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Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM
Sunday
Worship
- 7:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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270-293-7027 Cell
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- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
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DO WHAT YOU CAN *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The present pandemic has changed our lives in a number of ways. There are some things we can no longer do and remain safe. Visitation at hospitals and nursing facilities have been limited. Assembling for worship and Bible classes has been curtailed. Family and social gatherings have been greatly restricted. Many have had to quarantine in their homes after having been exposed to or contacting the virus. Needless to say the majority of people are more than ready for normalcy to be restored to their lives. As Christians we struggle with these necessary restrictions and continuing to do what we can in fulfilling our obligations to God, the church and the lost.

Solomon wrote, *“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going”* (Ecclesiastes 9:10). To the church in Colossae the inspired Paul wrote, *“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the*

Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:23-24). In spite of the restrictions placed upon us in our present situation, we can find a way to continue to serve the Lord and one another. We may be restricted from visiting in person those in the hospital, nursing facilities, shut-ins, etc., but we can find a way to do what we can do. We can visit with them with a phone call or sending a letter or card of encouragement, We may not be able to teach the lost in an in person Bible study but we can teach them over the phone or online with a video conferencing app such as FaceTime, Skype or Zoom. We can also direct them to abundant study material online. One may be quarantined at home and unable to attend worship or Bible classes, but he or she still has the ability to pray, sing praises to God and view online worship services and Bible studies. The bottom line is God expects us to do what we can do, not what we cannot.

Let us never use the pandemic as an excuse for not serving the Lord. Do what you can do and God will bless you for it. *“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord....”*

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Remember Faye Travis (now home), Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Mary and Jesse Vincent and Steve Enoch.

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, , Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Dale Pentecost and Jaime Aguavo, Jr.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** As the COVID-19 virus continues to spread we need to continue to observe all safety measures. Please continue to pray for those who have contacted the virus and for those treating them. We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study.
- **PANTRY ITEMS January 2021:** 3—Peanut Butter; 10—Ketchup; 17—Baked Beans; 24—Green Peas; 31—Green Beans. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **January 2021 Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 14—Shame Smith; 18—Karen Hall; 26—Marjorie Grady; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network
<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who was Candace?

Last Week: Two cities named Antioch are mentioned in the New Testament (Syria and Pisidia). In which Antioch were the disciples first called Christians?

Answer: The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch in Syria (Acts 11:19-26).

FACING THE STORM *By Neal Pollard*

Springtime in the plains is a notorious time for storms. I was driving through north-west Texas near the time when three storm chasers were killed southwest of me on Tuesday afternoon. They died pursuing the storm, not directly because of it. They were there because conditions were ripe for tornadoes. 17 people were killed by tornadoes in 2016, but 24 have already died in them this year (this article was written in the spring of 2017). Hollywood has captured our awe and fascination with them since "The Wizard of Oz." We view storms as mysterious, ominous, powerful, and frightening. They come in so many forms - hurricanes, floods, blizzards, cyclones, and more. But "storms" are synonymous with fear and sorrow.

Wouldn't you classify some of the major, traumatic events of your life as storms. They build and threaten, they strike, then they leave aftermath. The storm may take but a moment, but recovery can take days, months, or even years. Not surprisingly, the Bible uses the storm metaphorically to describe such moments in our lives. David wrote, "I would hasten to my place of refuge from the stormy wind and tempest" ([Psalm 55:8](#)). The man we most associate with such figurative storms, Job, laments, "You lift up the wind and cause me to ride; And you dissolve me in a storm" (30:22). Most frequently, the Bible uses storms representatively to describe God's judgment. But, as Job and David show, sometimes storms strike the in-

nocent and undeserving.

What do we do when facing a storm? We heed precautions. We take shelter. We wait and endure. We ask for and trust God's protection.

The world is full of people riding out storms today. That includes Christians. These storms are assaulting their bodies, bank accounts, relationships, spiritual strength, and spirits. Some feel safely sheltered, while others feel as if they are barely holding on. How do we face our storms?

⇒ Seek help from others ([Heb. 12:12-13](#); [Ecc. 4:9-10](#)).

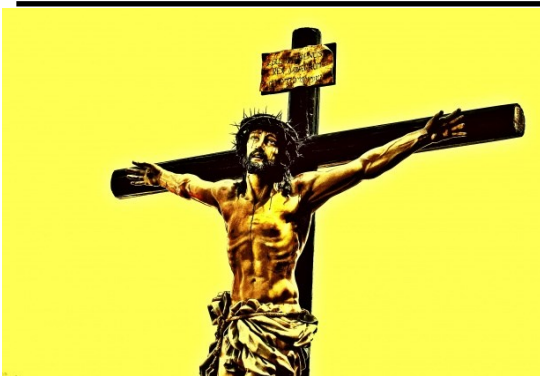
⇒ Search for possible benefits from it ([Psa. 66:10](#); [Rev. 21:3-4](#); Js. 1:2-4; etc.).

⇒ See God's power to help in it ([Psa. 18:19](#); [Rom. 8:28-38](#); [2 Pet. 2:9a](#)).

⇒ Shelter in the place of safety ([Exo. 33:22](#); [Psa. 91:1](#); [Mat. 7:24-27](#)).

God doesn't cause evil or sin, but He allows it. We will always struggle with the "why" of this, but we must not let it stifle our growth and dependence on our great, perfect God when we are being battered. He is faithful. He wants to help. Lean on Him through your storms!

—[Facing the Storm - Articles](#) < [Mt. Carmel Church of Christ](#)



Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.



COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you! A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

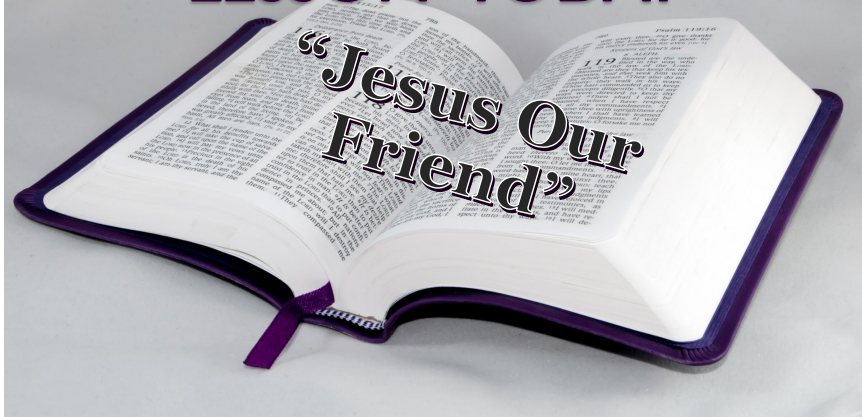
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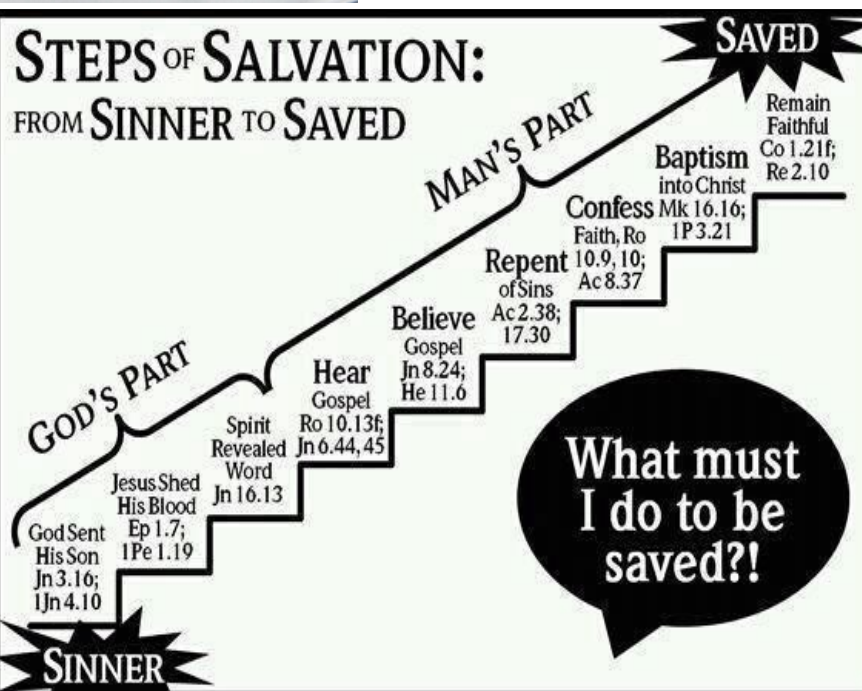
**Don't
FORGET!**



**WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY**

7:00 PM

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



Deuteronomy 4:39

Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.