

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
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LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Dec 13

READ SCRIPTURE:

Phillip Perkins

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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It's Not My Fault

Man is inclined, when he is wrong, to lay the blame on someone else. He is like the small boy who was standing on the cat's tail. The mother, hearing the terrible outburst from the cat, called from the next room, "Tommy, stop pulling that cat's tail!" Tommy yelled back, "I'm not pulling the cat's tail. I'm standing on it. The cat is doing the pulling!"

Is this not what Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden in Genesis 3:12-13? Adam blamed God for his sin because God gave him that woman, and blamed Eve for giving him the fruit. Eve, in turn, blamed the serpent for their wrong doing.

Many in the church today have the "it's not my fault" mentality. They either make excuse or blame someone else for their own sins or shortcomings. Brethren, it is time to take an honest look at ourselves by the standard of God's word (2 Corinthians 13:5), look at our sins for what they are, confess them, and ask God to forgive us (1 John 1:9). Only then can we truly be fruitful in the Lord's kingdom (John 15:5,7,8; cf. Matthew 5:16; Philippians 1:11).

- Mike Riley

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PERSONAL NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Doug Edwards; Linda Forbes; James Horton; Parker Bybee; Chris Burchett; Dennis Hatcher; Malcolm Eastridge; 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); Lindley Hatcher received a good report last week; Betty Brunt, Ruth Bradford, Paul & Jean Hogan have been sick; Joe Turner (R.T.'s brother) is doing some better; Tom Evans fell at home a week ago and sustained injuries to his arm. He was in the UL Hospital but is now home: Donnie Gayle Edwards will be undergoing tests this Tues., Dec. 15; the Fudges

FRIENDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Reed; Leslie Witty; Roger Lile; Evelyn Smith; John Branstetter; Sue Trowbridge; Diane King; Sue Jewell; the families of Randy Richardson and Carolyn Martin; to the family of Terry Adam Smith who died from a car accident Thurs. Funeral Mon. 10:00 at Winn.

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

SYMPATHY:

to the family of Evelyn Waters. Her funeral was conducted yesterday at Winn by Danny Isenberg and Wayne. She and her late husband, W. O. were faithful members at Fairview for many years and often visited here at HC.

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:

The deadline to turn in the data sheets for our updated informational directory is Dec. 31. Please return it to Becca Napper. If you want your picture taken, or if you have a picture you would like to submit, see Becca.

COMMODITY PROGRAM:

Items we are collecting for Potter Children's Home in Bowling Green – Clorox wipes, grape juice, honey mustard dressing, chicken gravy mix and canned chicken.

HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER:

Sydney & Sue Bunnell have invited the congregation to their house this Sunday night after services for a fun evening of food and fellowship. They are providing everything except the dessert. Thanks to the Bunnell family!!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Clayton Gerald received the 2009 Hart Co. Chamber of Commerce Farmer/Agri-Business of the Year Award. Congratulations to the Gerald family on another award.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ:

Who was the king of Judah when the long-lost Book of the Law was found in the temple?

The answer to last week's question was:
Ahab, I Kings 16:32

Too Little Too Late

by Mark White

Why is it we get interested in the right things when it's just too late?

A young couple marries, but take one another for granted. He abuses his position as husband, and she resists everything he says or does. Years pass with such neglect, abuse, and mistreatment. They end up in a divorce court. In the process of working out a settlement, the husband decides he wishes to repent and reconcile with his wife. Why now? Where was this penitent disposition when it would have saved the marriage? She may resist his offer, deciding that it's no use trying anymore. For her, it's a case of "too little, too late."

A foolish and immature son becomes estranged from his parents. He never calls, never visits, never shares his life with them. The parents agonize, but there is little they can do to have a relationship with a child who wants nothing to do with them. Years pass. Age takes its toll on the parents. One day the son receives a call. His mother is dead. He attends the funeral, weeps loudly and uncontrollably — but for what? The opportunity to love his mother and develop a relationship with her is gone forever. He may now see his immaturity, his selfishness, his ungodly character. He may repent and do better in the future, even caring for his widowed and aged father. But as far as his mother is concerned, it's "too little, too late."

A man lives an immoral and profligate life. He has no time for spiritual things, and has never made preparation for eternity. God is in none of his thoughts. He disdains the "holy Joes" that do their best to serve God. The day of judgment comes, and he knows it is "too late." He never prepared himself to meet God. Now he confesses Christ (as all will do, Phil. 2:11) but it is too late. Why didn't he do it in life when he had time and opportunity? He now receives the consequences of choices he made, and his penitent spirit is just a little bit "too little, too late."

Perhaps some personal offense was never corrected and the person to whom you needed to apologize has since died. If too late to right a past wrong under such circumstances, does it have to be a "forever failure"? No! Pray to God for His forgiveness, and make whatever restitution you can for the wrong you committed. As long as the world stands and life is in your body, it is never too late to do the right thing, whether that is little or much.

As a youth, serious mistakes may have been made and sins committed which have followed you into adulthood. Don't let the past keep you from repentance immediately. God will accept you, even now.

"Today" is the day of salvation (Heb. 3:15). Let's use it before it is "too little, too late."

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