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# Schedule of Services

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:50 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ONE

**By Houston Bynum** 

In a world of over 6 billion people, it's easy to feel lost in the statistics. But you are "one of a kind"-you are unique! There is not another individual quite like you anywhere in the world! Edward Everett Hale said, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

The psalmist David said, "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:13, 14, NKJV).

As an individual in the Lord's kingdom, are you finding your niche to make your unique contribution in the work and service of the Lord? (Note I Corinthians 12:12- 27).

Sometimes a person may fail to work in available ways of

service because he feels those ways are small and insignificant. Small beginnings usually precede larger responsibilities (Luke 14:7-11). Jesus said, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

Perhaps you are thinking, "But what about little old me? What difference can I make?"

Near the end of an "urban legends" article which discredited some falsehoods on "One Vote," the writer gives some true examples of the significance of one vote: Andrew Johnson did retain his office by one vote. In 1839, Marcus Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by one vote. Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President in 1876 by one vote. One was all it took.

f the Lord? (Note I Corin-12:12-27).

Although you may consider your contribution to the Lord's work rather small and insignificant, the Lord's estimation of your

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# **NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** <u>Green Plain members</u>: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie and Mary and Jesse Vincent. Faye Travis had surgery this past week and remains in the hospital in Mayfield.

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Charlotte Parker, Roger Rhoades,, Joel White, Mary Lou Joseph and Jennie Pool. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **OUR SUYMPATHY** is extended to Vickie and Chad Canter and all the family of Betty Pond who passed from this life this past week.
- <u>COVID INFO:</u> Our Covid safety measures remain in effect for our worship services and Bible classes. It is recommended that we wear our masks, social distance and refrain from hand shakes and hugs. Let us consider one another's safety and act accordingly.
- PANTRY ITEMS October 2021: 3—Paper Towels; 10—Baked Beans; 17—Pickles; 24—Jelly; 31—Peanut Butter. 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.
- October 2021 <u>Anniversaries</u>: 21-Vickie & Chad Canter. <u>Birthdays</u>: 8-Jim Fielder; 18—Perry Jarvis; 29-Bobby Hall. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRECSPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to the address on the first page of this bulletin.
- Psalms 56:3— "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You."
- Psalms 18:32— "It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect."



# *LESSONS TODAY*

AM Bible Study
The Book of Acts
Worship

AM— The Rejected Christ

PM— The "Unpardonable Sin"

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

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service may be quite different. Jesus said the poor widow who gave 2 small copper coins into the treasury gave more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:41 -42). The Lord said even a disciple's gift of a cup of cold water is significant to Him (Matthew 10:42).

Each one in the body of Christ has opportunities to work and serve, to edify and encourage, to pray and study, to help and give, to visit and invite, to reach and teach, to assist and supply, to console and sympathize.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

-LaVergn church of Christ, TN

# "I JUST DELIVER THEM" By Tracy Dugger

MAIL

Along our street, I recently met our mailman at the box. I jokingly told him not to bring me any bills. He, in a very witty manner, quickly responded, "I don't make them, I just deliver them."

The simple point he transmitted to me was clear. This is the same point that some need to understand about teachers and preachers of the Word. When a godly proclaimer of the truth broadcasts God's Word without compromise, he is not its source (2 Pet. 1:20-21), just the messenger. When he

preaches against the sins of the day (social drinking, denominationalism, and false religion, dancing, immodest apparel, etc.), he may upset some people. This is not his intention. However, we must realize that he does have a duty to speak the whole truth in love.

(1) Acts 20:26-27— "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from

the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

(2)(2) Ephesians 4:15—— "But speaking

the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

The sincere preacher of the gospel has a love for souls who need the saving message of the gospel (I Tim. 4:16; Jn. 8:32). It is as useless to become upset with him as it would be to become upset with the mail-

man for bringing a bill or a letter containing unhappy news. Whenever you hear God's Word and it steps on your toes or you are offended, don't become upset at the messenger. Instead, remember the words of the mailman— "I just deliver them."

"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

(2 Timothy 4:2)

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# "WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE END THEREOF?" By Jonnie Hutchison

In the days of Jeremiah, the nation of Judah had embraced idolatry and rejected God. Their rejection of God would bring them into captivity as their northern neighbor, Israel, had already experienced. Despite Jeremiah's warnings of their coming activity, the people of Judah refused to believe him. Instead they are described in Jeremiah 5:31 with these words, "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Obviously, the false prophets told the people what they wanted to hear rather than what they needed to hear. They spoke lies and the priests agreed with their false prophesies. But Jeremiah asked a very important question. Though the people believed the false prophets and priests "what will we do in the end thereof?" In other words, the deception of the people would not save them from captivity in the end. The captivity was certain whether the people believed it or not!

Many today have the idea that God will save everyone regardless of whether they choose to live in harmony with His will or not. However, Jesus taught there are two ways one may walk in this life – the strait and narrow way that leads to life or the broad way that leads to destruction. His conclusion regarding the "broad way" was that "many go in by it" while "few" choose to walk the way

that leads to life" (Matthew 7:13-14). Yes, one may believe God will save everyone but "what will we do in the end thereof?"

Some religious groups reject the idea of eternal punishment in hell for sinners. Their argument is that God is so loving that He would not allow anyone to be punished in hell forever. Yet, Jesus taught concerning the wicked, "these shall go away into everlasting punishment..." (Matthew 25:46). The Bible tells us that those who "know not God" and "obey not the gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord..." (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Yes, one may reject the reality of eternal punishment in hell but "what will we do in the end thereof?"

The book of Psalms declares, "Forever O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven" (Psa I 19:89). God's Word does not change simply because one chooses to reject what it says. What was true in the days of Jeremiah is still true today. The end will be as God has said whether one believes it or not. If you choose to reject God's plan for your salvation "what will YOU do in the end thereof?"

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