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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

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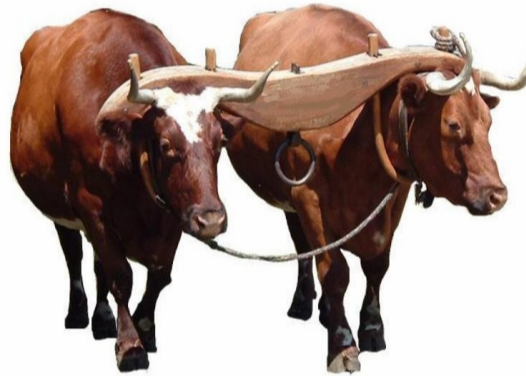
BOILING OUR OXEN *By Kevin Cauley*

Elijah was a prophet of God during the reign of king Ahab and queen Jezebel, a wicked and cruel couple. At one point, he was ready to just give up, but God would not let him. Instead, God told him to appoint Elisha as his successor. When Elijah called Elisha to become a prophet, he was plowing with a yoke of oxen.

He took the oxen and slaughtered them; he used the yoking equipment as fuel to boil the meat. Then he gave the meat to the people to eat. Why did he do this? He was cutting ties to his past because he knew that his work as God's prophet demanded everything.

In Luke 9:62, Jesus said, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." In Luke 14:33 he said, "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus? Many will tell

you to just believe that Jesus will save you and do whatever you want after that. Why would Jesus make these demanding statements? Why would he ask for complete commitment?



Occasionally, we sing, "I Surrender All." "All to Jesus, I surrender; all to Him, I freely give. / I will ever love and trust Him; in His presence,

daily live. / I surrender all. I surrender all. / All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all." Have we boiled our oxen with our yokes? Have we kept our hand on the plow and not looked back? Have we forsaken all? God help us to let go of all things on this earth so we may enter his heavenly kingdom.

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

7:00 PM

A Study of I Timothy

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, Mary and Jim Lowrie, and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

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 Dale Pentecost.

- **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 December 2020:** 6—Peanut Butter; 13—Mixed Vegetables; 20—Canned Meats; 27—Creamed Corn. 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.
- **December 2020 Anniversaries:** 17—Mary & Jesse Vincent; 22—Marjorie & Hayes Grady. **Birthdays:** 5—Nathan Hale; 7—Mike Ernstberger; 9—Debbie Ernstberger; 12 - Wanda Barrett (Murray Paris RD); 12—Jesse Vincent; 14—Faye Travis; 18—Wanda Barrett (Green Plain RD); 16—Cody Canter; 17—Marie Wyatt; 18—Rex Enoch; 21—Larry Enoch; 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.**

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<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

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

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



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Where was John when he received the book of Revelation?

Last Week: Who was the father of Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli?

Answer: These were the sons of Gad (Genesis 46:16) Gad was the 7th son of Jacob by Zilpah, Leah's handmaid.

LOOKING AT THE CROSS

The way Christians look at the cross of Jesus is vastly different from the way the ungodly look at it. Paul sums it all up in these words, "It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For the Jews request a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness" (1 Cor. 1:21-23). This is so far removed from the way saints see the cross.

Pagans look at the cross. Every god of every pagan was powerful—more powerful than any man. The very concept of deity being killed by mortals was beyond comprehension. As the early church brought the message of the cross to the entire world, it was foolishness.

Jews look at the cross. They were expecting the coming of the Messiah. Those who understood could see that God had promised to someday send a prophet, priest and king to live among them. With their view of the Messiah, the cross became a stumbling block. One does not have to submit to a king who is so helpless or listen to a mortal who claims to be a prophet. Jesus may have said, "You have heard that it was said, but I say to you..." but who cares what Jesus said, for he is just a man claiming to be someone great. One cannot put their trust in a priest like Jesus to save them. What was said at the cross sums it up: "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen

of God" (Luke 23:35).

Christians look at the cross. Read the rest of the words of Paul to the Corinthians. "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." It is truly amazing how differently a pagan, a Jew and a Christian would hear the same sermon. What is the

right view? Look at the cross through the eyes of God.

Built within God's eternal plan is a weekly communion with Jesus at His table. As you remember Him every week, make sure you truly see who He

is. Remember His body and His blood. As you remember Him every week, look at yourself—let a man examine himself. As you remember Him every week, see the future—proclaim His death until He comes.

God has no other message for mankind. The Jews asked for a sign and the only sign given was the cross. The Greeks sought wisdom, but the only wisdom God had for them was Christ crucified. We must never forget the cross and what happened there. A failure to look at the cross, to remember what happened for us, will result in us being "barren and unfruitful and blind" (2 Pet. 1:8-9). See the cross like God sees it!

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For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.—Romans 14:10-12.



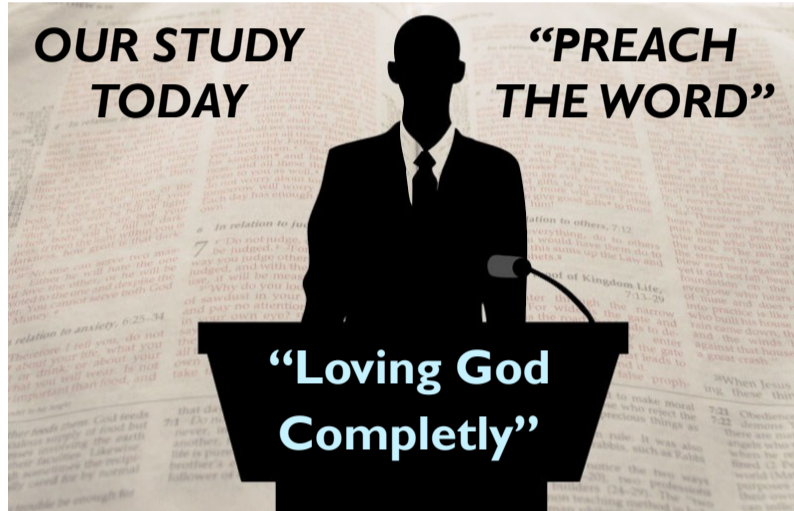
COME VISIT WITH US

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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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OUR STUDY TODAY

“PREACH THE WORD”

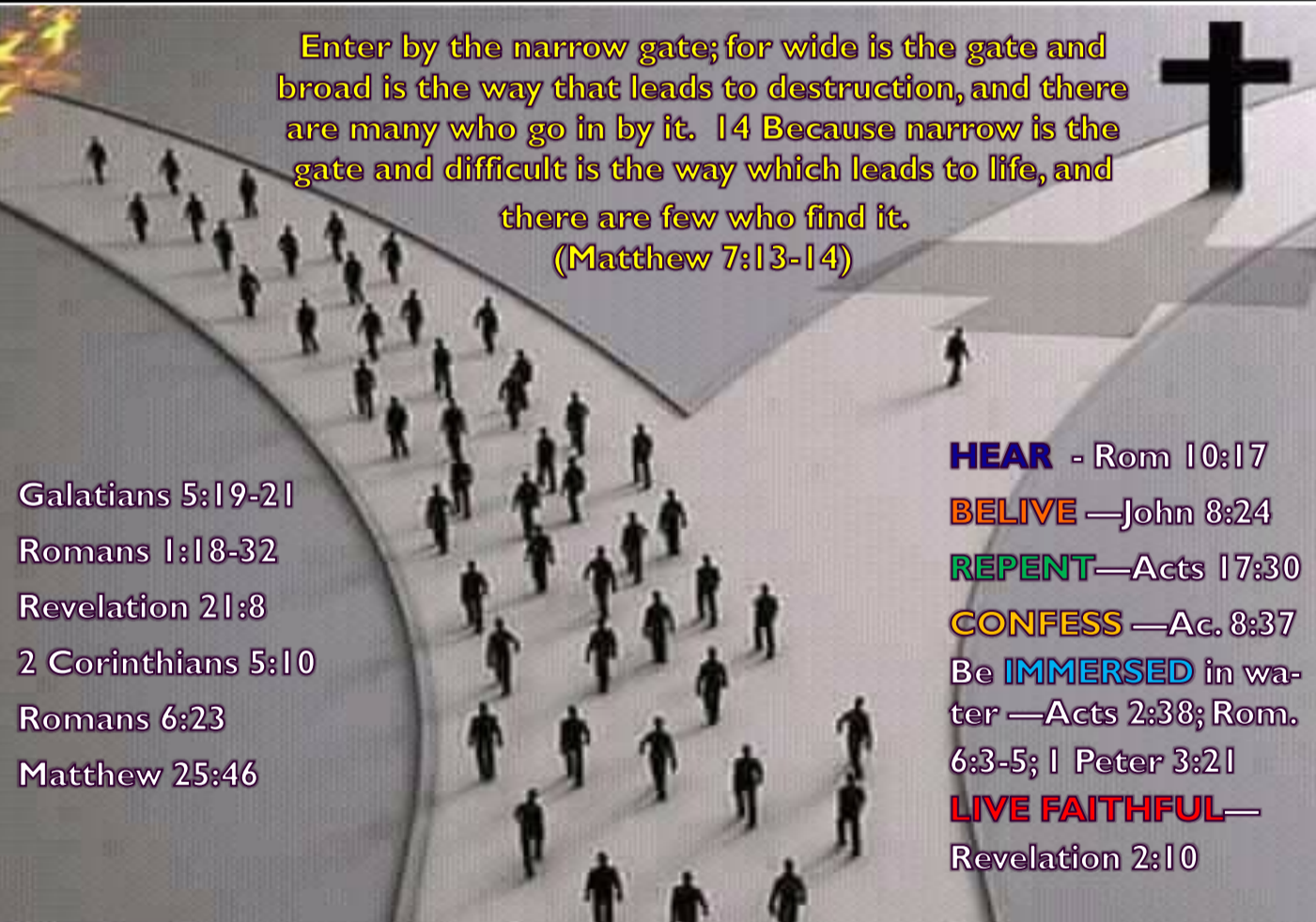


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Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
(Matthew 7:13-14)



Galatians 5:19-21
Romans 1:18-32
Revelation 21:8
2 Corinthians 5:10
Romans 6:23
Matthew 25:46

HEAR - Rom 10:17
BELIVE —John 8:24
REPENT—Acts 17:30
CONFESS —Ac. 8:37
Be **IMMERSED** in water —Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-5; I Peter 3:21
LIVE FAITHFUL—
Revelation 2:10