

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

Let Each One Say

As life goes onward day by day,
Let each one to his conscience say
That flesh is weak but God is strong,
That right is right and wrong is wrong.
That I have found my workday flies,
But therein all my life's hope lies.
That on life's upward path I'll run,
My face forever to the sun.
That I shall do my best today.
Not let one moment waste away;
And as I travel on life's road
I'll try to share a brother's load.
That force has power, but love has more;
That peace is mightier than war;
That real success is only won
By deeds of kindness one has done.

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Take Time

Take time to laugh It is the music of the soul.
Take time to think It is the source of power.
Take time to play It is the source of perpetual youth.
Take time to read It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray It is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to love and be loved It is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly It is the road to happiness.
Take time to give It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to work It is the price of success.

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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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We Must Have the Church by Adam Faughn

In our world, we sometimes hear people who speak of how they want a relationship with Jesus, but they do not want much (if anything) to do with the church. This is not new; in fact, some of you will remember the days when the saying, "give me the Man, but not the plan," was in vogue. Still, in our day, the numbers seem to be growing of people who want some connection to Jesus but not to the church.

There may be any number of reasons they give for that. Some might say it is because Jesus is perfect, while the church, being composed of people, has so many flaws. Others, though they may not actually say it, want the Jesus of love and acceptance and not the "rules" they believe the church puts on people.

Whatever the reason, those who think that you can have Jesus without the church are sadly mistaken. For one thing, Jesus is the Head of His body, which is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23), and you simply cannot remove the Head from the body without it being ugly and deadly.

There is another reason, though, that I want to consider for a moment. It is found in a verse that many of us know and love. It is a passage that is filled with praise to God from the pen of Paul. Quite often in his writings, Paul just seemed to not be able to hold back praise to God, and words of praise just flowed from his mind onto the parchment.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Doris Wallace had an echo cardiogram on Friday before back surgery Dec. 8 at St Thomas Hosp. in Nashville; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week. Wayne is her Caregiver; Lois Edwards, Becky Bush; Joyce Dye is having skin cancers removed from her back; Laura Brooks; Mike Thompson; Barbara Smith had eye surgery Nov. 15th; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Helen Edward in the hospital in Bowling Green; Don Waddell (member at Center); Steve Seaton; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Ron Hogan is recovering in Anchorage from back surgery; pray-ers for our local schools

Prayers for our elders in search of our next minister as Wayne plans to retire this year.

CORRECTION

Last week I mentioned that 2023 has been a tough year as we had lost six members of our congregation. I am sorry, but I realized I overlooked John Carter. So that now makes seven including Marilyn Hogan, Agnes Seaton, Jean Turner, Genie Hogan, Wanda Proffitt and Sue Bunnell.

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 10 a.m.

We are in our Fall Quarter "The Godhead"
We are in our final lesson "The Holy Spirit
As Preparer and Inspirer" Wayne continues
to be the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. sermon: "Jesus the Good
Shepherd Lead Us"

Danny McCain will be preaching at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bible study at 6:00

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "*In Search of the Lord' 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 the seed of the gospel is being sown in this ministry.

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

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checks or cash is also accepted to buy
perishable items*

Your help as we have done for years will be greatly appreciated. Pantry items will be picked up the week of **Jan. 7, 2024**

We Must Have... con't from front pg.

As he wrote about the plan of God through Jesus, Paul wrote these beautiful words of praise: *To Him be glory in church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Ephesians 3:21). Why would we look at that verse as we consider our subject? Notice that Paul is making it clear that the glory of God is given, yes, by Christ, but also by the church, and that is to be done until the world ends...and beyond.

It is vital for us to remember that in connection with our understanding of the importance of the church. Paul's
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words should help us realize that God cannot be praised as He desires unless the church is praising Him, and that is to last for as long as the world stands. Those who want to try to have a relationship with Jesus without having a connection with the church are simply unable to praise God as He has demanded.

I would hope that each one of us would have a desire to praise God to the very best of our ability. Certainly, we would each say that we fall short of being able to praise God perfectly, but we should also want to praise Him as best we possibly can. If that is true, then we must be part of the church! We must be active in the church. For it is both "in Christ" and "in the church" where God's praise is lifted to the fullest in this life.

Those who want to have a relationship with Jesus without having a connection with the church are missing out on so much. That includes their ability to praise and worship God fully. Why would anyone not want to praise Him completely?

I Love You ANYWAY

by Todd Clippard

The fear of rejection is one of the most basic fears of the human experience. One man told a heartwarming story of a man who finally decided to ask his boss for a raise in salary. It was Friday. He told his wife that morning what he was about to do. All day the man felt nervous and apprehensive. Late in the afternoon he sum-

moned the courage to approach his employer. To his delight, the boss agreed to a raise.

The man arrived home to a beautiful table set with their best china. Candles were lighted. His wife had prepared a festive meal. Immediately he figured that someone from the office had tipped her off! Finding his wife in the kitchen, he told her the good news. They embraced and kissed, then sat down to a wonderful meal. Next to his plate the man found a beautifully lettered note. It read, "Congratulations, darling! I knew you'd get the raise! These things will tell you how much I love you."

While on his way to the kitchen to get dessert, he noticed that a second card had fallen from her pocket. Picking it off the floor, he read: "Don't worry about not getting the raise! You deserve it anyway! These things will tell you how much I love you."

Total acceptance! Total love. Her love for him was not contingent upon his success at work. In fact, just the opposite.

If he were to fail there, if he were to be rejected by his boss, he'd be all the more accepted at home. She stood behind him no matter what; softening the blows, healing the wounds, believing in him, loving him. We can bear rejection from almost anyone if we're loved by one.

That's the way families can be with each other. And I like to think that's the way God is with us, too! "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).