Bill Brooks David Houk  
Roy Petett Matt Forbes

### PREACH:

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

### LEAD SINGING:

am - BA Fudge pm - Phillip Carter

### God's Refining Shop by Allen Webster

'Why me, Lord?' We have all asked it. Why does it always have to rain on my parade? Why did this have to happen to me? Why my child? Why my marriage? Why my job? Why? Why? Why?

The answer may be found in an obscure Old Testament passage where God is pictured as sitting over a refiner's fire making silver of His people. Malachi wrote: *'And he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness'* (Malachi 3:3).

A woman read this verse in Bible class and was curious enough to seek out a silversmith to see what it meant. She found him sitting before a crucible, gazing intently into a boiling pot. She asked, 'Do you have to sit here all the time or just come back when it's finished?' He replied, 'I have to keep my eye on the crucible. If it gets too hot, the silver is injured. I know the process of purifying is completed when I see my own image reflected in the silver.' The answer to 'why me?' is found in the silversmith's shop.

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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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## GOAL

IT WAS A fog-shrouded morning, July 4, 1952, when a young woman named Florence Chadwick waded into the water off Catalina Island... She intended to swim the channel from the island to the California coast. Long-distance swimming was not new to her; she had been the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. The water was numbing cold that day. The fog was so thick she could hardly see the boats in her party. Several times sharks had to be driven away with rifle fire. She swam more than 15 hours before she asked to be taken out of the water. Her trainer tried to encourage her to swim on since they were so close to land, but when Florence looked, all she saw was fog. So she quit. . . only one-mile from her goal. Later she said, "I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen the land I might have made it." It wasn't the cold or fear or exhaustion that caused Florence Chadwick to fail. It was the fog.

THOUGHT: Many times we too fail, not because we're afraid or because of the peer pressure or because of anything other than the fact that we lose sight of the goal. By the way, two months after her failure, Florence Chadwick walked off the same beach into the same channel and swam the distance, setting a new speed record, because she could see the land!

KneEmail: *"...I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:14).

- Mike Benson,  
Editor (of an online devotional), *KneEmail*

## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Chris Burchett; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Gerald Watt; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); Vickie Thompson's dad, William E. Estes; Frankie Walters; Buddy Logsdon; Faye Guinn (member at Center); Brenda K. Thomason (member at E-town); Roger Lyons (Jean Turner's relative) in FL sustained injuries in a fall; Gladys Doyle of Cave City is in Skilled Care at T. J. Rm. 283; Paul Hogan fell last week but thankful he didn't break any bones; Katherine Wright (former member here now in AZ) as she recovers from surgery.

### **FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:**

the family of Harry Lee Curry; family of Peggy Spann; family of Calvin Martin; family of Shala Wooten; family of Herman Ward; Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Billy Ross; James Minor; 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 – 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 Sunset's Satellite Schools

### **NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY:**

It has been decided that we will use the 21st Century Christian material as a guide for the auditorium class on Wed. nights. We will start with the Fall of 2009 topic which will be John 1-13. If you haven't picked up your book, please do so and make plans to attend this class.

### **LADIES DAY:**

Aug. 15 at South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow with Teddy Copeland. She will present two lessons: "Playing the hand you are dealt" and "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade". Breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. If you plan to attend, please call them by today. See details on Bulletin Board.

### **GOSPEL MEETING:**

August 16-20 Cave City Church of Christ with James Barnes 7:00 nightly

### **TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:**

When Jesus healed a paralyzed man, what did the man pick up and carry home?

The answer to last week's question was: Pergamos, Rev. 2:12-17

### **WELCOME VISITORS:**

If you are visiting with us today, we always appreciate you, and trust you will find a warm and friendly welcome.

## Jesus' Word Reaches Across the Centuries

*"That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, 'See, this is new'? It has already been in ancient times before us."* (Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10) At first glance this statement may seem questionable. But then I remember sitting and talking with my grandfather, who is in his ninety-fourth year. The discussion would reach across the greater part of a century and the vast changes embraced in the years of his lifetime. I realize that the words that are charged with emotion today were meaningless to him when he was my age. AIDS! Terrorists! Challenger! However, these same words have their counterparts. The names have simply changed to express similar concerns. He could have had the same discussion with his grandfather, and so on before him. I believe we would realize the truthfulness of Solomon's observation in only a few such discussions. Yes, our world has changed. But man struggles with the same problems and sins today that have plagued men of all ages. They seem to just reach across the centuries.

Fortunately, the solution to man's problems, dreams, temptations and happiness carries the same trait. Just a casual reading of the Bible impresses us with this fact. God's blessings also reach across the centuries. You can detect his goodness in your life without much effort.

Just like the struggles of man, the blessings of god do not change. God has communicated to us His will. "God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in

times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son." (Hebrews 1:1, 2) Through Jesus, God has delivered a message of hope and justice. This unchanging message is found in our New Testament. It is true that man can change it. However, at the last scene God's Will shall be done (Isaiah 55:9-11).

Because of my belief in these thoughts, my plea is simple. Reach across the centuries to Jesus. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Reach across the centuries and find salvation just as 3,000 accepted Jesus and became part of His kingdom (Acts 2:37-47). Reach across the centuries and find God's perfect revelation, the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therein we can walk with confidence, being able to depend completely upon God and His authority for our belief, practice and worship (1 Peter 4:11). Can you really question the fact that God loves you? I doubt it. The real issue is our love for God. This is simply answered by our trust in Him and in His word (John 14:15 and 1 John 5:2).

You see, as Jesus walked the lonely path to Calvary, people were facing troubles and tragedies as real and painful as any our world can boast. And that is why that path was taken, the cross was raised, and the tomb was found empty. "He lives!" This was the message heard in the early hours of that Sunday morning centuries ago. May that message too reach across the centuries to you.

David Bragg  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
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