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Schedule of Services

- All worship
- services are suspended until further notice.

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- Bobby Hall
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"I KNOW THE LORD WILL FIND A WAY

FOR ME" By Jonnie Hutchison

When I attended the Memphis School of Preaching the students and instructors would meet each morning for chapel. We would always end those services by singing the song, "I Know the Lord Will Find A Way for Me" followed by a prayer. This song has a special meaning to me for it brings back fond memories of my time at MSOP.

The song appears in many of the hymn books published for use in the worship of the church. In some the title has been changed to "I know the Lord will MAKE a way for me." In our worship we are to "teach and admonish" one another as we sing "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" (Colossians 3:16). What may we learn from the words of the song, "I Know the Lord Will Find A Way for Me?"

The first stanza of the song is also the title repeated twice. "I know the Lord will find a way for me" is an expression of both faith in the Lord and assurance that one can depend upon Him. The inspired apostle Paul

expressed a similar sentiment when he wrote, "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12). Are you fully persuaded that what you have committed to God—your life, your soul, your all— He is able to keep, to preserve, and that He will find a way for you that will allow you to enter into eternal life? Can you say with confidence, "I know the Lord will find a way for me."

The second stanza contains the words, "The Lord has said, 'Go preach the word to all the world." This statement is no doubt based upon what Jesus told His disciples in Mark 16:15, "...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Will the Lord find a way for you to fulfill this serious obligation? Is your trust in Him sufficient enough for you to say, "I know the Lord will find a way for me"?

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: <u>Green Plain members</u>: Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarette Enoch (Spring Creek), Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder (fell and broke his hip), Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, Carolyn Byars (now home) and Dave & Ann Thompson. <u>Family and Friends</u>: Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook and two week old Hollis Stubblefield, is home. Pat Hocking's mailing address is 9820 BANBURY CROSS ROAD, PERRIS, CA 92570 Please continue to pray for each of these and for those tending to their needs as well as the leaders of our nation in this time of crisis.

- <u>CORRECTION</u>: Please note that we had the incorrect street number for James Pigg's mailing address in the last bulletin. The correct address is <u>2202</u> Glenwood Drive Murray, KY 42071. If we can be of help to any of you please do not hesitate to call.
- **OUR BULLETIN**: We hope you are enjoying receiving our weekly bulletin. We will continue to mail the bulletin each week until the present situation changes. If you have any information that needs to be included in the bulletin please email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org or call or text 270-978-7569.
- Pantry items April: Items may be left under the carport, or put into the building for those with a key. 5-Carrots; 12—Green Beans; 19—Pork-n-Beans; 26—Peaches. All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.
- 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.
- 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.
- <u>Mission Work</u>: 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.
- APRIL 2020 <u>Anniversaries</u>: None <u>Birthdays:</u> 3rd—Mary Lowrie; 8th—Katelyn Canter; 24th—David Thompson; 27th—Steve Enoch; 29th—Sue Hall.

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World Video Bible School
https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html
A Bible Answer
https://abibleanswertv.org/
Good News Today
http://gnttv.org/
Dexter church of Christ
www.facebook.com/Dexterkycoc/
Coldwater church of Christ

www.facebook.com/Coldwater-Church-of-Christ-170296152984011/ and on YouTube In Search of the Lord's Way http://searchtv.org/



This Week: How old was Moses when he died?

Lat Week: With what did God clothe the bodies of Adam and Eve?

Answer: God clothed them with tunics or coats of skin (Genesis 3:21).

Send an email with the answer to this week's question to: greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

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The final stanza of the song expresses the joy of obtaining the crown of life that awaits the faithful servant of the Lord. "Won't it be grand to hear Him say, 'Well done!" In the Lord's parable of the talents, those who used their talents faithfully were told, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21). Can you imagine anything more grand than to hear the Lord say to you, "Well done!" Are you fully confident that the Lord will find a way for you to hear those words?

The chorus of the song gives the reason why one can say with the greatest of

assurance that the Lord will find a way for me—"if I walk in heaven's light, Shun the wrong and do the right. I know the Lord will find a way for me!" This is the key for both fulfilling our obligations to God in taking the gospel to the world and in hearing His joyful statement, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May the Lord help each of us to live our lives in submission to His will and to be looking forward with the greatest of confidence to existing in eternity with Him. Let us sing and live our lives here with the absolute assurance, "That if I walk in heaven's light, Shun the wrong and do the right, I know the Lord will find a way for me!"

DON'T FORGET GOD! By Jerry Joseph

"And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves" (Judges 3:7). In this verse we read of some very sad words. The people of God were (1) Following Godless ways and (2) Forgetting Him. During Jeremiah's day the people were described in this manner in chapter 2:32 "...yet my people have forgotten me days without number." When God is forgotten, there will be a forsaking of His Word and a following of Godless ways (Jeremiah 2:13; 5:30-31).

God must not be forgotten even in the difficult times of today if we are to have His favor, forgiveness and fellowship. Don't forget God ...

In what you Proclaim. In our conversation remember God's Word (Ephesians 4:29-32); in the matter of convicting of sin and seeking to convert lost souls, remember God's Word (1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:2-4).

In your Plans. In James 4:13-15, he ad-

dresses this very thing. Because of the duration (Job 14:1), design (Eccl. 12:13) & destiny of life (Matt. 7:13-14) God must be in our plans.

In your Pursuits. It does make a difference what we love, long for & live for in this life (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:1-3).

In your Preparation for the future. Everyone will either live eternally in Heaven or hell (Matt. 25:46). Which is it going to be?

Read carefully and make sure you don't forget God (Matt. 16:26; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Matt. 7:21-23; Jn. 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Matt. 10:32 -33; Mk. 16:16; Rev. 2:10).

-- St. Peter's church of Christ, MO.

<u>Psalms 91:4</u>

"He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."

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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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IF YOU ARE LOST By Jonnie Hutchison

Though some deny the reality of an eternal hell the Bible is very clear that not only does hell exist, but those who refuse God's offer of forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus will exist there for an eternity. In the picture of the future judgment Jesus indicated that at His second coming all nations of the earth will be gathered before Him. He will separate the saved on His right hand from the lost on His left as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Jesus tells us that those who are lost will go into "everlasting punishment" but those who are saved into eternal life (Matthew 25:31-46). Whose fault will it be if YOU are among those who will go into everlasting punishment?

It will not be God's fault. It is often spoken of God that He is responsible for sending the lost to hell. However, God "is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). That is why God originated a plan to save man from sin so that no person need be lost. If you reject His plan, are you not responsible for your lost condition?

Christ. Jesus willingly left the glory of heaven to take upon Himself flesh and blood and to shed His previous blood upon the cross in fulfillment of God's plan to provide the forgiveness of sins (Phil.2:5-8; John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). If you refuse to receive the cleansing of your sins through His shed continually walking word, you will be with confidence John 1:7-9).

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blood will Jesus be responsible for your being lost, or will you?

It will not be the fault of the Holy Spirit. Through a process known as "inspiration" the Holy Spirit revealed God's plan of salvation and made it available in written form in the pages of the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet.1:20-21) If you reject the revelation of the Holy Spirit will are you not be responsible for your lost condition?

God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit have each done their part in making it possible for you to be saved eternally. Each of us choose whether we will accept or reject this offer of salvation. If you choose to continue in your sins, you will be lost and, yes, it will be your fault. You will have no one to blame but yourself. We plead with each reader, accept the salvation found in Jesus Christ! Submit yourself in loving obedience to what He has commanded in order to receive the cleansing of the blood of Jesus. Believe that He is the Son of God (John 8:24; Mark 16:16), repent of your sins (Acts 17:30), confess your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and be immersed in water into the death of Jesus where you spiritually contact His cleansing blood (John 19:34; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5). Then, by continually walking in the light of God's Word, you will be prepared to meet the Lord with confidence when He comes again (1 John 1:7-9).

Blaming someone else for your lost condition will not change the fact that you are lost. If you are lost it will be because you made that choice!