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## Schedule of Services

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

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
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## Deacons

- 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

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## CAUTION: IN CASE OF RAPTURE

*By Don Blackwell*

A popular bumper sticker says, “Caution: In case of rapture this car will be unmanned . . .” This is a popular doctrine taught by many religious groups. But would you be surprised to learn that neither the word rapture nor the commonly taught doctrine of the rapture even occurs in the Bible?



It is said that this event will be a “secret rapture,” when the Lord will appear and take away his faithful saints secretly, leaving the rest of the world searching for an explanation of what has

happened. The Bible, however, says that the second coming of the Lord will not be a secret, but rather that “every eye shall see him” (Revelation 1:7). Paul describes Christ’s coming this way: “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God” (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Friends, the second coming of the Lord will be anything but a secret!

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## GOD’S CURE FOR WORLDLINESS

*By Charles Box*

Worldliness is a terrible problem for mankind -- from preacher, church leaders, and parents and for the youth of our land. Worldliness is to be secular, unspiritual, materialistic, and irreligious. Paul described worldliness in these words, “in which you once walked according to the course

of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.” (Ephesians 2:2) Worldliness is “ungodliness and worldly lust.” “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**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, , 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 November 2020:** 1—Sweet Pickles 8—Green Beans; 115—Canned Meats; 22—Peas 29— Diced Tomatoes. 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>.
- **Mission Work:** 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.
- **November 2020 Anniversaries:** 1st—Ann & David Thompson; 13th—Jane & Brent Morris; 17th—Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. **Birthdays:** 15th—Jonnie Hutchison; 23rd—Vickie Canter. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE 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](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).**

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Good News Today  
<http://gnttv.org/>

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



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** Where in the Bible is the “tree of life” mentioned?

***Last Week:*** To what nation was Jeremiah sent to prophesy?

***Answer:*** To the nation of Judah (Jeremiah 1:1-3).

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soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.” (Titus 2:12) Jesus “gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:14)

Worldliness has resulted in immodesty, pornography, dancing, thefts, drugs, immorality, rapes, child abuse and divorce. Righteous Lot was vexed by the worldliness of His day and we should also be vexed by the worldliness of our day. (2 Peter 2:7-8)

Our escape from the world is through Jesus Christ. There is no other to whom we can go to find an answer to worldliness. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (John 6:68-69)

**To escape worldliness Christians must make a conscience decision not to be squeezed into the mold of the world.** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:1-2) There are places, people and practices which Christians must avoid.

**To escape worldliness Christians must use God’s way of escape.** “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,

but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (I Corinthians 10:13) A way to escape worldliness has been provided by God. If you fail to walk in that way you will become worldly.

**To escape worldliness Christians must develop a strong faith.** “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.” (1 John 5:4) Faith comes as God’s word is implanted into our hearts. (James 1:21) Christians must do all they can to strengthen their faith. “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17) Faith is the victory over the world because through our faith we let go of the world and cleave to Jesus completely.

**To escape worldliness Christians must “deny ungodliness and worldly lusts;” we must live “soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.”** (Titus 2:12) Christians must abandon sin. As we renounce worldliness and have no more to do with it we are able to “put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22-24)

**To escape worldliness Christians must come out and be separate from the world.** “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part



### COME VISIT WITH US

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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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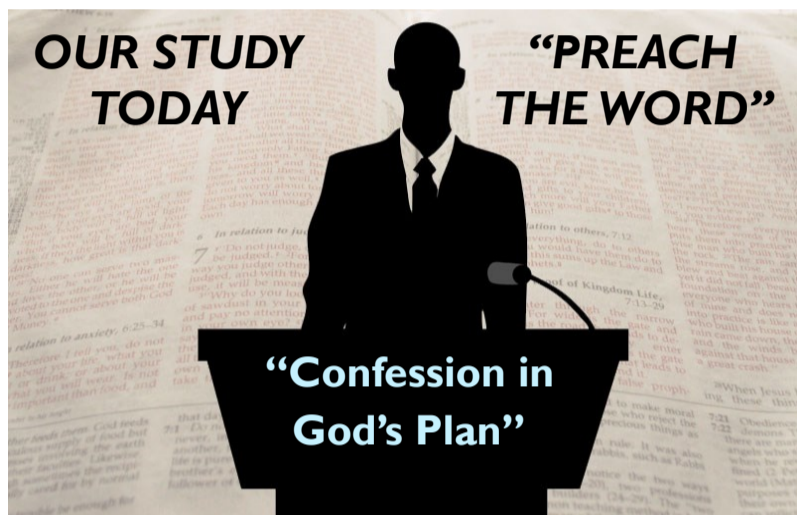
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has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people. Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18) The church is the “called out.” Christians must take care not to mingle themselves with unbelievers -- not to be unequally yoked with them. We must never choose the godless for our close friends.

**To escape worldliness Christians are taught to:** (1) be steadfast and unmovable in God’s service (1 Corinthians 15:58), (2) to avoid a love of the world (1 John 2:15-17), (3) keep yourself pure and clean (1 Timothy 5:22), (4) put to death sinful habits (Colossians 3:5-6), (5) bear the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and (6) be a light for Jesus. (Philippians 2:15-16)

Those that follow Jesus must choose to serve Him. (Joshua 24:15) To become a Christians you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe (Mark 16:16), repent (Acts 2:38), confess (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized. (1 Peter 3:21) After baptism YOU MUST be different from the world.

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