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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

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RUNNING OUT OF TIME

By Jonnie Hutchison

Time has a way of getting away from us. Sometimes it seems like there is not enough time in a day to finish what we started. We run out of time.

There are several passages in the Bible that show each of us are running out of time. It is a fact that life itself is short at best. The book of Job explains *"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue"* (Job 14:1-2). The fact is that time is coming to an end for each of us. Death is an end not only to life but to time. One's existence does not end at death but his or her existence in time does end. (See Luke 16:19ff). When the Lord comes time will be no more and every person will exist in eternity. There are no clocks or watches in eternity. For eternity, unlike time, does not pass. Since we are constantly governed by

time in this life, the concept of the non-existence of time may be difficult to grasp. But time **will** come to an end for all of us!

The fact that each of us are running out of time should encourage us to recognize how precious time is and how we should use it wisely in preparing for eternity. No wonder the Bible warns us in Ephesians 5:15-16, *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil."* To redeem the time is simply to use it in a way that is most beneficial, to one's spiritual welfare—to exercise wisdom in the use of one's time.

With the possible exception of suicide, no one knows when his or her time on this earth will end, but each of us are running out of time. Submission to the will of God is the only hope for you when your time runs out!

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Nick Sudzan and Neal Parker.. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2022: 1—Pork-n-Beans; 8—Toothbrush; 15—Pickles 22—Mixed Vegetables; 29— Canned Carrots. 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.

May 2022 Birthdays: 19—Peyton Smith; 27—Ann Thompson; 29—Mary Vincent;

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.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Monday’s. 7—9 pm..

AT THE CROSS



God’s Love Manifested—John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10
Price for Sin Paid—Jn. 19:32-34; Rev. 1:5; Eph. 1:7

!st Law Finished—Col 2:14-16; Heb. 10:9

Church Purchased—Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25

Jew & Gentile Reconciled—Eph. 2:14-17

Peace Made—Colossians 2:20

Spiritual Freedom Made Possible—Heb. 2:9-10;
1 Pet 1:18-19

Man benefits when

He Hears & Obeys—Matthew 7:21; Rom. 6:1-18

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— “Miracles”

6 pm— “Five Attitudes
Every Christian Must
Have” 1 Peter 3:8

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

7:00 PM

THE SETTING SUN *By Justin Paschall*

Almost every year during the children's fall break, Micah's stepfather and mom invite us to go to Florida with them for the week. We stay in a condo on the beach and enjoy a week to recharge and spend time together. This past October we got to take that trip and the day before we departed, we stayed on the beach to watch the sun set. We literally were able to watch the sun until it vanished below the ocean's line out of sight. As I stood there and beheld such an event, there were several things that crossed my mind.



First, I thought about the words of the psalmist. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork"* (Psalms 19:1). God is the best painter! The beauty of that sunset was unmatched. No work of art could accurately match its beauty. No picture or video could capture the vividness of its colors. Indeed, God, the Creator, was on display.

Second, I thought about the fact that for every sunrise there is also a sunset. Life

is filled with ups and downs, triumphs and tragedies, joys and sorrows. We need to learn to accept the good with the bad. We must learn to trust in God no matter the circumstances that are currently happening. *"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content"* (Philippians 4:11). We also need to be there for one another through the ups and downs. *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep"* (Romans 12:15).

Third, I considered the fact that as the sun set for us, it was rising on the other side of the world. I thought about the brevity of life and how when the sun sets on this life, the sun rises on my life in eternity. *"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27). It has been said that at death, God did not place a period but a comma. Death is not the end; it is the beginning of eternity. So much can be gleaned from the beauty of a sunset. May God richly bless us as we focus on Him.

—Ripley Church of Christ, TN

A TIME OF RENEWAL

We are in full swing of the spring season! The trees, plants and flowers are green and colorful. Nature has renewed itself once again. This season can bring to one's mind ideas of personal renewal, a time to start fresh and new. As believers we have the great blessing of renewal in times of spiritual difficulty or weakness. When we first come to Christ the scriptures say that we put off

the old man (person) and are renewed in the spirit of our mind (Ephesians 4: 22-24) but it doesn't stop there. We'll still struggle with worldly desires and thoughts but have the continued opportunity to avoid conforming to this world but rather being transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

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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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Living the life of a Christian can be overwhelming at times, especially when combined with the physical and mental stresses of everyday life. But our confidence can be found in the following verse. "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though

our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16). Just as the tree puts out new leaves, the birds build new nest and the grass grows green again, we have the great blessing of spiritual renewal!

—Maud church of Christ, TX

INTO THE MIRROR (James 1)

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be doers of the word.

Not just hearers only, fooling ourselves to the absurd.

If we listen to the inspired book, but do not act upon what is said, It's like looking into a mirror, with dirt on our face and on our head.

We say, "I need to wash that off, so I can be clean again."

But then we walk away, and forget about the dirty sin.

But now there is the Law of Liberty, blessed is the one who looks.

Who stays within the holy pages, to learn what is in God's book.

He doesn't forget the words, the instructions for doing good,

And then puts them into action, just like every Christian should.

If we think we are religious, but are careless in what we say,

We're only just fooling ourselves, and it is vain in every way.

To be religious before God the Father, action is required of you and me,

To visit the fatherless and the widows, to fulfill their needs you see.

Finally one last action, from the holy word is unfurled.

To keep myself pure, and unspotted from the sin of the world.

- Jay Launius 2020 Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas



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