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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

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster
MSOP—Bradley Smith

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Are You Reclining, Whining, or Shining?

By Edd Sterchi

It seems to me that there are three kinds of church members. Let's briefly examine each and, as we do so, please honestly examine your part in the church and see which you are. **There are those who recline. They just sit back and watch everything going on around them. They are never more involved than "warming the pew" from time to time. God wants us involved with the church because, "He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer" (Proverbs 18:9). **There are those who whine. Sadly, other church members may be active, but they are involved with other members' business. They seem to spend the majority of their time and resources complaining. God wants us to focus on harmony and make sure we "do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned" (James 5:9).

**There are those who shine. Gladly, there are church members who possess a great attitude and are working heartily for the Lord. They are busy doing the Lord's will and singing along the way. They are shimmering examples of faithfulness and fruitfulness. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Paul had instructions concerning all of these in Philippians 2:14-15, "Do all things (that's the opposite of reclining) without complaining or disputing (that's the opposite of whining), that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world (that's being a shining example)." So, Christian, are you reclining, whining, or shining? --(Campellsville, KY)

CHOICES By Jonnie Hutchison

From the very beginning of man's existence God gave man the freedom to choose his own spiritual direction in life. God told the first couple that they



could eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told them that

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder. And Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Brandon Wiggins, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster and Thomas Cooper. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please write down their names and hand it to Jonnie.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** The Spring session of the **Green Plain School of Biblical Studies** begins Monday, March 4th and continues through May 27th. The first six weeks Larry Powers will continue the study of 1 Corinthians; Glenn Head will teach 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. The second six weeks Chris Kemp will teach the book of James and Jack Philipps will teach the book of Colossians. Our **Spring Gospel Meeting** is scheduled for **April 14-18 (Note the date change)** with Larry Powers preaching.
- **Pantry items for February:** 3—Peanut Butter; 10—Jelly; 17—Shampoo; 24—Soups.
- Please 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 and Mike Kiser 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.
- **February 2019 Anniversaries:** John and Laura Sales—1st; **Birthdays:** Krista Smith—8th; John Sales—12th; Maxine Pool—19th; Jan Pigg—25th; If we have left anyone out please let us know so we may put it in next weeks bulletin.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: *By what name did Abraham call the place where he was told to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice and what does the name mean?*

Last Week: *Where was the home of the prophet Amose and what did he do for a living?*

Answer: His home was in Tekoa and he was a herdsman or shepherd (Amos 1:1).



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
David Nance will tell us about his work in India and deliver the morning lesson

Sunday PM
Paul Jones will speak at the evening service

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if they chose to partake of its fruit that they would surely die (Genesis 2:17). Satan recognized that God had given Adam and Eve the ability to make choices for he essentially accused God of lying to them about choosing to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, saying "You shall **not** surely die." (Genesis 3:4). In essence the devil was indicating that the right choice to make was to go ahead and eat of the forbidden fruit. Was that the right choice? No!! It was the devil who lied, not God. Because Adam and Eve chose the wrong spiritual direction in violating God's command they suffered the consequences for that wrong choice (Genesis 3:15-19).

You and I face similar choices in life – the choice to obey God or to violate His divine will. Satan uses the same basic tactics to influence our choices as he did with Adam and Eve. The consequences for choosing to believe Satan's lies are just as certain as those experienced by Adam and Eve. It is still true that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). This is spiritual death – separation from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Friends, Satan continues to lie in his effort to deceive us. He wants us to make wrong

choices and uses the agency of wicked men and women, false teaching and every devious method at his disposal to influence our choices (1 Peter 5:8).

The Bible, which is God's revelation of His will to all of humanity, is the only genuine and infallible source to guide us in making right choices. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32) thus affirming that truth not only exists but it is also knowable. Jesus identified what is truth when He prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Since we can know the truth it follows that we may also know error. In other words, we can know what is right and what is wrong. Each of us must choose either to believe the truth and do what the truth tells us is right or reject the truth and do wrong. But to reject the truth means one must accept the certain consequences for the wrong that one does. Each of us are accountable to God whether we choose to believe and obey the truth or not. Rejecting the truth does not change the truth nor the consequences for rejecting it (2 Corinthians 5:10). Dear reader, are you choosing life or death?



CAFETERIA STYLE RELIGION

I enjoy eating at Morrison's Cafeteria. I especially enjoy their coconut pie, it is delicious! One of the main reasons I enjoy eating at Morrison's is because I get to choose what I want to eat. I simply get a tray and go down the food line. "I'll take some of this, I'll have some of that, no thank you, I wouldn't care for any broccoli or brussel sprouts!" Yuck!!! This is what I call eating cafeteria style. I get to pick and

choose what I like to eat, and what I don't like, I leave off.

Some folks approach the Bible like I approach the food line at Morrison's Cafeteria. They kinda go through the Bible and choose what they like, and pass by what they don't like. I call this attitude, "Cafeteria Religion!" Many people practice cafeteria religion where sin is concerned. They pass by themselves and condemn others (Rom. 2:1-3). Still others, practice cafeteria religion

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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!

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where the commandments of God are concerned. They are quick to point out New Testament passages stressing such doctrines as the Lord's supper, baptism, the one church, singing without using instrumental music, etc. Doctrine is important (Titus 2:1) but, too many of these same folks pass by such passages as Ephesians 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." This is doctrine also! And, what about Colossians 3:12-14? "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering: forbearing one another; and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." This is doctrine too! I guess it is just easier for some brethren to pass by these passages.

To the end that we may please our Heavenly Father, may we all strive to avoid practicing cafeteria religion! In James 2:10 we read, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Love, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness are doctrine also.

—DuWayne McNaughton,

PLAN of SALVATION

<u>Hear</u> The Gospel	<u>Believe</u> In Christ	<u>Repent</u> Of Sins	<u>Confess</u> Faith in Christ
Romans 10:17	John 8:24	Acts 17:30	Romans 10:10
	<u>and</u> <u>Be Baptized</u>		
	Acts 2:38 Rom. 6:3-4		

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

February 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie
Substitute: James Pigg

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris
Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Sunday PM

3—Bobby
110—Jim
17—Bobby
24—Jim

OPENING PRAYER:

3—James Pigg
10—Mike Ernstberger
17—Hayes Grady
24—Preston Barrett

CLOSING PRAYER:

3—Jesse Vincent
10—Junior Morris
17—Dave Thompson
24—Charles Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

Nathan

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis
Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger
Wednesday: Chad Canter
Substitute: Chad Canter

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Lawn Care: N/A

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thank YOU For Serving!!