

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
120 Cave Street
Horse Cave, KY 42749

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS for today - Nov. 8

ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

"The Blessings of Heaven" by Mel Futrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Brooks

OFFICIATE:

Leon Seaton

SERVE COMMUNION:

Matt Forbes Philip Perkins
Mark Hatcher Bryan Denison

PREACH:

11 a.m. - Mel Futrell

POTLUCK MEAL TODAY:

After our worship this morning, you are invited to participate in a potluck meal at Caverna High School in the dining room. Afterwards, we will come back here for the concluding service of our Gospel Meeting at 2:00. There will be no service tonight at our regular time of 6:00.

LOOKING AHEAD:

On the Wed. night before Thanksgiving (Nov. 25th), we will be participating with the Cave City congregation in a joint-worship service of songs, prayers, and scripture reading. It will be at Cave City this year, 7:00.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Clayton Gerald and Chris Gerald were recently awarded The KY Grass Roots award by the Kentucky Forage & Grassland Council for outstanding work in farming, particularly their commercial hay production. The Gerald's are respected as one of the top hay producers in Ky.

Jordon Forbes was featured in a nice front page story last Sunday telling about her new career as a hair dresser. We wish her well.



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TIME OF SERVICES: Sunday: Bible Study 10 AM;
Worship 11 AM & 6 PM Wednesday: Bible Study 7 PM

CHURCH WEB PAGE: 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.

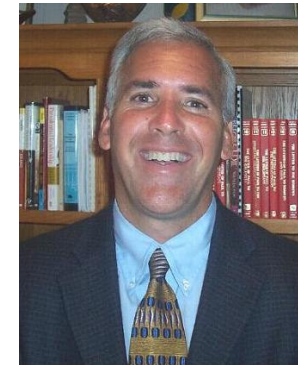
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WELCOME: today is the last day of our **Fall Gospel Meeting** November 6-8, 2009

Our Guest Speaker



Mel Futrell

Mel is a native of Pocahontas, Arkansas and has been preaching the gospel for the past twenty-six years.

For the past 10 years he has served as the local preacher of the Shades Mountain church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama. He is a 1982 graduate of Harding University. He has worked with congregations in Missouri, Arkansas, South Carolina, and Alabama. In addition to his local work, Mel conducts numerous gospel meetings each year, primarily in the southeast.

He and his wife Shayna have three daughters, Halle, McKenna, and Conner. Shayna, McKenna and Conner will be with him.

SERMON TOPICS:

Friday 7 p.m. - "My Preacher Says"
Saturday 7 p.m. - "In the Best and Worst of Times"
Sunday 10 a.m. - "The Blessings of Heaven"
Sunday 11 a.m. - "A Growing Church" 2 p.m. - "How To Stay Saved"

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; in Dunedin, FL; Parker Bybee; Becca Napper; Laura Brooks; Chris Burchett; Lindley Hatcher; Dennis Hatcher suffering with back & leg pain; Judy Petett; Malcolm Eastridge (John Eastridge's grandfather); Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); William E. Estes (Vickie Thompson's dad); Mary Hatcher Piercy; Frankie Walters; Buddy Logsdon (recent report the cancer is very aggressive); Faye Guinn (member at Center); Eugene Brunt (Betty's grandson) is sick. He is stationed at Fort Knox. Address on bulletin board.; Betty Brunt has had bronchitis.

SYMPATHY:

We extend our deepest sympathy to Eva Bogue in the death of her sister, Becky Hartman of Dunedin, FL

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Sue Trowbridge; Roger Lile; Mary Bush; Evelyn Smith and John Branstetter; Bobby Hensley is in a clinic in Morocco needing to get back home for treatment.

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Alma Reynolds Sally Marshall

HART COUNTY HEALTH CARE:

Hallie Davidson Mary Edwards Helen Stanley Berdine Hogan Alma Stilts

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
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 Southeast Satellite Schools

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE:

We are happy to announce that Malon & Lisa Schuler, who have been attending here since July, want to be identified as members of the congregation here at Horse Cave. Their address is: 165 Steen Ave. Horse Cave Phone # 786-1616 WELCOME!!

WEDDING SHOWER:

You are invited to participate in a shower for Megan Wallace on Nov 15. There will be a gift table set up downstairs. Please have your gifts placed on the table by Sunday, Nov. 15th. She is registered at Wal Mart, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond. Megan is the daughter of Tim/Tammy Wallace, and granddaughter of Rex/Doris Wallace & great-granddaughter of Hallie Davidson.

INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY:

If you haven't fill out one of the data sheets for our updated informational directory, you need to do so quickly as we need to wrap this up. Please return it to Becca Napper. If you want your picture taken for the new directory, or if you have a picture you would like to submit, please see Becca

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

According to James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea?
The answer to last week's question was:
Ephesus, Acts 20:37

Suffering by Michael E. Brooks

"Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe" (Acts 14:19-20 NKJV).

What is the very worst thing you have suffered as a result of your faith in God? That question is something of an embarrassment to most Christians, including I freely admit, myself.

The truth is that I have a very difficult time thinking of any experience in my life related to Christianity that I could describe as suffering (boring, hours long sermons not excluded).

I have had conversations with many non-Christians and indifferent Christians (there's an oxymoron for you) over the years in which they discussed the difficulty of living the Christian life.

"I would have to give up too much" is a frequent excuse for disobedience. When it comes to difficult decisions, like remaining faithful in a no longer exciting marriage, they claim, "I know God wants me to be happy." I always respond, "I cannot find that in the Bible."

God wants us to be righteous. If so, he will provide happiness for us (Philippians 4:4-7). But many Christians have and do suffer.

Real, martyrdom type suffering. Paul was stoned in Lystra, his attackers intending to kill him and believing they had done so. But God spared his life. What did he do in response? He got up and went back into the city where his attackers were. Then he went on to the next city and continued to preach the Gospel.

Did he reason, "God would surely not want me to risk my life any further." Did he believe he had done enough, suffered enough? Not Paul. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). "... Woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

Years ago in a South American country, I

studied with a woman whose livelihood, and that of her mother, depended upon her Muslim brother. She said she wanted to become a Christian but if she did her brother would cut off their support and they would be in the street with nothing to eat. That is suffering in the name of Christ.

Another woman was being blackmailed into an adulterous affair and would be exposed to her husband if she stopped. Conversion depends upon repentance and turning from sin. Had she obeyed the gospel (sadly she did not at that time at least), she likely would have suffered greatly.

One has some understanding and sympathy for those in such difficult situations. But the truth is not changed. Outside of Christ, they are lost eternally (Acts 4:12; John 14:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:8).

Compared to these examples, and innumerable others exist, giving up one's only day to rest and do what one pleases in order to serve the Lord is hardly a sacrifice. Working until 5:00, then rushing to get the family fed and to Bible study on Wednesday night does not constitute suffering.

Friends in another country have been uprooted from their village home by pagan neighbors threatening to burn them because of their faith. That is happening in 2009, right now in the modern world.

Their family is scattered over a wide area as they seek to alleviate the threat. Other friends have been beaten, interrogated and imprisoned simply because they are Christians. I read frequent accounts of martyrs, though so far none of them have been personal acquaintances.

Again I ask, what is the very worst thing you have suffered as a result of your faith in God? Why exactly are you not able to serve God faithfully, not only in regular worship and study, but in doing his work in this world?

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

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