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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
270-293-2319 Cell

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

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

Location

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JESUS CAN BE YOUR BEST FRIEND *By Victor Eskew*

A “best” friend is very difficult to obtain. Most of us only have two or three best friends in our lifetime. We value our best friends. We know just how much of a blessing they are to our lives. There are many things we could do without, but we will not do without our best friend.

One of our best friends, if we will allow Him to be, is Jesus Christ. This seems like it would be impossible because He is not on earth at this time. We must remember, however, that He is not like other men whose presence has departed from the earth. He is not dead. He is alive. Too, He is both man and God. In His exalted position, He longs to be our friend. Once we have chosen to make Him our friend, He has the ability to fulfill every requirement of a best friend to every one of us. Let’s look at what Jesus can do for us as a friend.

First, He will be INVOLVED in our lives. Isn’t this one of the aspects of friendship? A friend is there. A friend knows about the things happening in our lives. They know the good and

bad. They know our successes and our struggles. Once Jesus is allowed access into our lives, He will be there. He has promised: “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” ([Heb. 13:5](#)). His omniscience allows Him to know everything about us. He knows and understands the physical things that transpire in our lives. He also knows and understands the deep, hidden, emotional struggles through which we pass in life.

Second, He will always CARE. Again, this is what a true friend does. Associates do not really care. We can tell by their affect and their lack of attention that they are not absorbed in our troubles, hurts, and difficulties. Such is not so when a true friend knows of our trials. A true friend will drop all to listen. That friend may leave all behind to be at our side. This is how our Jesus is toward us. Peter exhorts us, saying: “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” ([1 Pet. 5:7](#)).

Third, Jesus will truly LOVE us. Love for a true friend is not

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarett Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, and Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Reta Kimbro, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips and Donald and Dorothy Cook.
- **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:** Annual *Area Wide Singing* at Green Plain on **November 22nd** at 7:00 pm. Jane Morris will host an *Ornament Party* at her home on December 14th at 6:00 pm. All ladies are invited.
- **Pantry items for November: 3—Potatoes; 10—Chili; 17—Beets; 24—Creamed Corn. All 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 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.
- **November 2019 Anniversaries: 1st Ann & David Thompson; 13th Jane & Junior Morris; 17th Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; Birthdays: 15th Jonnie Hutchison; 23rd Vickie Cantor; 25th Margarett Enoch.** Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- Here is what the Bible says is necessary to accept God’s offer of salvation from the eternal consequences of sin: One must **HEAR** the gospel message of salvation (Romans 10:17). One must **BELIEVE** in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior (John 8:24; Mark 16:16). One must **REPENT** or turn away from the practice of sin (Acts 17:30-31). One must be **IMMERSED** in water to spiritually reach the blood of Jesus (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:26-27). One must **LIVE A FAITHFUL LIFE** as a Christian (Titus 2:11-12; Revelation 2:10).



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What did God command the Israelites to do before He sent the last plague upon the Egyptians?

last Week: *Who was Dionysius?*

Answer: Dionysius the Areopagite is mentioned in Acts 17:34 as one of the converts in Athens.

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

“You Don’t Need to Run If You Put Your Trust in God”

Sunday PM

Paul Jones

*“Preach the Word”
2 Timothy 4:2*

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something that comes and goes. It is not based upon our perfect behavior. A true friend will love even when we are not loveable. Jesus manifested His love for us initially by dying in our stead on the cross of Calvary. He himself said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" ([John 15:13](#)). He will continue to love us throughout all of our lives. His love is the purest expression of agape love. Our flaws, shortcomings, and sins will not cause Him to cease loving us. He will constantly be seeking our best interest.

Fourth, Jesus will always SUPPORT us. There are times in life when those we think are our friends forsake us. We need them. We are in trouble. We need support, but they are nowhere to be found. This will never happen with Jesus. He will always be in our corner. If everyone else turns their backs on us, Jesus will be present. Paul learned this lesson while in a Roman prison. He writes about it in [II Timothy 4:16-17](#). "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me..." Yes, when everyone else turned away from Paul, Jesus was there. He will be there for us as well.

Fifth, as our best friend, Jesus will REBUKE us. A true friend will not allow us to continue on a dangerous or sinful course without rebuking us. He will warn us of evil. He will rebuke us of wrong doing. The reason is because he loves us. Jesus often rebuked His disciples while He was with them during His earthly ministry. He will rebuke us as well. In the letter to the Laodiceans in the book of Revelation, Jesus said: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten..." ([Rev. 3:19](#)). [Proverbs 27:6](#) tells

us: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend..." When Jesus rebukes us, we may hurt for a while, but His rebuke is intended for our good. He does not want to see us hurt. He does not want for us to be lost.

Sixth, a best friend FORGIVES. Our best friend realizes that we are not perfect. He understands that we have weaknesses. Sometimes our imperfections can harm the one we care about the most, our friend. Our friend, even though he is wounded, is willing to forgive. Jesus is a friend who will forgive. He forgave the woman taken in adultery. He forgave Peter who denied Him three times. He forgave the penitent thief on the cross. He would have forgiven Judas had he truly repented and asked for forgiveness. These examples show that Jesus is willing to forgive even the most horrible actions we could commit. In [Exodus 34:6-7](#), we learn of the forgiveness of God. "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..."

Seventh, Jesus will GIVE because He is

"Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" Eph. 5:19

NOVEMBER 22ND 7:00 PM

AREA WIDE SINGING

AT THE

GREEN PLAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

3980 MURRAY PARIS RD

HAZEL, KY



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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our best friend. He will give us advice through the pages of the New Testament. He will give us blessings from the storehouses of heaven. He will give us divine intervention when we stand in the presence of God in prayer. He will provide hope when our lives seem to be unravelling. He will give us strength to endure the temptations and trials of life. He will give us rest from our burdens. In [Matthew 11:28](#), Jesus says: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

No one can have too many best friends. However, no one has very many best friends. Jesus is willing to assume that position in your life. Can you imagine having the Son of God as your best friend? We begin developing that relationship with Him by obeying His word. It was Jesus who said: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" ([John 15:14](#)). Make Jesus your best friend today. You will never regret having Him at your side.

—Oceanside Church of Christ, FL

Bible Study



Sunday 10:00 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

THOSE TO SERVE

November 2019

Announcements

Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table

Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: James Pigg

Assist at Lord's Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Preside at Lord's Table PM

3—Bobby Hall

1—Jim Lowrie

17—Bobby Hall

24—Jim Lowrie

Opening Prayer

3—James Pigg

10 Mike Ernstberger

17—Jonnie Hutchison

24 Preston Barrett

Closing Prayer

3—Jesse Vincent

10—Junior Morris

17—Dave Thompson

24—Perry Jarvis

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Roy and Junior

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Jesse

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

Thanks for Serving!