

## OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Henry Mahan has gone to be with the Lord in Glory. We do not mourn as the heathen do, but we extend our sympathies to the family of our dear departed brother who's life exemplified the words of Paul: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." *Philippians 1:21*
  - The Lord willing, Pastor Don Fortner will preach here next weekend. We plan to meet Friday night at 6:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday morning at 10:30 am. There will be a meal following each service, check with Dee Anne and Gwen if you are able to help out.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-19

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## WORSHIP HYMN #175

Standing on the Promises

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## OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” *2 Cor 9:7*

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## WORSHIP HYMN #255

Blessed Assurance

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## MESSAGE

### GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

ISAIAH 27:1-6

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## CLOSING HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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## THINGS TO PONDER

### *God's Goodness That Leads to Repentance*

In Luke chapter 15, the prodigal son, having wasted his substance on riotous living, found himself in a pigpen, eating pig-food. What was it that caused him to come to his senses, return home, and repent of his ways? Was it the sorrow that providence brought? Was it the starvation that he was experiencing? Was it the guilt of his rebellious actions? These may have been contributing factors, but it was the consideration of his father's love and the gracious benefits of his father's home that in the end sent him on his way home. Truly it is *the goodness of God* that leads men and women to *repentance*. (*Rom. 2:4*)

*-Pastor David Eddmenson*

## A Tribute to a Faithful Pastor

Pastor Henry T. Mahan

August 19, 1926 — May 31, 2019

It seems to me that in every generation God raises up one specific man by whose voice he leads and instructs his church. Oh, there are many, many others, faithful, gifted men by whom God speaks to his people. But they, too, are taught and led of God by his singular, gifted messenger to that generation. Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, John the Baptist, and the Apostle Paul are all biblical examples of such men.

In my opinion, Bro. Henry Mahan was that voice in his generation, at least in the United States, if not the entire English-speaking world. That statement will raise many questioning, if not disdaining, eyebrows. But, in my opinion, the statement is not an exaggeration. I know of no single man who was more widely used of God for the furtherance of the gospel than Pastor Henry Mahan. I know of no single man to whom so many preachers and so many churches are so greatly indebted.

Bro. Mahan was pastor to God's saints in Ashland, Kentucky for 54 years. In all those years he proved himself faithful to Christ, faithful in preaching the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ, and faithful to the people he served. He was equally faithful to other gospel preachers and other gospel churches. He gave himself tirelessly to the work of the ministry. He was generous to his own injury. I never knew him to say or do anything to promote or enrich himself. I know that he did much to promote other men and their ministries. He and the congregation he served so faithfully generously supported gospel preaching missionaries, pastors, and churches around the world.

More than any man known to me in history, since the apostles, Pastor Henry Mahan taught this generation, and taught us correctly, that Jesus Christ and him crucified is the message of Holy Scripture. Almost every conservative pastor or theologian acknowledges that Christ is the central message of the Bible. But the Scriptures clearly teach that he is more than the central message of Scripture. — Jesus Christ and him crucified is the singular message of Holy Scripture (Luke 24:25-32, 44-47). In the Book of God, “*Christ is All.*”

The Lord God graciously brought three men into my life at crucial, decisive times, whose influence upon me has not ceased. In 1969, when I was nineteen, years old, I met Pastor Ron Rumburg who taught me by word and by example the necessity of study. A faithful pastor must be a man of relentless study, one who diligently prepares to preach. That same year I

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met Pastor Harry Graham who, by word and by example, taught me that a preacher must be a man of unbending boldness. In 1976 God graciously brought Pastor Henry Mahan in my life. By word and by example, he was used of God to exemplify and reinforce the necessity of study and of boldness. But Bro. Mahan taught me a third lesson, one every preacher must learn. At the end of my first visit with him in his office at Ashland, he pointed me to those words in Colossians 3:11, "*Christ is all,*" and said, "Young man, if you ever learn that, you will learn what it is to preach the gospel; and the Lord might use you."

**-Pastor Don Fortner**

#### **In Memory of Pastor Henry Mahan**

*"...as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15)*

Our dear and greatly loved brother and pastor, Henry Mahan, physically saw the Lord Jesus Christ Friday morning for the first time. At 92 years of age; after 68 years in the ministry and service of the Lord Jesus Christ, he was awarded his goal and prize of being allowed to behold the absolute glory of God in the face of his beautiful Redeemer. He now knows what our Lord's facial features look like. He knows what color His eyes are; and what color His hair is. He has now heard the tone of His voice, felt the touch of His embrace, and smelled the sweet smelling savour of His purity.

After more than 60 years of physically preaching the gospel of Christ, he is right now listening to the gospel being preached BY Christ! Everything that he saw dimly before, he now sees in radiant Light! Everything that he scratched the surface on before, is now being declared to him in the breadth, length, depth and height of its absolute entirety! What he could not utter with a man's mouth before, he now hears with the tongues of angels!

We do not lift up men, but we do acknowledge our true thanks to God for the men that spent their lives lifting up The Man, Christ Jesus the Lord of glory! And oh how we acknowledge our thanks to God for raising up His servant, and our dear brother, Henry Mahan. Even though he pastored many directly, he has been a pastor to all of us indirectly. And even though our loss of him brings sorrow to us, it also brings great joy knowing the glory of what he is experiencing right now at the feet of our Savior. Till we meet again, we will miss him, we will love him, and we will thank him... All because of the message he preached! All because of the Savior he honored! ALL for Christ's sake! To HIM be glory both now and forever. Amen!

**-Pastor Gabe Stalnaker**

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**Sunday June 2, 2019**

**"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."**

*Rev 22:17*



**"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1Cor 8:6**