

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
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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Dec 6

READ SCRIPTURE:

Wayne Hatcher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sydney Bunnell

OFFICIATE:

Bob Bybee

SERVE COMMUNION:

Malon Schuler Les Neville
Clayton Gerald's John Eastridge

PREACH:

a.m. - Wayne Hatcher
p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

*Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wallace request the
honor of your presence at the marriage of
their daughter*

Megan Renee Wallace

to

Isaac David Bryant

son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bryant

Saturday, December 19, 2009

at

*Two o'clock in the afternoon
Munfordville Baptist Church*

*Reception to follow in
Munfordville Baptist Church
Family Life Center*



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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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God Requires Effort - Not Results

"It won't do any good." This is the usual response made by many of us when we are asked to invite someone to hear the gospel preached or when we consider trying to talk to someone about religion. This is wrong! Dead wrong! It will do good, it can do no other than good because it is what God requires. The reason behind this erroneous response is that we think God requires 'results' from us in the form of numbers and such like.

The only thing required of us is 'effort' and lots of it. Paul said of the establishment and growth of the church at Corinth, "I planted, Apollos watered and God gave the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). Planting and watering are the duties of God's children....increase is God's business. If we are diligent about our work, God is faithful in His.

Far too often we get discouraged when God does not give us the increase we expect. Thus, we become lax in our efforts to plant and water the seed, the word of God. But to cure this evil, Paul, by the spirit, wrote: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

The next time you have the opportunity to sow some seed, or water the seed, don't think of it in terms of wasted effort just because you think it won't do any good. Work and teach and invite and encourage everyone with whom you come in contact to be what the Lord would have them be. Remember: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye, steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Chris Burchett; Lindley Hatcher; Dennis Hatcher; Malcolm Eastridge (John Eastridge's grandfather); Pat Bradford (Ruth's son); William E. Estes (Vickie Thompson's dad); Tyler Lowe; Frankie Walters; Buddy Logsdon (elder at Cave City); Faye Guinn (member at Center); Betty Brunt, Ruth Bradford, Paul & Jean Hogan have not felt well lately; Joe Turner (R.T.'s brother) is doing some better

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Roger Lile; Evelyn Smith; John Branstetter; Sue Trowbridge; Diane King; Sue Jewell; those who have lost loved ones.

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

INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY:

If you haven't filled out one of the data sheets for our updated informational directory, you need to do so quickly as we need to complete this project. 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, also see Becca

COMMODITIES PROGRAM:

We will again be participating in assisting the brethren at Potter Children's Home in Bowling Green. We have been assigned the following items: Clorox wipes, grape juice, honey mustard dressing, chicken gravy mix and canned chicken. Please bring in your donations by the week of Jan. 10. THANKS!!!

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING:

this afternoon at 4:00

LADIES BIBLE CLASS:

tomorrow night at 6:00

GRAVE-SIDE SERVICE:

A grave-side service was conducted yesterday morning at the Cave City Cemetery by Wayne for Rebecca (Becky) Jane Sartin Hartman. Becky is the sister to our Eva Bogue. Becky was also a classmate of Wayne in the 1968 Graduating Class at Park City High School. We extend our deepest sympathy to Eva and her family.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Which King of Israel once built an altar and a temple in Samaria for the pagan god Baal?

The answer to our last question was:
James, Galatians 1:19

Preparing For the Storms of Life

by Wayne Hatcher

In 1842 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem "*The Rainy Day*" in which the last two lines stated: "*Into each life some rain must fall. Some days must be dark and dreary.*"

From our own personal experiences, we know that rain may fall gently at times. However, in times of storms it may fall furiously and be overwhelming. Likewise in our lives, there are many types of storms - - spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, etc. -- and they will vary in size and intensity. Storms are the common lot of us all. The greatest question is where do we turn when the storms of life rage upon us?

Jesus, the Prince of Peace who was able to calm even the fiercest storm on the Sea of Galilee, had greater words than Longfellow when He said: "*Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.*" Matthew 7:24-27 ASV

Into every life, sooner or later, the rains

descend, the floods come, and the winds huff, howl and beat upon us. For one man the "house" of his life falls in ruins, while for another stands secure. The difference lies, not in the intensity of the storm, but in the power to withstand its fury. The power to withstand the storms of life will depend upon what type of foundation he or she has in their life.

In Jesus' teaching, the house of the wise man withstood the storm because his house was built upon the rock. Jesus identifies the wise man as the one who hears the words of Jesus and does them (v. 24). Jesus assures us that no matter how bad the storms may blow, obedience to Him is the only sure foundation on which to build our lives – lives that will withstand the test of trials AND the Judgment to follow.

One begins building upon the Rock through a trusting and obedient faith (Hebrews 11:6), by repenting of sins (Acts 17:30-31), and being buried in the watery grave of baptism into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, one must continue to build his "house" -- his life -- upon the Rock as we continue to hear and obey the words of Jesus found in the inspired Word of God.

In the words of the beloved hymn which we often sing "**There Stands a Rock**" :

*Some build their hopes on the
ever-drifting sand,
Some on their fame or their treasure
or their land;
Mine's on the Rock that forever
shall stand,
Jesus, the Rock of Ages.*