

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

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

### Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16  
Repentance - Luke 13:3  
Confession - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for remission of sins -  
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

## Finding My Worth... from pg. 3

meaninglessness and even self-loathing. This is part of the reason why so many people turn to so many vices—alcohol, drugs, sexuality—in an attempt to “fill the void.”

The world is quick to offer solutions. The self-appointed therapists of afternoon talk shows and the mega-rich attitude coaches of late-night infomercials tell us that we need to practice “self love,” and engage in more positive “self-talk.” They tell us that we have to love ourselves first before we can ever learn to love anyone else. Yet, however quaint their advice may be, it is as far from truth as the east is from the west.

The Bible tells us that positive self-image does not come through believing we are wonderful, but through the knowledge that God loves us. We don't need better “self-esteem,” but need a better understanding of God's estimation of us! In fact, the Bible tells us that the first step to wholeness is understanding and accepting our own wretchedness and turning in utter dependence to God's awesome grace. Perhaps the old children's song has more practical advice on developing self-esteem than all of today's pop-psychology: “Jesus first, yourself LAST, and others in-between.”

### CONTRIBUTING TO FLOOD VICTIMS

The congregation here sent \$3155 to the Lothair Church of Christ in Hazard, KY who will oversee dispersing the funds to help those in dire need due to the flooding. \$2500 was from the church treasury and \$615 was from individuals who wanted to offer more help individually.



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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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You Are Invited To Our  
5<sup>th</sup> Summer Series in July  
and August

## "My Favorite Sermon"

- July 6 **Marty Edwards** "My Favorite Lesser Known Passages of the Bible"
- July 13 **Allen Jones** "Jesus, My Lawyer"
- July 20 **Danny McCain** "Heaven, Rest for the Faithful" Heb. 4:1-11
- July 27 **Edd Sterchi** "What the Gospel Will Do"
- Aug 3 **Craig Waddell** "Be Sure to Eat a Balanced Diet for Your Spiritual Health"
- Aug 10 **Neal Pollard** "God Eternal Plan of Salvation"
- Aug 17 **Bart Warren** "United With Him (from Romans 6)"
- Aug 24 **Robbie Fudge** "Four Reasons To Be Faithful"
- Aug 31 **John Board** "Mechanical Instrumental Music"

\*Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 CST

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margie Gentry is being cared for at her home; it's been good to see Billy Bybee, Carolyn Russell and Mike Thompson at services lately; Becky Hatcher at home still dealing with back pain. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Rex Wallace's dr. appt. is Tues. in Louisville; Sue Bunnell; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer; Agnes Seaton; Mark Hatcher; Joyce Dye; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Laura Brooks; Brenda Jagers; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Malon Schuler's mom Ann Schuler home under Hospice Care; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's future treatments for cancer; Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law); Don Waddell; Chad Davis treatments for colon cancer; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Helen Edwards; Ronnie Smith (Robin Wallace's) brother had his back surgery; Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter); Becky Bush had to be flown to Audubon Hosp. in Louisville due to a large blood clot in her leg; Vickie Thompson's mother is under the care of Hospice; Dane Ann Stinson; Tanya Wilson is recovering from gall bladder surgery; Gala Graham has been told she is cancer free; prayers for our local schools, students & staff as a new school year begins.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass  
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing  
Manna Project

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our last lesson in our Summer

Quarter from Isaiah. Today's topic: "God Reaches a Hand to Save" Isaiah 65:8-12; 66:1-13 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

Next Sunday we begin our Fall Quarter which will be over the book of Ephesians.

### PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace will be preaching this morning at 11 am and at 5 pm He will continue the study from Ecclesiastes. We are thankful he was able to attend Polishing the Pulpit and have a display for World English Institute.

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: [wloconline.com](http://wloconline.com)

8:30-8:45 a.m. *Words of Truth* - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. *Truth In Love* - Wayne Hatcher

### OUR SUMMER SERIES

on Wed. evenings at 6:00. Our last speaker this Wed. will be John Board minister of the E-town Church of Christ. Robbie Fudge spoke this past Wed. We have heard some great lessons.

### LETTER FROM CAVERNA SUPERINTENDENT AMANDA ABELL

We received a very nice letter from Ms Abell. She sent letters to all the churches in the district. She said "churches serve a critical role in our communities". She requested we pray for our schools, transportation, all the staff and students as we prepare to begin a new year Sept. 6. A copy of her letter is posted on the bulletin board. Please take time to read it.

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Why was the chief captain of the Roman army afraid when he had Paul bound and was about to have him scourged?

Answer to our question last week:

David 2 Samuel 6:2-12

## I Have Made Peace With God

by Mark Lindley

There is nothing more important in life than having peace with God. There can be no assurance of salvation or hope of heaven without having peace with God. Therefore, we should all desire to have peace with our Maker.

But how can we have such peace? The basic answer to the question is that peace comes by receiving the forgiveness of sins. Sin brings disturbance and causes discord between man and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). As long as one remains in sin, there can be no fellowship or peace with God.

Occasionally, a person who has shown little or no interest in spiritual things might make the statement: "I have made my peace with God." The Bible teaches that the Lord will be the final judge on the Day of Judgment. Only the Lord qualifies to judge and to determine the ultimate destiny of souls. However, it is not being judgmental or self-righteous to affirm that one has no peace with God until one has obeyed the Gospel and been forgiven. Simply claiming to have "made peace with God" does not make it so, unless the one who makes that statement has submitted to the Gospel of Christ.

Consider what Paul wrote about peace with God: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peace comes when one is "justified by faith." But when does that occur? When does faith justify? In the next chapter of Romans (chapter 6), the an-

swer is given: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). Notice that the Christians in Rome to whom Paul wrote were "made free from sin" when they "obeyed" the Gospel. Earlier in Romans chapter 6, Paul states that the Romans had been baptized into Christ, and had been raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). This is when and how one can know that he or she truly has made peace with God. When one's faith leads one to repent, confess Christ, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, then one has a scriptural reason for claiming to have peace with God. Nevertheless, apart from obedience to the Gospel, claiming to have peace with God is to make an unscriptural statement. May we all search the scriptures and our lives to be sure we have made peace with God.

## Finding My Worth In God

by Kerry Williams

*"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Phil 2:3 NKJV).*

One of the greatest struggles for humanity is the discovery of our own value and self-worth. People often feel so very empty and insignificant. The cares of life tend to batter down our self-image and leave us with a sense of

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