

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; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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4. They were united. They worked with organization, cooperation and coordination. The phrase "and next to him" is repeated about 30 times in Nehemiah chapter three and suggests that the builders were a close-knit team. So, the body of Christ is "joined and knit together" which results in edification and growth. (Eph. 4:16)

5. They were determined. They would not be sidetracked or distracted by intimidation from without, or dismay from within. They had "a mind to work." With a focused, determined leader in Nehemiah, the builders persevered and in 52 days the walls were completed.

Read Nehemiah chapter 4 and note these five principles. The church will stand strong against the enemy when we apply these steadfast principles. Remember, a good offense is the best defense!

by Clarence Deloach

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER

meets this afternoon at 3:00 in the auditorium.

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR

Sat. night Nov. 5 before going to bed

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

Nov. 13-16 Hardin Co. Church of Christ in Radcliffe, KY with Ray Pack Theme: "Growing with God"

Flyer on the bulletin board

Consider...

If life is a flight through time, who is in the cockpit?

If life is a joyride, who is behind the wheel?

If life is a voyage, who is at the helm?

Decisions determine direction (Joshua 24:15).

Direction determines destiny (Matthew 7:13-14).



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The Best Defense Is a Good Offense

"The God of Heaven will prosper us" (Nehemiah 2:20)

When trouble and opposition came to the builders, Nehemiah went on the offensive. He developed a powerful and positive strategy for battle against discouragement, danger, derision, discord, distraction, defamation and dismay. The antagonists were overcome and the builders succeeded because they applied five powerful principles that need to be implemented by the builders of the Kingdom today.

1. They prayed. The battles we fight must be bathed in the prayers of the saints. Satan levels the arsenal of hell against the builders of truth and righteousness. Prayer releases the power of God in our struggles. We cannot win alone! (Phil. 4:6; I Pet. 4:7; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; James 4:2)

2. They were alert. Prayer must always be coupled with watchfulness. We must be aware of the enemy - his deception and cunning. His devices are clever and manipulative. (I Pet. 5:8; II Cor. 2:11) As builders, we cannot afford the luxury of apathy or indifference. (Matt. 26:41)

3. They were prepared. As they worked, they were prepared for battle. Nehemiah put a sword in one hand and a tool to build in the other. (Neh. 4:16-20) Build and battle at the same time. As builders, we must be suited up in our armor at all times. Put on the "whole armor of God" (Eph. 6:10-18). Satan is always looking for an opportunity to infiltrate. By keeping "all" the armor on at "all" times we'll be ready when the attack comes.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher remains very weak after suffering with pneumonia. Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Sue Bunnell had her first treatment Thurs. for a small tumor on her pancreas; Rex Wallace; Carolyn Russell is recovering from a third surgery to repair issues from her broken arm; Genie & Marilyn Hogan at home; Fran Mears; Jackie Coop; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Dennis Hatcher fell at home last week and sprained an ankle; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda with a brain tumor; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) has been to UK Medical Center preparing to get on a donor list for a liver transplant. She had to be readmitted to the hospital on Wed.; it was good to see Becky Bush at worship last Sunday; Don Waddell; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy's future treatments; Zona Hogan (Genie & Marilyn Hogan's sister-in-law); Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Anthony Russell (Bobby & Debbie's son) had a car accident last Sunday after he swerved to miss a dog. He suffered a broken leg, fractured hip, broken ribs and spleen damage; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; our local schools, students & staff

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 Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SHANTI NIKETAN HOSPICE HOME Glasgow

Ann Schuler

CONGRATULATIONS

Lily Grace Miller was born Nov 2 at 12:35. She weighed 7 lbs and 6 oz and 18 3/4 long
Congratulations to Rob & Suzanne Miller and big brother Greyson. Proud grandparents Joey & Susan Palmore.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We will studying the great book of Ephesians. Today is lesson 9 *"Imitating God"* Eph. 5:1-21 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne Hatcher preaching at 11 am *"I Stand Amazed At Jesus"* and 5 pm *"Confessing the Son"* I John 5:1-12

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:30

We will resume our study from the book of James at 6:00. It will be Wayne's time to be the teacher.

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

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

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

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"Light of the World" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to say a huge thank you for the love and support you have shown to me for the last several months when I was so sick. I appreciate the cards, phone calls, texts and meal brought to me when you had the potluck. Also, thank you for all the offers of help. I am especially grateful for the prayers said on my behalf. While you were praying for

me, I was praying for you. I know how powerful prayer is and what an Almighty God we serve. He carried me through again and I am so thankful. May God bestow His richest blessings on you!

Your sister in Christ, Becky Bush

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who was the other man who was not chosen to replace Judas as an apostle?

Answer to our last question:

Philip John 1:46

Unwanted

"Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them: for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again" (Luke 8:37).

Jesus Christ will not impose Himself upon anyone. He won't stay where he's unwanted. The Gadarenes were so upset with Jesus when He cast a legion of demons from a man and sent them into nearby hogs. To them, the hogs were of more value than the man, so they "besought him to depart from them." In our world today there is an increasing animosity towards Jesus as He seemingly intrudes into men's comfort-zones. Even the mention of His name in prayer is not considered appropriate in schools, the military, etc. His word is considered out-of-date and irrelevant.

Some would purposely exclude Him from their lives. These would tell us there should be no positive mention of Him in school or public activities. He is even being written out of school history books.

Some would exclude Him in their choice of life-style. Evil so fills their hearts and lives, it is impossible for Christ to take up

residence in them. He is excluded from their lives.

Some would crowd Him out—not purposely, but simply by filling their lives with material things. Such find no time for Christ, Bible reading or church. Other things clamor for their attention.

What about you? Would you be among those to send Him away? Or would you welcome Him into your life?

by Ron Bartanen

Blessings in Disguise

There was a single survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build a crude hut in which he placed the things he had salvaged from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any ship that might chance to pass by.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he possessed had gone up in smoke. The worst had happened, so it seemed. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was, in reality, for the best. In God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best—that for which he had prayed. The next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities and look for God's best in them? In the face of trials and disappointments, we should remember the assuring words of Paul to God's children: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

—Author Unknown

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