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Schedule of Services

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| Classes | day |
| 10:00 | Bible |
| AM | Classes |
| Morning | |
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- Jesse Vincent

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IS SOCIAL DRINKING A SIN? *By Tim Dooley*

It's all right if I have a beer or two in the privacy of my own home, isn't it? It is not a sin to drink alcohol so long as I don't get drunk, right? Paul told Timothy to drink a little wine for his stomach's sake, so it must be okay to drink a little, right? How many times have we all heard statements and questions such as these? How many times have we ourselves asked these things? Well, the answer to all these questions is simple...No.

A Stumbling Block

Romans 14:13, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." If for no other reason but this one, social drinking is a sin. If you were to come into my home and see beer and wine in my refrigerator, what would you think? In verse 21 Paul then said, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." If we know that we should be setting a good example and we don't, what is it? "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and

doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

"Drunk" and "Excess" of Ephesians 5:18

Ephesians 5:18 states, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" To be "drunk with wine" is derived from the Greek verbage meaning "to intoxicate" or the process of becoming drunk. When a person takes a drink of alcohol he has become intoxicated. Certainly every one has a different tolerance level and the blood alcohol level will vary. Yet the fact remains that after one drink a person begins to become drunk.

Now as for the word "excess" please read 1 Peter 4:4 and apply the same logic many do to our text. 1 Peter 4:4 states, "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:" It is light of the logic used by some in Ephesians 5:18 it would certainly be okay to "riot" a little as long as we don't "riot" a lot! 2 Peter 2:13 states that those who "riot" will receive the reward of unrighteousness. Does it matter if it

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Ann Workman, Will Winchester, Amie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Lucetria Hutchison, and Donald and Dorothy Cook.
- **The Fall session of the *School of Biblical Studies*** continues each Monday from 7-9 pm in annex. Brethren Josh Manning and Brad McNutt are presenting outstanding lessons on the books of 1 Peter and Jonah respectively. If you enjoy in depth Bible study you will not want to miss this opportunity.
- **Pantry items for October: 6—Canned Orange Juice; 13—Sweet Pickles; 20—Toilet Tissue; 27—Canned beans (any kind).**
- 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 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 abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **October 2019 Anniversaries: 21st Chad & Vickie Canter; Birthdays: 8th Jim Fielder and Perry Jarvis; 10th Bobby Hall.** Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:** *Annual Chili Supper Friday November 1st; Annual Area Wide Singing at Green Plain on November 22nd.*
- *If Jesus had come before you arose from your night’s rest, would you have been ready to meet Him? “Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thessalonians 5:6).*



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: How many stones did David have left after he killed the Philistine Goliath?

Last Week: *What was the topic of discussion between Nicodemus and Jesus?*

Answer: Jesus and Nicodemus discussed “being born again.” (John 3:1-10). Jesus explained to Nicodemus that one must be “born again or he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.”

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Each consecutive Monday
Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 2019**

⇒ **I Peter—Josh Manning
Eastwood Paris, TN**

⇒ **Jonah—Brad McNutt
Walnut Grove Benton, KY**

Meet in the Annex 7-9 PM

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is just a little controlled, social rioting or an excess of such?

1 Timothy 5:23

Paul wrote to Timothy, “Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.” Many have tried to use this verse in an attempt to justify alcohol as a beverage. It does no such thing; in fact it does quite the opposite. Timothy refrained from drinking wine and strong drink all together, even when sick. This was done no doubt, not only in order to set a good example, but as a matter of Christian purity.

We have made great advancements in recent generations in the medical field. If a doctor tells you today to “use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake” I would suggest a second opinion!

Don’t Be A Fool

Strong words indeed, but Proverbs 20:1 states, “Wine IS A MOCKER, STRONG DRINK IS raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” Proverbs 14:16 tells us, “A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.” Those who are wise will avoid wine and strong drink. To know what happens to the foolish we need only read what Jesus has to say in Matthew 25:1-13.

Conclusion

Psalms 75:8, “For in the hand of the LORD there is A CUP, AND THE WINE IS RED; IT IS FULL OF MIXTURE; AND HE POURETH OUT OF THE SAME: BUT THE DREGS THEREOF, ALL THE WICKED OF THE EARTH SHALL WRING THEM OUT, AND DRINK THEM.” What shall be of those who partake of that which the Lord himself has discarded?

—www.churchofchristarticles.com/blog/administrator/is-social-drinking-a-sin/

FOUR TYPES OF WORSHIP

How important is the worship of God to you? There are many beliefs about worship. Some view it as important on Sunday morning and not Sunday evening. There are multitudes who believe that the worship of God is not important at all. Yet, a golden thread going through the Bible is the acceptable worship and adoration of God. In the New Testament there are four types of worship.

□ *First, there is vain worship. “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Mat. 15:9). Vain worship is empty, useless because it is according to the standards of men and not authorized by the Lord. Vain worship is worthless, going no higher than the ceiling, unacceptable to God.*

□ *Second, there is will worship. “Which*

things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh” (Col. 2:23). Will worship is self-imposed religion. It is nothing but a exhibition of wisdom, a mere invention and misrepresentation of men. It is man satisfying man’s will and craving, not God’s.

Third, there is ignorant worship. “For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you” (Acts 17:23). Ignorant worship is void of true knowledge of God and is not the worship authorized by God. It is unacceptable to God.

□ *Fourth, there is true worship. “God is*

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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!

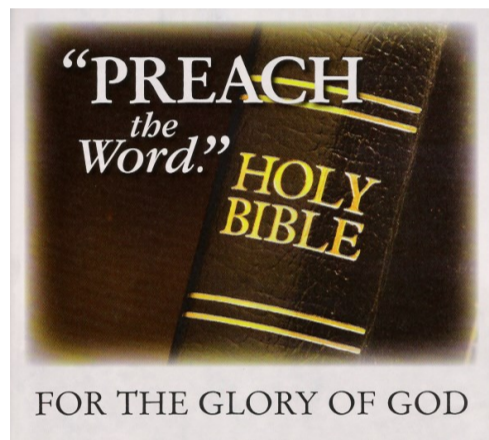
Lessons Today

Sunday AM

"What Is So Special About Worship?"

Sunday PM

"Judgment Is Coming"
Jude 14-16



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a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). True worship consists of the proper attitude, reverence toward God, and is directed by God's Word which is truth. It is written, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). This is the worship that God accepts. It is according to His standard and not man's. When men worship God, they must understand that it is God centered and not man centered. It is God who we should please and not ourselves. It is not enough simply to worship, one must worship in spirit and truth. - Written By Paul Vaughn



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THOSE TO SERVE

October 2019

Announcements

Charles Enoch

Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord's Table

Dave Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute: Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table PM

6—Mike

13—James

20—Mike

27—James

Opening Prayer

6—Bobby Hall

13— Jonnie Hutchison

20—Hayes Grady

27—Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer

6—Charles Enoch

13—Roy Wyatt

20—Preston Barrett

27—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Dave & Bobby

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Chad

If unable to serve please call
Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!