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Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**
Bible Classes
10:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:45 AM
Evening Worship
6:00 PM
- **Wednesday**
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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WHO IS IN CONTROL OF YOUR HEART?

By Victor Eskew

Every man and woman has two hearts. One is the physical organ called the heart that is responsible for pumping blood throughout the human body. The other is spiritual in nature. Some refer to it as the mind of man. Others call it the soul. It is this second heart about which we are speaking in this article.

The heart is referenced hundreds of times in the Bible. In the New Testament alone the heart is mentioned 106 times in 99 verses. The Greek word for heart is “kardia.” Strong defines the word “heart” as “the heart, that is, (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (the mind).” Thayer gives a much more detailed definition of the heart. “The heart, denotes the centre of all physical and spiritual life. The centre and seat of spiritual life. The soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors. Of the understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence/ Of the will and

character. Of the soul so far as it is affected and stirred in a bad way or good, or of the soul as the seat of sensibilities, affections, emotions, desires, appetites, passions”

The heart of man is his control center. Every thought, emotion, word, and action originates first in the heart of man.

Ultimately, each human being is the one who controls his/her heart. We sit in the driver’s seat. We are at the control panel. God longs to be in control, but He will not force anyone to yield the control of his heart to Him.

There is a sense in which we only “think” we have control of our hearts. The reality is that our hearts are influenced by the things that we allow in them. “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he...” ([Prov. 23:7](#)). The things upon which we think, reflect, and meditate are what really control our hearts. This is why the wise Solomon wrote: “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarete Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, and Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook and Larry Wyatt. Please remember Gail's sister Shirley and family at the passing of her husband Kevin this past week in Virginia.
- **Pantry items January: 5—Childrens Toothpaste; 12 —Canned Chili; 19—Apple Sauce; 26—Canned Potatoes; All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.**
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **"A Bible Answer"** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **January 2020 Anniversaries:** 27th Carolyn & Walter Byars; **Birthdays:** 14th-Shane Smith; 18th-Karen Workman; 26th-Marjorie Grady; Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will include them next week.
- **If you are able to receive the MyTV channel (WDKA Channel 49 in Paduka and on WK&T and other providers), tune in to the "Good News" program with Jim Dearman each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.**
- **If you enjoy good book, chapter and verse preaching tune in to the GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK 24/7 online at gbntv.org. You can access the live broadcast or a variety of programs which are aired on the network but are archived and available to**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: How often did the first century church assemble to partake of the Lord's Supper?

Last Week: Whom did Paul say he hoped to send to the church in Philippi to know their state?

Answer: Timothy (Philippians 2:19).

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
"Be A Light"

Sunday PM
"Endure Harness As A Good Soldier"

"Preach the Word"
2 Timothy 4:2

of it are the issues of life ([Prov. 4:23](#)). If we think about positive things, our lives will be positive. If we think on good things, our lives will be good. If we dwell upon evil things, our lives will be evil. Our control is manifested in our choices of what goes into our hearts. Jesus summed it up with these words: *“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things”* ([Matt. 12:35](#)).

Who is controlling your heart? Who are you allowing inside you heart? There are really only two answers: Satan or Jesus Christ. If we want to think right, speak right, and act right, we need to give our hearts to Jesus. We do this by submitting ourselves fully to His will found in the New Testament. Listen to Paul’s word to the Corinthians. *“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”* ([II Cor. 10:4-5](#)). A war is being waged in the minds of men. Strong holds, imaginations, and high things from Satan seek to influence us. We cannot allow these things to control us. We conquer these things by *“bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”*

Will our hearts be influenced by good or evil? Will our hearts be influence by truth or error? Will our hearts be influenced by the Spirit or the flesh? Will our hearts be influenced by love or hate? Will hearts be influenced by holiness or by sin? These are our choices. This is where each one of us is in control. Paul understood this and wrote to the Philippians, saying: *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever*

things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” ([Phil. 4:8](#)).

Fortunately, it is easy for us to see who is controlling our hearts. All we have to do is examine our lives. We audit our thoughts. We listen to our words. We inspect our behaviors. We probe into our motives. This must be done sincerely and honestly. There can be no excuses or justifications. If we find all of these things to be in line with the truth of the gospel, we are fine. On the other hand, if we find our thoughts, words, motives, and behaviors to be evil, we know that we are allowing something other than God’s will to influence us.

It is possible for us to deceive ourselves if we are not careful. If the Jews had been asked: “Do you love God?” They would have responded with a bold affirmative. But listen to what Jesus had to say about them. *“Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me”* ([Matt. 15:7-8](#)). There are Christians who would assert that they love God with all of their hearts ([Matt. 22:37-38](#)), but they are deceived because they hate a brother or sister in Christ. John tell us: *“If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he that not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also”* ([I John 4:20-21](#)).

Dear reader, you are in ultimate control of your heart. You have the ability to allow

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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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Christ's words into your heart to direct you, or, you can allow Satan's evil influences into your heart to lead your life. Your attitude, your motives, your words, your emotions, and your behaviors scream out to the world who you are serving. Too, God knows exactly who you are allowing to control your heart. We will close with David's words so Solomon found in [I Chronicles 28:9](#). "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." - **Oceanside church of Christ, FL.**



THOSE TO SERVE

January 2020

Announcements

Perry Jarvis

Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord's Table

Dave t=Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table PM

5—Mike

12—James

19—Mike

26—James

Opening Prayer

5—Bobby Hall

12—Jonnie Hutchison

19—Perry Jarvis

26—Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer

5—Chad Canter

12—Roy Wyatt

19—Preston Barrrt

26—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Dave & Bobby

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Chad Canter

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!