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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 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, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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WHY HOMOSEXUALITY IS A SIN

BY JONNIE HUTCHISON

In our present society the practice of homosexuality/lesbianism has become widely accepted as normal human activity. Indeed, opposing this chosen lifestyle leaves one open to much ridicule and very angry responses. Homosexuality is viewed by some as a “civil rights issue.” In other words, those who oppose this practice are often equated with those who discriminate against people of color. However, it is obvious from the Word of God that the two are not the same.

Why is homosexuality/lesbianism a sin? **First, because God calls it a sin.** Under the law of Moses this practice is clearly condemned as a sin, an “abomination.” Leviticus 20:13 reads, *“If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them”* (NKJV). In the New Testament the inspired Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, clearly indicated that *“the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God”* and then he identifies the unrighteous., *“Do not be deceived. Nei-*

ther fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:8-11). All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17). Homosexuality is unrighteousness and therefore it is sin. Homosexuality is sin because God says it is.

Homosexuality is sin because it violates God’s spiritual law. Sin is the transgression of God’s spiritual law which He has revealed to us in the written Word of God (1 John 3:4). Since the practice of homosexuality is unrighteousness and all unrighteousness is sin, then to practice homosexuality is to violate God’s spiritual law. What does the New Testament tell us about those who continue in the practice of sin? *“The wages of sin is death...”* (Romans 6:23a). Yes, homosexuality is sin because it violates God’s spiritual law.

Homosexuality is a sin because it violates God’s natural law. At creation God placed His natural laws into motion. He cre-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, and Bobby and Sue Hall.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Nancy Rhodes, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt and Bonnie Byerly.

- Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine and an end to hostilities. We sorrow with so many who have lost loved ones in this conflict. Remember, the effective fervent prayers of the righteous avail much (James 5:16).
- **PANTRY ITEMS March 2022:** 6—Tuna; 13—Peanut Butter; 20—Canned Tomatoes; 27—Table Salt. 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.
- **March 2022 Anniversaries:** 12— Roy & Marie Wyatt; 15—Bobby & Sue Hall. **Birthdays:** 9—Gail Hutchison; 14—Roy Wyatt; 20—James Pigg; 23—London Smith. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.
- Is there anything in this world that is as important as the salvation of your eternal soul? **“What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”** (Matt. 16:26).

THOSE TO SERVE March 2022

Announcements: Chad

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: James & Mike

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 6—Chad; 13—James; 20—Chad. 27—James

Opening Prayer AM

6—Jim; 13—Larry; 20—Jonnie; 27—Bobby

Closing Prayer AM

6—Roy; 13—David; 20—Perry; 27—Junior

Song Leaders: AM Perry-; PM Mike-; WED Chad

Count Contribution: James & Mike

Usher: Jesse

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts
Worship

10:45 am— ***“What You Will Be Doing in Heaven—If You Choose to Go There”***

6 pm— ***“We Are Stewards”***

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

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ated two sexes for humans—male and female. Genesis 1:27 reads, “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them.*” God created the man first but stated “*it is not good for man to be alone.*” so God created the woman (not another man) to be man’s helper (Genesis 2:18).

God has always forbidden any sexual relationship outside of marriage including same sex relationships. Hebrews 13:4 tells us, “*Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*” God’s plan for marriage which He instituted at the beginning is one man (male) and one woman (female). This is the natural order. For two people of the same sex to form a sexual relationship (or same-sex marriage) is unnatural. Read the words of the Holy Spirit in Romans 1:26-27 as he is describing those who formed unnatural sexual relationships. “*For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.*” note the words inspiration uses to describe homosexual/lesbian relationships— “vile passions” - “changed the

nature use” -“against nature” - “leaving the natural use” - “committing what is shameful” - “their error.” Yes, homosexuality is a sin because it violates God’s natural law.

Some will read this article and dismiss it as “homophobic” and hateful. Nothing could be further from the truth. God knows the heart of this writer and this article is written out of love for sinners who are lost and without hope. The sin of homosexuality is no worse than any other sin condemned by God as far as eternal consequences are concerned. All sin and every sin will lead to eternal separation from God in hell (Matthew 25:46). Just as is true of any sin, one can cease the practice of homosexuality or lesbianism and receive God’s forgiveness and the hope of eternal life through the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:8-9). When Paul wrote to the Corinthians he included homosexuality among the sin of which they had previously been guilty. Then he wrote, “*And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God*” (1 Corinthians 6:11).

It is our prayer that all who read this article will have both the desire and the courage to believe in Jesus, truly repent of sin, confess faith in Christ, be immersed into Christ and live a godly life of service to God. (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27). May God bless you in your decision.

WHY “WALK BY FAITH”? By Jerry Joseph

What is the motivation? Look at 2 Corinthians 5:7-11. We walk by faith because of our...

ASSOCIATION with the Lord – 2 Corinthians 5:8 “to be present with the Lord”. Paul reminds us in Philippians 1:21 “For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain”.

ACCEPTANCE by the Lord – 2 Cor. 5:9 “we labor...we may be accepted of him”. One may

be accepted by others. But that which is the most important thing is whether we are accepted by the Lord or not. One also needs to understand that the Lord will not accept all (Matt. 7:21-23).

APPEARANCE before the Lord – 2 Cor. 5:10 “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ”. We live now in view of the hereafter. Judg-

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ment day is coming (Acts 17:30-31). As we “walk” now that is the way we will be at death an the way we appear before the Lord. And as we appear before the Lord, His eternal verdict will be rendered.

ASSISTANCE to others – 2 Cor. 5:11
“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we per-

suade men...” We desire that others “walk by faith”. Therefore, by our walk (manner of life) and the Word of God we want to show to others “walking by faith” is reachable, a reality and rewarding. Are you walking by faith or by sight?

-St. Peter’s church of Christ MO.

IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?

Gospel Meeting AT Coldwater church of Christ WITH Eric Lyons

April 1-3

Friday: 6:30 pm
7:30 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am
11:00 am
1:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am
10:15 am

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