

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

We Go EVERYWHERE Together

by Phil Sanders

Bill Snell was a successful businessman. He owned and operated a large furniture store. Bill was president of a civic club and a member of the school board.

He was a devoted husband and father. Bill was especially close to his son, Jerry. They were constant companions. Sometimes Jerry "worked" with his dad at the store. The boy was called "Mr. Jerry" by many customers. Someone said, "Jerry's smile sold more furniture than all his dad's good words."

There was one place Bill and Jerry never went together. Bill never accompanied his wife and son to worship. Jerry often asked his dad to go, but Bill was always "too busy."

Jerry loved Bible school. He liked his teacher and was one of her most attentive students. One Lord's day, the teacher asked, "When you get to heaven, what are you going to do first?" Without hesitation, Jerry replied, "I'm not going to heaven! I'm going with my dad. We go everywhere together."

Not long after, Jerry's teacher told Mr. Snell about his son's remark. Bill said, "That's just like him. He always wants to be with me . . . to go where I go."

She gently asked, "Where are you going, Mr. Snell? Where are you taking Jerry?" Bill never answered. Nevertheless, the question kept ringing in his ears. Happily, Bill soon responded to the Lord and put on Christ in baptism (Galatians 3:27). He became a faithful and dedicated Christian.

He and Jerry could now go everywhere together. What about you and me? Where are we taking our children?

ELDERS DEACON MINISTER MEETING

This afternoon at 3 in the library



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Every Man's Book

by the late Franklin Camp

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it correctly is one of the greatest accomplishments within the reach of any person.

One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy, but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into the proper relationship and enables one to know life at its best. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian without being a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints."

The Bible is not intended solely for some special group. It is every man's book; it was written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written for scholars. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible enables every reader to look into eternity.

It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing [handling aright] the word of truth," so he might be an approved workman before God (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is honest with his virtues and his hopes. To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Doris Wallace had Pre-Ops on Friday before back surgery on Friday Dec. 8 at St Thomas Hosp. in Nashville; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week. Wayne is her Caregiver; Becky Bush; Joyce Dye is having melanoma skin cancers removed from her back; Joey Palmore; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Helen Edwards in the hospital in Bowling Green; Don Waddell (member at Center); Steve Seaton; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Ron Hogan recovering in Anchorage from back surgery.

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

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.

Today we begin our Winter Quarter "Esther" We will start by studying King Ahasuerus Chapter 1 Wayne continues to be the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne at 11 a.m. sermon: *"Being A Glad Receiver of the Word"* Acts 2:41; Acts 17:11
Danny McCain will be preaching at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bible study at 6:00 Special thanks to Darrell Wallace for the lesson Wed night from Ecclesiastes

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank everyone for all the calls, the well wishes and the food but most of all thank you for the genuine concern. It really means a lot. We love you all David & Jean

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 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.

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries Commodities Outreach

We have been asked to donate any of these pantry items:

*Granola Bars Cooking Spray Rotel
Onion Powder Crackers with Peanut Butter
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**

Hold Fast

by Charles Hicks

Hebrews 10:23—*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.*

Knowing the uncertainty of the future should serve as inspiration to each of us to be diligent and zealous in holding fast to our faith. In our effort to do so, we must be strong, courageous and confident in the profession and practice of our faith (Eph. 6:10. Proverbs 14:26, Heb. 3:6, 2 Tim. 1:12). Holding fast to our profession of faith without wavering, we must steadfastly walk in the steps of the Lord (1 Peter 2:21), we must stand firmly on the word of God (1 Tim. 4:16, Titus 2:1. Gal. 1:6) and we must put into practice what we preach (James 1:22-25, James 2:14-20). Holding fast to our profession of faith is not just some kind of emotional feeling; it is an actual demonstration of our love and obe-

dience to our Savior (John 14:15, John 15:14, Heb. 5:8-9)..

Holding fast to our profession of faith without wavering is not going to be easy but it must be done if we are to one day go home to be with the Lord (John 14:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:6-9). Holding fast means to be diligent, cling to, take a firm grasp. To me, the thought of clinging to or having a firm grasp, equates to holding on to our profession of faith with a vice like grip, so tenacious that we will not falter or give up whatever struggle we find ourselves in. By doing so, we will be setting an example for others to follow (1 Cor. 11:1, 1 Tim. 4:12); we will be a shining light that will lead others to glorify the Lord (Matthew 5:14-16). When we fold up this earthly tent, this is the greatest legacy we can leave for our family, far greater than any material possessions!

Every waking moment we walk in harm's way because our adversary, the devil, is seeking tirelessly to consume us (1 Peter 5:6). I love to sing, "Just a closer walk with thee, Grant it Jesus is my plea, Daily let it ever be, Just a closer walk with thee." If we are going to have that closer walk that will enable us to one day gain the greatest victory imaginable, we must hold fast to our faith without wavering every waking moment. Perseverance is going to be the keyword as we seek to hold on to our profession of faith without wavering (Hebrews 12:1-3)

This is one of the great commitments we make while we live and breathe in this earthly life. It is a commitment to let the Lord have full possession of our life (2 Cor. 8:5, Rom. 12:1-2, Romans 6:11-13, Luke 9:23). It is a commitment to always focus

on spiritual things (Col. 3:1-2, Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 6:33; 2 Peter 1:5-11). I suppose that in the simplest of terms it is a commitment to humble ourself under the mighty hand of God (1 Peter 5:6).

Our earthly journey is one day going to come to end (Eccl. 9:5, Hebrews 9:27). We should not be anxious as to when or how this will happen. Our major concern should be on whether or not we are ready to exit this world and enter the world that will never end. If we hold fast to the profession of our faith without wavering, what a journey that will be for us! I leave you with this thought from 2 Chronicles 15:7, But you, be strong and do not lose courage, for there is reward for your work.

What Is It?

Perspective makes all the difference. The way we view what surrounds us often depends on what we have learned and experienced. The following imaginary episode illustrates this principle.

Imagine God standing in front of a classroom of men and women. He draws on the blackboard a vertical line over a horizontal line. "What do you see?" He asks.

"The intersection of two streets?" answered an engineer.

"No! It's a geometrical figure made up of four right angles," argued a mathematician.

"Of course not!" said a historian. "It's a cross, ancient Rome's apparatus of torture."

At this, a Christian said, "That's a cross—Christ's instrument of love!" For the Christian, what really matters is the love of God in Christ Jesus. - selected