

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 the
light - Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7

Horse Cave Heritage Festival

Sept. 15 & 16 We plan to have a booth this year and we need volunteers to work a minimum of two workers per two hour shift. Friday 6pm-8pm; Saturday noon-2pm; 2pm-4 pm; 4pm-6pm Assist in sign up for bible correspondence course; pass out bible reference cards, make available HouseToHouse info and tracts, limited handout of ink pens and notepads. See the sign up sheet on the banister beside the bulletins.

Annual Fall Festival

Sept. 16 Potter Children's Home in B. Green

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The Christian Tree

by Edd Sterchi

If a Christian were a tree, what should it look like?

- It would have roots that grow downward. Roots help with strength and stability. Roots also bring nutrients to the tree. Deeply rooted in the Scriptures the Christian can stand strong.
- It would be healthy inward. A tree must be healthy from the inside out. Spiritual health for the Christian begins with the heart.
- It would stretch up ever upward. A tree is always growing, stretching its leafy branches toward the sky. The Christian must ever be growing toward and pointing to heaven.
- It would produce fruit outward. A fruit tree yields much produce. The Christian is to be productive in good works and fruit of the Spirit.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit." (Jer. 17:7-8)



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Stuck In My Head

By Bob Prichard

A tune was stuck in my head. It was a jazzy clarinet tune. I was racking my brain trying to figure out what it was, and where it came from, when I happened to see a Land Rover TV commercial playing the tune. I had picked up the tune without paying attention.

Without even trying, our minds scoop up what we see, hear, smell, and feel. God has created us in such a way that we can remember an event from twenty-five years ago like it happened yesterday.

Knowing it is possible for us to absorb so many things without even thinking about it, shouldn't we be extra cautious about where we go, what we do, and what we expose our minds to? The more we fill our minds with good things, the more good things there will be to well up into our conscious or unconscious minds. We need David's attitude: "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!" (Psalm 139:17).

The song was "Baby Elephant Walk," written by Henry Mancini for the 1962 movie Hatari. Listen to it, and it will probably get stuck in your head, too! Why not spend some time this week putting good things from God in your head!

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher continues with dialysis 3X a week. Wayne is her caregiver; Becky Bush's back surgery on hold, things first; Doris Wallace's MRI showed several issues in her back; Lori Brewer is home; Fran Mears; Jennifer Hatcher is home; Jackie Coop recovering from knee replacement; Michael Richardson recovering from a broken bone in his elbow; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Daryl Lowe; Don Waddell (member at Center); Don Nims; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Sue Underwood (neighbor of Danny & Janet McCain); prayers for our schools that are back in session

NHC Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

This morning is our first lesson of our Fall Quarter Lesson 1: "God the Creator" Gen. 1:1-3; Psalm 33:6-9; Hebrews 11:3 Isaiah 40:28-31 Wayne serves as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. "Living In Babylon: Dare To Be A Daniel" Daniel 6 Danny McCain at 5 p.m. sermons from the book of Mark

WE HAD A GREAT SUMMER SERIES

Last Wed. evening concluded our Summer Series - *All Spiritual Blessings Are In Christ* Eph. 1:3 W. Tom Hall of the Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ Bowling Green, had a great lesson on "The Vital Question: How Do We Get In Christ?"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wed. at 6 p.m. we will resume our study from the book of Colossians. Wayne

is to teach this week, then Darrell, then Scott, then singing & devotional

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "In Search of the Lord's Way" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** There are choices to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

OUR NEXT GOSPEL MEETING

October 15-18 with John Board, preacher with the E-town Church of Christ. Mark your calendar. Prayers for this effort.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Sept. 10-13 South Green St. Church of Christ in Glasgow, KY with Steve Higginbotham "Jesus Is the Answer" John 6:67-68 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 in the library.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

NOTE: will meet Tuesday morning at 10:00 in our Annex next door

There Is No Victory Without A Battle

by Joe Chesser

I love the song Faith Is the Victory! We like to talk about faith. We love to sing songs and hear sermons about faith. We dream of having a faith that is so strong and vibrant that it will never fail, a faith that will conquer every obstacle. Faith is a popular topic among Christians.

But why do we need such a faith? For victory, of course! Faith Is the Victory!

But victory over what? Well, I'm afraid that's what we don't enjoy thinking about. As A.W. Tozer wrote, "We must keep in mind that before we can have a victory, we must have a battle" (A Cloud by Day, a Fire by Night, page 114).

We don't like battles. Why would we? Battles are dangerous. Battles are costly. Battles cause pain and suffering. Battles are not fun. Battles prevent us from enjoying the good life.

However, as much as we dislike battles, they are actually one of God's plans for our progress. When battles are overcome by faith in God's power, they make us stronger and help us move forward. Battles open our eyes to see the deliverance of God. They help us recognize how much we depend upon God and not ourselves to be victorious in this life. Before we can have a victory we must have a battle.

Israel enjoyed God's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It was an exciting day when they marched away from slavery under Pharaoh. They also enjoyed the thought of going to the Promised Land. What they didn't enjoy were the numerous battles they would have to fight along the way as they journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. They didn't get it that the battles they encountered were designed to increase their faith in the God of victory. They (and we) needed to learn to trust God to lead them to victory, and to learn that God's victory had to be accomplished according to His unique plans and in His time. Like us, they all too often wanted to either fight their battles with their own strength and cunning, or try to avoid the battles all together.

For example, when the Israelites arrived

in the wilderness of Paran they sent in 12 men to spy out the land God had promised them (Numbers 12.16-13.24). They came back with glowing reports. It was a land flowing with milk and honey (13.27). However, the people were strong, the cities fortified, and there were giants in the land. 10 of the spies reported that it was a land that devours its enemies (13.32) and we are like grasshoppers (13.33). Not a word of faith in God. Not a word of seeking God's help or wisdom. In fact, not a word about God at all except questions why God led them into such a disastrous situation (14.1-4). To the majority of people it was an unwinnable battle. They would rather go back to slavery in Egypt than do battle with the people of Canaan! There was no victory for that generation of Israelites because they refused to follow God into battle. Instead of being forward looking people of faith, they retreated back into the wilderness.

I fear that Israel's example describes many of us today. God's vast promises of deep spiritual riches are within our reach. They are within sight. But they won't be ours without a fight. Unlike Israel, our battle is not flesh and blood. No, we must do battle with the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6.12). Sadly, our culture has yielded to their evil influences. And Satan has convinced many Christians, especially our young people, to identify with this evil culture. The good news is that with faith in God (and not ourselves) victory is assured. But we must be willing to fight the good fight (2 Timothy 4.7).

Remember, there is no victory without a battle. Faith Is the Victory!