

Worship the LORD with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs Ps. 100:2 (NIV)

We extend a special greeting to our guests today.
We are always encouraged when our friends and neighbors
choose to join us in praising our wonderful Lord.

Please fill out blue cards and place them in the offering trays

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Early Worship

Majesty #74

He Lives #220 Vs. 1,2,3

Our God Reigns #229 Vs. 1,2,3

Praise Gathering

You Are Holy

Be Unto Your Name

Here I Am to Worship

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

Early Service: He Is Lord #105

Praise Gathering: Forever My Love

The Lord's Supper is a time of self-evaluation & reflection on the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ. All those who have acknowledged Christ as their personal Lord & Savior & have obeyed His gospel are invited to partake. The emblems may be partaken of as they are served.

OFFERING GIFTS OF LOVE

Special Music

Leah Seevers

MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

Tim Seevers

HYMN OF DECISION

Early Service: Room at the Cross For You #331 Vs. 1,2,3

Praise Gathering: Refiner's Fire

Anyone wishing to make a decision for Christ
may come forward at this time

Benediction

RESPONSE Early Service: Our God Reigns #229

RESPONSE Praise Gathering: Be Unto Your Name

This Week at Sherman

Sunday	6:30	Evening Bible Study
	7:00	Evening Worship
Tuesday	7:00	High School New Years Eve Party
Wednesday		No Mid-week Service
Saturday	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our Mid-week services at the church will be taking a 2 week break for the holidays. We will be resuming Family Night & Bible Study on Wednesday, January 9.

A High School New Years Eve party is being planned for the 31st from 7:00-12:30 here at the church.



There will be a "Dead Serious About Life" dinner for information and promotion on Saturday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. See Scotty if you are interested in going.

SMALL GROUP Opportunities

Scotty & Johnelle will be leading a 6 week small group study, *Parenting: the early years*, by Les & Leslie Parrot. Be watching for date and time. There is a signup in the back if you are interested in being a part of this group.



Faith Promise

Update

Giving to date

\$34,971.39

Mission Trip

July 12-19, 2008

Mission Trip Deposit of \$75 due by January 13.

DEAD SERIOUS

ABOUT LIFE

At Grant County High School January 26-27. We will be attending on Saturday January 26 as a group.

Youth Outing

to Chuck E. Cheese's on Saturday, January 19 from 10:00-



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 6 at the Country Grill—8:00

Jr. High Youth Bowling

Saturday, Jan. 19 .
We will be leaving at 6:00 p.m. to go to Super Bowl in Florence



Serving Schedule

December 30

January 6

Greeters

John & Monnirae
Glenn & Sue

Larry & Joyce
Doug & Kim

First Timers

Willie & Wilda

Sue & Ellis

Nursery

Bev & Sherri

Karrie & Kim

Toddler

Kathy & Linda

Linda & Kara

Wee Church

Cherie & Kara

Kim & Doug

J.C. Primary

Mavis & Jenny N
Scotty

Sue & Gina

J. C. Intermediate

Brian S.

Summer

Communion

Eddie/John
David Simpson / Brian S.

Dean & David Sechrest
Bruce & Ellis

Home Communion

Brian S.

Dean

Evening Song Leader

Randy

Scotty

Praise Gathering

Orman, Greg, Johnelle, & Beth

Matt, Scotty, Carrie E. & Teresa

P M Table

Eddie/Dean

Ellis/David Simpson

Prayer List Updates

- Jean Schock—Dan's mother—chronic back pain
- Gary Johnson (Judy Ross' Brother) prostate cancer surgery
- Katelyn Fissie (Bev Tsotsos' granddaughter) surgery recovery
- Family of Bonnie Newsome
- Anna Mae Moore
- Corrie Eversole
- Don Johnson— tests
- Carl Hennage—lung cancer

Message: Successful Living in 2008

Text: Ezra 7:8-10

Introduction:

- A. Romans 15:4: "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
- B. Ezra had a formula for successful living.

1. Ezra Prepared His _____.

- A. Prepare Means, "to fix or set right."
- B. How did Ezra prepare his heart?
 1. By _____ God
 2. By _____ His Heart
 3. By _____ His Heart Pure.

2. What a Prepared Heart Should Do.

- A. Be _____ to the Law of the Lord.
- B. Like Ezra we must be devoted to the Word of God and not the Words of men.

3. Ezra Sought to _____ the Law of the Lord.

4. Ezra Wanted to _____ the Law of the Lord.

- A. He brought the law before the people and all could hear with _____.
- B. He continued to teach and _____ the people.
- C. He wanted to _____ his life to God's will.

Conclusion:

- A. Doing God's will is very important.
- B. We must apply the words which we read and those which we hear like Ezra if we want to have a successful 2008.

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SAVED!

God's plan for saving man from sin is found in the Bible. We are all sinners, and need someone to rescue us. (Romans 3:10, 23) You cannot save yourself, and salvation cannot be earned or worked for. It is God's gift to you. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Because of God's great love for everyone in the world, He designed a plan of salvation, a unique way for you to receive His gift. It is simple and has just two parts.

GOD'S PART

The Offering of the Gift of Eternal Life.

Out of God's love (John 3:16, Romans 5:8) He sent Jesus, His one and only Son to be our Savior. He lived an exemplary and perfect life, and voluntarily died on the cross for your sins. Isn't God's love and grace amazing! Someone loves you enough to pay the penalty for your sins! And because God doesn't want you to be lost, (2 Peter 3:9) He is offering you forgiveness and eternal life as His gift. That is **GRACE!**

YOUR PART

The Receiving of the Gift of Eternal Life.

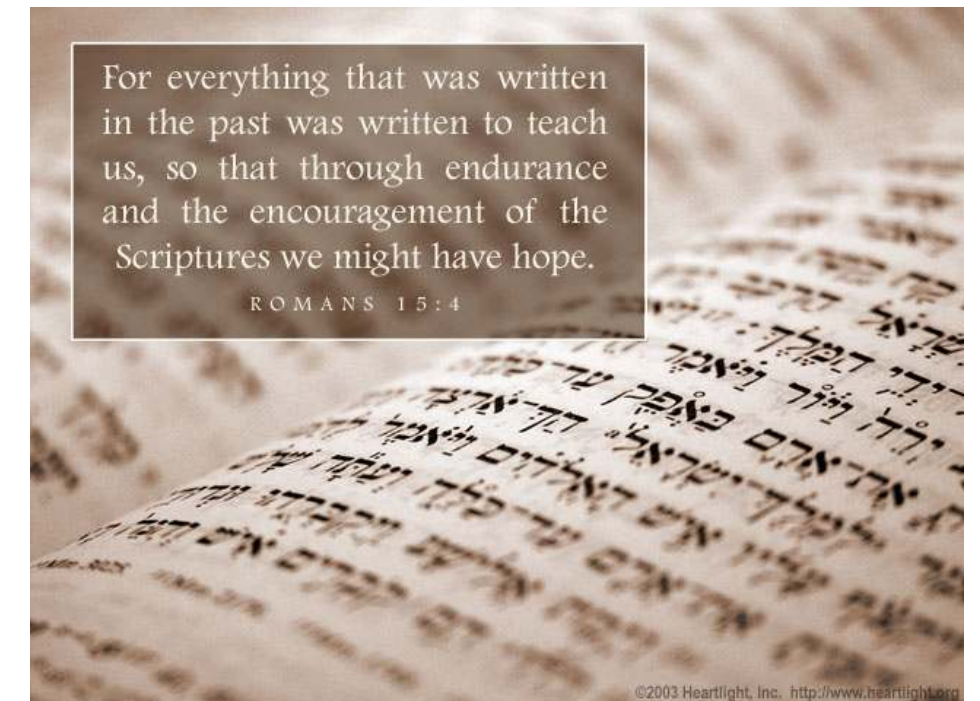
The Bible makes it clear . . . man's part is faith! Faith is absolutely necessary to please God (Hebrews 11:6) and to receive His gift. (Roman's 5:1-2) Because God wants to see that your faith is genuine, He gives terms of pardon so you can demonstrate that your faith in Jesus is real. These are **NOT** works, but terms through which God will give you His gift of forgiveness and life.

- **True Faith always believes and does what God says!** (Matthew 7:21)
- **True Faith believes on Jesus as the only Savior!** (Acts 16:31)
- **True Faith turns away from sin and turns towards God in repentance!** (Acts 20:21)
- **True Faith publicly confesses Jesus as Lord!** (Romans 10:9)
- **True Faith is shown in baptism (immersion) into Christ!**

Baptism is where you are linked to the saving death of Jesus, born again, forgiven, and resurrected up from the grave to live a new life in Christ. (Romans 6:3-5) Baptism is not our work, but our faith in God's work. (Colossians 2:12) This is the moment the gift of eternal life becomes yours!

YOU CAN BE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH TODAY!

*If at any time you need to reach the ministers, please feel free to call them.
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