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Schedule of Services

- All worship
- services are suspended until further notice.

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- Jesse Vincent

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ANTICIPATING DEATH *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Near the end of his very full and faithful life the apostle Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned the words, *“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand”* (2 Timothy 4:6). In these words, Paul was anticipating his departure from this life. He knew the time of his death was near. Was he afraid? Did Paul dread death? Or, did he look forward to this departure?

When Paul was in prison in Rome he wrote the church in Philippi addressing the subject of his potential death. *“For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better”* (Philippians 1:23). It is obvious that Paul did not fear death for he knew that death would allow him to be with Christ. That would be “far better” than remaining alive.

But how could Paul be so confident as he anticipated his own death? The answer is found in the words, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”* (2 Timothy 4:7). In these few words Paul describes what is necessary

to facing one’s death with confidence. Paul knew that he had been faithful in his service to the Lord. The record of his life shows just how hard he had fought the good fight—the sacrifice, the suffering, the endurance in the face of severe trial and persecution (Read 2 Corinthians 11:22ff). Paul had run the race of a Christian according to the rules. He had departed neither to the left nor the right but stayed on course as he was anticipating crossing the finish line. He had been diligent in keeping the faith. He preached the faith and he lived the faith that he preached. This, along with the promises of God, gave Paul the confidence expressed in the words, *“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing”* 2 Timothy 4:8).

Dear reader, you and I have an appointment with death (Hebrews 9:27). We can have the same strength of assurance

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarette Enoch (Spring Creek), Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, Carolyn Byars (now home) and Dave & Ann Thompson. **Family and Friends:** 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. Pat Hocking's mailing address is **19820 BANBURY CROSS ROAD, PER-RIS, 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.

- I am sure that all of us are anxious to return to our regular worship services and Bible classes. We are hopeful that this necessary separation will soon end and we can once again assemble together. Until then we must do the best we can and continue to remain close to God. Thanks to all who are sending in your weekly contribution for as you know our financial obligations have not ceased. Let's continue to pray for one another and for all impacted by the virus. We encourage each one to continue to follow the guidelines laid out by the government concerning social distancing and staying at home. Our prayers are with you—Jonnie
- **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>.
- **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.
- **APRIL 2020 Anniversaries:** None **Birthdays:** 3rd—Mary Lowrie; 8th—Katelyn Canter; 24th—David Thompson; 27th—Steve Enoch; 29th—Sue Hall.
- *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:15-16).*

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<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>
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 Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>
 Dexter church of Christ
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 Coldwater church of Christ
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 In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What were the necessary qualifications for one who was chosen to be an apostle?

Lat Week: How old was Moses when he died?

Answer Moses was 120 years old when he died (Deut. 34:7).

Send an email with the answer to this week's question to:
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expressed by Paul if we are willing to follow his example of faithfulness. Are you fighting the good fight? Are you running the race according to God's rules? Are you keeping the faith? Each of us have it within our

ability to answer yes to these questions but only if we, like Paul, submit our lives to God's faithful service. Live for God and you can look forward with assurance to receiving the crown of life that awaits all of those who have loved the Lord's appearing.

HOW EXCELLENT IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH

Several times in my life, I've had the experience of looking at a total lunar eclipse. Even though it is a natural event, it is also a phenomenal glimpse at the power and glory of God. As the earth's shadow crept slowly across a bright full moon, the Psalmist's words came to my mind:

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?" (Psalm 8:3-4-NKJV).

As I have marveled at various heavenly phenomenon, the Psalmist also marveled at the heavens, but he was more amazed that the great Creator, whose glory is above the heavens, included us in His grand salvation plan for the ages (Romans 4:16-NKJV; Gal.

3:26-29-NKJV; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:13-NKJV; Colossians 3:9-11-NKJV).

To worship any part of God's creation stops short of giving glory to the One who made it. The Bible lifts our eyes to see that all creation proclaims the glory of God, who has showered His grace and love on us through Christ (Romans 5:1-9 NKJV).

Which should cause us to exclaim:

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1-NKJV).

—Mike Riley, GEWATKINS.NET



Is it narrow minded?

I don't know about you, but I get a little weary of hearing the word "narrow" used as a slur against preachers who adhere to the Bible in their preaching. Sure they are "narrow," but so are factory workers, surgeons, druggists, and teachers.

The factory worker is so "narrow" that he uses micrometers and measures to the thousandth of an inch the bores and pistons

of engines, electronic components and balancing wheels in timepieces.

The surgeon is so "narrow" that he insists on ultra-technical laboratory analysis and meticulously sterilized instruments of special design. Why is he so "picky narrow" that he makes his assistants wear cloths over

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their faces?

The druggist is so “narrow” that he just has to have a prescription before he will let you have certain drugs. He says he has to be “narrow” because government regulations are narrow, and even thinks it is for your good!

As you think about it, it’s a blessing that somebody is “narrow-minded.” And however much we need to be narrow about vital material matters, we must be infinitely more careful and exact about spiritual laws. God will not be mocked!

- Jere Frost from Bulletin Fodder

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