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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
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Supporting Works

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

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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I WILL FORGIVE BUT NOT FORGET *By Victor Eskew*

As Christians, we understand and appreciate what it means to be forgiven of our transgressions. We were sinners ([Rom. 3:23](#)). We were dead in our trespasses and sins ([Eph. 2:1](#)). Even so, God chose to provide us a way of forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ. “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” ([Eph. 1:7](#)). When God forgave us, He also promised to forget our iniquities as well. “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more” ([Heb. 8:12](#)).

Since we have been forgiven by our heavenly Father, we have been charged to forgive those who trespass against us. In [Luke 17:3-4](#), we have these words of Jesus recorded for us: “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. and if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.” When we forgive, however, we often

find that we are not like God. We cannot forget. In this article, we want to consider two thoughts. Why do we find it easy to forgive? And, why do we find it so hard to forget?

Let’s consider why it is so easy for us to forgive others. First, we are commanded to forgive. We know that obedience is essential to our salvation. Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him ([Heb. 5:8-9](#)). Only those who do His commandments will enter in through the gates into the eternal city ([Rev. 22:14](#)). None of us want to be lost. Therefore, we submit to Christ’s commands, one being the command to forgive our debtors, in order to enter into the kingdom of heaven ([Matt. 7:24](#)).

Another reason it is easy to forgive is because we know that our forgiveness is conditioned upon forgiving others. Jesus taught this lesson in His Sermon on the Mount. “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarete Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder,, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, and Dave & Ann Thompson.
- **Family and Friends:** Pat Hocking, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, and Larry Wyatt.
- **Pantry items February: 2—Peanut Butter; 19—Jelly; 16—Paper Towels; 23—Spinach; All food 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, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **February 2020 Anniversaries:** None; **Birthdays:** 8th—Krista Smith; 19th—Maxine Pool; 25th—Jan Pigg; -Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will include them next week.
- **If you are able to receive the MyTV channel (WDKA Channel 49 in Paduka and on WK&T and other providers), tune in to the “Good News” program with Jim Dearman each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.**
- **If you enjoy good book, chapter and verse preaching tune in to the *GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK 24/7* online at gbntv.org. Lots of very fine study material is available on this website.**
- **Enroll in a FREE Bible correspondence Course. Send your name and mailing address to the address on the front of this bulletin to request this free study course.**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Of whom does Micah prophesy in Micah 5:2-5?

Last Week: What prophecy of Amos is quoted by Stephen to the Jews in Acts chapter 7?

Answer: Acts 7:42-43 is a quote from Amos 5:25-27 dealing with the rebellion of Israel in the wilderness and their acceptance of idolatry.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



March 2-April 27
7:00-9:00 pm Each
Consecutive Monday

SUBJECTS

Methods of Evangelism
Luke Puckett

The Book of Acts
Dan Sikes

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Father forgive your trespasses” ([Matt. 6:14-15](#)). No one wants his sins to meet him in the Judgement. We do not want to be lost just because we would not forgive someone of their trespasses against us. Thus, we readily offer forgiveness to others.

A third reason it is easy to forgive is because we have a desire to be Christ-like. Even on the cross of Calvary, Jesus had a willingness to forgive His enemies. His first words spoken from the cross were: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” ([Luke 23:34](#)). We long to be like Jesus. In many ways this is difficult. Offering forgiveness to another, however, is a simple matter. All we have to do is release one of his debt.

On the other hand, when we think of forgetting the sins another has committed against us, we cringe. Why? First, it is hard to forget because it is impossible. When another harms us, the evil deed is forever locked in our mind. Yes, we may put it aside for a few minutes or days, but we can easily recollect the sin another has committed against us. Perhaps it is here that we need a better understanding of what it means to “forget.” Forgetting does not involve erasing the deed from our mind. It does mean that we will never bring the deed up again once it has been forgiven. The person is no longer in debt to us for that sin. Yes, we know that it was done, but the individual will no longer be held accountable by us for that transgression. We will never say these words: “But I still remember what you did to me,” to that individual. The past is gone. It is forgotten.

This, however, leads to another reason why it is so hard for us to forget. Perhaps we do not want to forget. We do not want to put the past behind us. We want to be able to open the folder and remind the individual

about what was done to us. Sometimes, we use the past to make a person feel guilty. Sometimes, we use the past to “justify” the evil deeds that we commit. At other times, we use the past to manipulate the individual. The person’s past transgression benefits us. Therefore, we do not want to let them go.

Another reason we do not want to forget is because we believe that if we do we make ourselves vulnerable to more hurt in the future. We will remember what led up to the violation. We will remember the transgression itself. We will remember exactly how we felt. We will remember how the person responded when it was pointed out. We will remember any denial of the actions. We will remember any hesitancy that one had to admit the sin. Yes, we will remember. Never again we will allow that person to hurt us that way again.

There is no doubt that offering forgiveness is much easier than forgetting. Aren’t we glad God forgets? Aren’t we glad that our sins will never be brought up again? Aren’t we glad that God does not use our sins against us? Aren’t we glad that God does not worry about being hurt again? Aren’t we glad God will not mention our sins on the Day of Judgment? Certainly we rejoice in these facts. Now, shouldn’t we offer the same blessing to those who trespass against us? Put yourself in their place. It would be a wonderful blessing to know that the person against whom we have sinned has forgiven us and will never use that trespass against us in any way. Dear reader, God forgives and forgets. “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children” ([Eph. 5:1](#)).

—Oceanside church of Christ
Atlantic Beach, Florida



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!

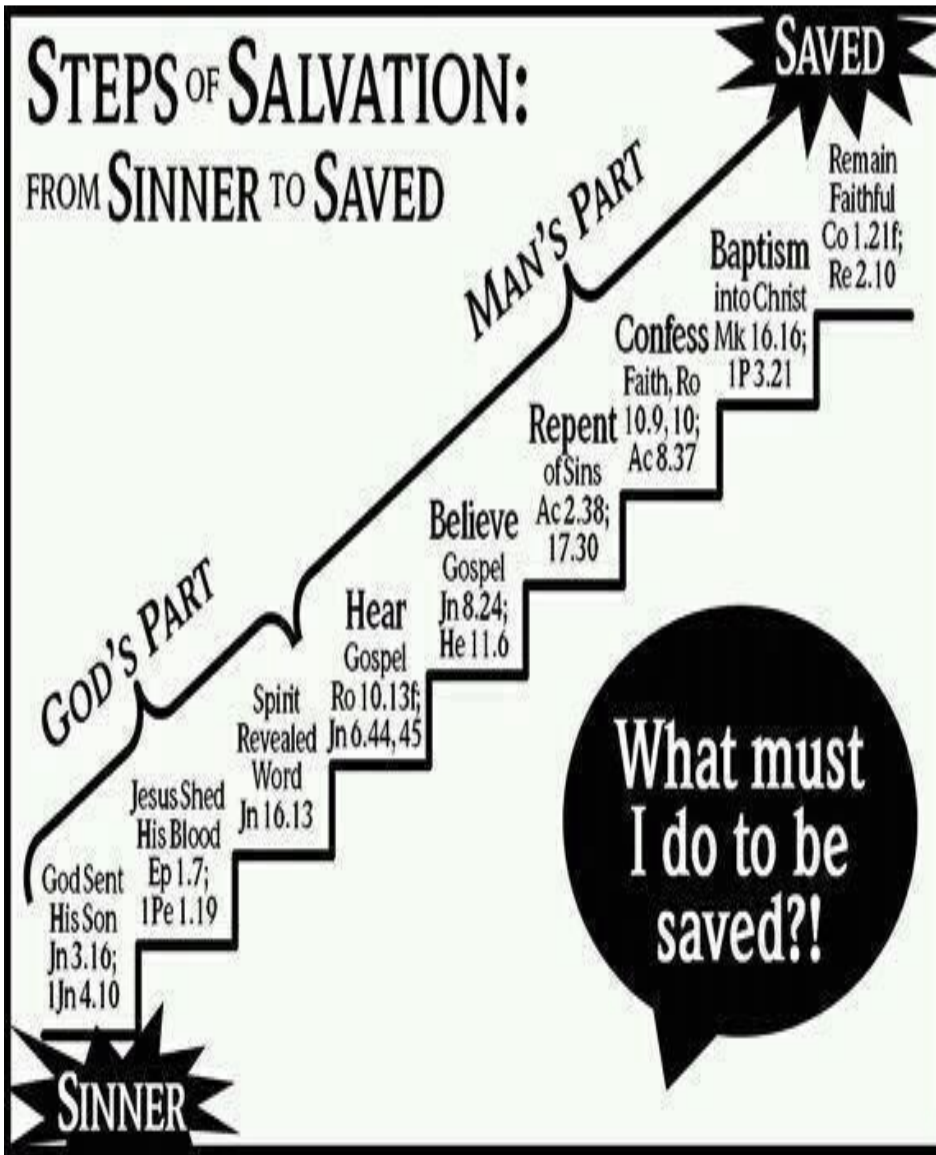
Lessons Today

Sunday Morning

“What You Should Know About Hope”

Sunday Evening

“Bring Christ Your Broken Life”



THOSE TO SERVE

February 2020

Announcements

Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table

Bobby Hall & James Pigg

Substitute: Chad Canter

Assist at Lord's Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute Jesse Vincent

Preside at Lord's Table PM

2—Bobby

9—James

16—Bobby

23—James

Opening Prayer

2—Jim Lowrie

9—Mike Ernstberger

16—Jonnie Hutchison

23—Preston Barrett

Closing Prayer

2—Jesse Vincent

9—Junior Morris

16—Dave Thompson

23—Charles Enoch

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Roy & Junior

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan & Zoey

Usher

Jesse Vincent

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!