

## 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 23

### READ SCRIPTURE:

Bill Brooks

### 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 - Phillip Carter pm - Ken Russell

## A Youngster's Prayer

Lord, help me build a life that's clean,  
A heart that's righteous, strong, and pure;  
And help that I shall not be mean,  
But always sweet, and kind, and sure.  
Help me with courage strong to stand,  
Where every faithful Christian ought;  
And lead me by thy gracious hand  
Into the paths I should have sought.  
Help me to dedicate my all,  
My life, to do thy precious will;  
Lord, help me answer when you call,  
And let thy love my poor heart fill.

- J. T. Bolding

## Food for thought...

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.



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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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## Christian Responsibility by Mike Riley

In his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," written in 1788, Edward Gibbon specified five basic reasons why that civilization withered and died. One wonders whether historians centuries from now will find a deadly parallel between the societies of the United States and Imperial Rome. The five basic reasons for the Roman Empire's demise that Gibbon detected was:

- 1) An undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.
- 2) Higher and higher taxes, and spending public money for "free" bread and circuses for the populace.
- 3) A mad craze for pleasure, with pastimes becoming every year more exciting, brutal, and immoral.
- 4) Building great armaments, although the real enemy was within - the decay of individual responsibility.
- 5) Decay of religion - faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and losing power to guide the people.

Can any right thinking person fail to see in these flaws a frightening likeness to the society in which we are now living? Whether we are "beyond the point of no return," I do not know. I do know that God through His Word tells that, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

### Conclusion

Brethren, it is our responsibility as God's people to continue to, "... be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights of the world" (Philippians 2:15; cf. Ephesians 5:8).

## PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Chris Burchett; Blake Morris; Dennis Hatcher; Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); Phillip Carter has been sick the past few days; 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; Larry Glass, Sr. was injured in a fork-lift accident last week. He is in Vanderbilt Hosp.; Katherine Wright; Tom Evans is now home from the hospital; we have a large number who are traveling this weekend.

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

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Billy Ross; James Minor; Roger Lile; Kay Bush; Mary Bush; Graham Rutherford (in Iraq)

### **SYMPATHY:**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Gerald Watt who passed away on Friday. He is well known in this area having preached at Cave City and Mt. Gilead in T-ville for many years.

### **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

### **DVD OF RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR:**

If you wanted a copy on DVD of our recent "Relationship Seminar" conducted by Sam Dick and you haven't picked yours up yet, see Wayne.

### **INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY:**

The process has begun on our new informational directory. Please help us by filling out one of the data sheets that Becca Napper has prepared. Please return it to Becca or to Wayne. Judy Petett will also be helping with this project. We are planning to include pictures (on a volunteer basis) of you and/or your family. You may either submit one, or we will set up a time to take one.

### **WELCOME VISITORS:**

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

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

What does Satan masquerade as in the present world?

The answer to last week's question was:  
Exodus 34:13

## Do We Need To Go Back To School (1) by Richard Mansel

Young people face an onslaught of immorality in public school, the likes of which previous generations could not have imagined. The language and frank sexual talk that they hear all day would probably shock older people to their core. We need to strengthen and encourage them every day to remain strong and godly.

We must remember that we cannot allow the world to control how we live. We are to have "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11, NKJV).

God is consummate goodness. "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). We cannot be duplicitous and try to walk with Satan and Christ at the same time. We must remain in the light and be relentlessly pure and sanctified (1 John 1:6-7). Satan offers only death and destruction and cannot be trusted (John 8:44). Yet, most of the world follows him (Matthew 7:13-14).

Since most of the world follows Satan in darkness, we cannot emulate them. In their world of shadows, they call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20). We cannot follow them to hell.

Young people sometimes try to please everyone. They will try to be good in front of their parents and fellow Christians, and a completely different person in front of the world.

They may impress Christians with their faith and yet their language and behavior away from them, tells a very different story. They may be a leader at their congregation and have an internet page filled with profanity and sexual innuendo. They may stumble over the prayer at the Lord's table because their hangover is so bad that they can barely think.

God wants all of our lives, not part of them and he is always watching. He is not playing with us, either. He is very serious (Luke 13:3-5).

Scripture brims with stories that are applicable

to this theme.

Peter embodied a type of duplicitous Christian when he tried to have it both ways in Galatians 2:11-16. He wanted to be friends with the Gentiles when the Jews were not around and ignore them when the Jews were in sight. Paul rebuked him for his sin.

Joseph faced powerful sexual temptation when Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him (Genesis 39:7-12). She wanted sex and Joseph pulled away and ran. This story matches today's dilemma so well. Because Joseph did what was right, he suffered by being imprisoned. Yet, God was with him and his righteousness brought blessings to his life (Genesis 41:37-45).

Joshua said that he did not care what anyone else did, he and his family would remain true to God (Joshua 24:15). We all need this type resolve.

Christians in Corinth had lived sinful lives as pagans immersing themselves in their depraved culture. Yet, through Christ, they had overcome the peer pressure and aspired to righteousness (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). They were encouraged to stand firm against the tide of filth washing against them.

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

"Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD." (Jeremiah 1:8). We cannot allow our fear of the eyes of the world to lead us to debauchery.

Sin consumes us and leads us around on a collar, if we will allow it. Peer pressure never ends and it may be more difficult to overcome than anything we have ever encountered.

When we stand against the mocking laughter, we may find a foe more fearsome than anything we may face as teenagers. We all want approval but God's love matters far more than anything sinful man has to offer! (Matthew 25:23).

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