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Schedule of Services

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

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger 270-753-2108 Home 270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg 270-759-2145 Home 270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

• Jonnie Hutchison Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance. and Ronnie Gootam McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

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UNNOTICED INFLUENCES ON CHILDREN By Dan Jenkins

f you were asked what influences were in your life which caused you to become the person you are today, what would you say? More specifically, let me focus the question to ask about what impacted your life spiritually to walk with the Lord. What influenced you to be a follower of God?

There are the obvious answers to the question. The first impact on an infant is often his/ her parents. A child's view of His heavenly father is often shaped by having a godly father on this earth. When my brother wrote his graduate thesis on how John used the word "faith," he dedicated the thesis using these words, "To my mother in whose lap I first heard the word faith and to my father in whose life I saw it every day." There are many other obvious answers, and we should be thankful for each of them.

However, there are others who impacted our lives far more than we realize. In our youth we may not see it, but as we get older

f you were asked what our lives, but have you ever nees were in your life which considered just how much d you to become the person grandparents often more silently re today, what would you change our lives?

> of You know three preachers of whom this is true. They are Dan, David and Josh. Over the years, I have heard them talk about their grandfather's This is not to spirituality. minimize the importance of the obvious impact their parents had on them but simply to magnify the role God saw for grandparents. Just ask any of the preachers about their grandparents. You will be amazed at these unnoticed influences.

God understood the impact grandparents can have. The month before his death, as the Jews were about to enter the promised land, Moses' final words were, "And teach them to your children and your grandchildren" (Deut. 4:9). Solomon even described how grandchildren are the crown God gives to grandparents (Prov. 17:6).

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<u>NEWS AND NOTES</u>

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

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Janice Canter, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely, Carol Pigg and Lucetria Hutchison.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study. All other services are cancelled until further notice.
- PANTRY ITEMS October 2020: 4—Canned Tomatoes 11—Spaghetti Sauce; 18— Canned Peas; 25—Tuna. 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.
- 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.
- **<u>Mission Work</u>**: Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- October 2020 <u>Anniversaries</u>: 21-Chad & Vickie Canter. <u>Birthdays</u>: 8—Jim Fielder; 18—Perry Jarvis; 29—Bobby Hall; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- We offer **FREE BIBLE CORRECPONDENCE 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.
- "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:4). "For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

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/



This Week: Whom did Jesus call "hypocrites" in Matthew 15:7?

Last Week: Who said, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"?

Answer: Peter (John 6:68).

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

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play is vividly seen in the life of Timothy. As a youth, likely still in his teens, Timothy was respected by those who knew him, not only in his hometown but in a city over 30 miles away. How did that come about? Hear Paul talk about the origin of Timothy's faith. His genuine faith "...dwelt first in his grandmother, Lois" (2 Tim. 1:5). We may have seen Timothy as being godly like his mother, but God saw it differently. He saw where that same faith first was found. Not all are grandparents, but let me urge every grandparent who reads these words to fulfil the role God has for you. Your impact on children does not end when your children are grown. There is another place God has for you. It may be unnoticed by many, but realize that in some areas you can have a greater influence on them than their own parents!

> -Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

THE FURUTE OF OUR NATION By Jonnie Hutchison

Both sides of the political spectrum are touting this presidential election to be the most important in the history of our nation. According to the pundits, who is elected will determine whether our nation will retain the values it has held to since its beginning or be led in an entirely different direction. While we make no claim to know what the results of this election will be, there is something that we can know with absolute certainty that is stated in the words of Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God." There are many ways in which our nation has already turned away from the principles upon which it was originally founded. Those original principles were based upon a belief in the existence and authority of the God of the Bible. Moving away from those founding principles moves this nation further from God. If we forget God by embracing wickedness our ultimate destruction is assured.

God has greatly blessed this nation since its beginning. This nation is a beacon of freedom in a world where freedom is often denied. Millions have left their own nations to come to America in order to enjoy greatest and most powerful nation in the world. But so was the Roman Empire in its day. As great as it was the Roman Empire collapsed due to gross immorality, governmental corruption and infighting, social unrest, and a failure to respect the sanctity of life, among other things. Sound familiar? When will we learn that "*Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people*" (Proverbs 14:34)?

The future of this nation is, in a sense, in the hands of each one of us. We have the opportunity to choose elected officials that will either bring this nation closer to God or lead it further into wickedness. For one who loves God that choice is already made for he will cast his vote for righteousness. Let us pray that God's will be done, and that regardless of the outcome of any election, we will remain faithful to Him. "Arise, O Lord, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. Put them in fear, O Lord, That the nations may know themselves to be but men." (Psalms 9:19-20)..

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.."

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freedom from oppression and suffering. The United States of America is arguably the - Edmund Burke



