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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
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- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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ARE YOU TAKING YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIOUSLY? *By Victor M. Eskew*

There are some things in life that need to be taken seriously. If we do not, we may wake up one day and wish we had. Our Christian life is certainly something that needs to be taken seriously. How we choose to live it has eternal ramifications. We see this in a verse that is familiar to every faithful Christian. In the Revelation, John writes: "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" ([Rev. 2:10](#)). Faithful Christian living and a crown of life are closely tied together.

There are several elements that we need to consider as we examine our Christian lives. First, are we growing? When we were baptized into Christ, we came forth from the waters as new born babes in the family of God. We were spiritual infants. God wants all of His children to grow into spiritual maturity. Peter notes this in [II Peter 3:18](#). He writes: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." To grow in Christ takes intentional effort. A person must drink the milk of God's

word when he begins ([I Pet. 2:2](#)). Eventually, he graduates to the meat ([Heb. 5:12-14](#)). All of us need to remember that God knows our spiritual maturity. He knows if we are still children or if we have become "grown ups" in Christ. We cannot fool God.

Second, as we examine our Christian life, we need to consider how we use the talents that we have been given. Jesus' Parable of the Talents teaches us that all have been given talents. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto the one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability and took his journey" ([Matt. 25:14-15](#)). The parable also stresses the need to use our talents. The five talent man and the two talent man doubled their talents. The master commended both of them. "His lord said unto him, Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes, Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, Don and Sherry Blackwell and Rhonda Mays & baby.
- **The School of Biblical Studies** Our last class of our Spring session of the School of Biblical Studies is tomorrow evening. We wish to thank all who participated in the classes and those who brought snack food and soft drinks. Our next session of the school will be this coming September.
- This year's **VBS** is scheduled for June 18-20 beginning at 6:30 pm each evening. The theme is "Marooned: Steady Faith on Shifting Sands." We will have both children and adult classes.
- **Pantry items for May** 5—Toothpaste; 12—Asparagus; 19—Peaches; 26—Vienna Sausages.
- Please 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 and Mike Kiser in their respective works.
- Watch "**A Bible Answer**" each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **May 2019 Anniversaries:** Charles & Betty Enoch—16th; **Birthdays:** Paul Brandon—14th; Peyton Smith—19th; Charles Enoch—24th; Ann Thompson—27th; Mary Vincent—29th. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- *This question is always relevant: If you were to die today, where would you exist in eternity?*



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?

Last Week: *Where was the "Tower of Babel" located?* **Answer** The Bible account of the Tower of Babel appears in Genesis 11:1-9 as the climax to the account of early mankind found in Genesis 1-11. The geographical setting is a plain in the land of Shinar (**Genesis 11:2**). In the light of information contained in Genesis 10:10, Shinar probably refers to Babylonia. (Source: Nelson's Bible Dictionary).



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
"Yes, He Cares"

Sunday PM
"Facts About the Resurrection"

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over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” ([Matt. 25:21, 23](#)). The one talent man hid his talent. The words of the master toward this servant were stern and condemning. “His lord answered and said unto him. Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed...Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents....and cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth ([Matt. 25:26, 28, 30](#)). Which of these servants represents you and your present efforts in the kingdom of God? Again, God knows whether we are multiplying our talents or not. We need to be aware of this. We all should keep [Matthew 25:19](#) in mind. “After a long time the lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them.”

Third, when we take inventory of our spiritual lives we must consider sin. Simply put, sin is the transgression of the law ([I John 3:4](#)). Our sins put us at odds with God ([Isa. 55:8-9](#)). Our sins darken our spiritual lights. Our sins often keep us from growing. They are like weeds that choke the plant hindering its growth. Paul’s instructions are clear in [Romans 6:12-13](#). “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. To the saints at Colossae, Paul wrote: “Mortify your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry” ([Col. 3:5](#)). Peter’s words to his readers were as follows: “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” ([I](#)

[Pet. 2:11](#)). Sin is a toxin. It makes us sick. It weakens our spiritual man. It often brings our Christian grow to a halt. If not severed from our mind and body, it will bring spiritual death.

Fourth, as we examine our spiritual lives, we need to be honest about how well we are serving in the local congregation. Paul told the saints in Corinth: “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him” ([I Cor. 12:18](#)). When we obeyed the gospel, God added us to the church. He, then, expects everyone to fulfill his/her role in within the local congregation. Paul reminds us that all of us are necessary even the members which are feeble. “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary” ([I Cor. 12:22](#)). God wants ALL members working in unison with one another so the body will increase and be edified. “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” ([Eph. 4:16](#)). Dear reader, are you fulfilling your role in the body? Are you supplying the local church with all of the functions God has placed upon you? Once again, God knows. He knows exactly how each of the members of His body is functioning.

As we close, we want to repeat the thought that titles this article. We must be taking our Christian life seriously. We only have one Christian life to live. We are not promised another day in which to live it. One day, we will stand before God and give an account of every aspect of our Christian life. Are you ready to do this? If not, get serious! Let John’s words sink deeply

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COME VISIT WITH US

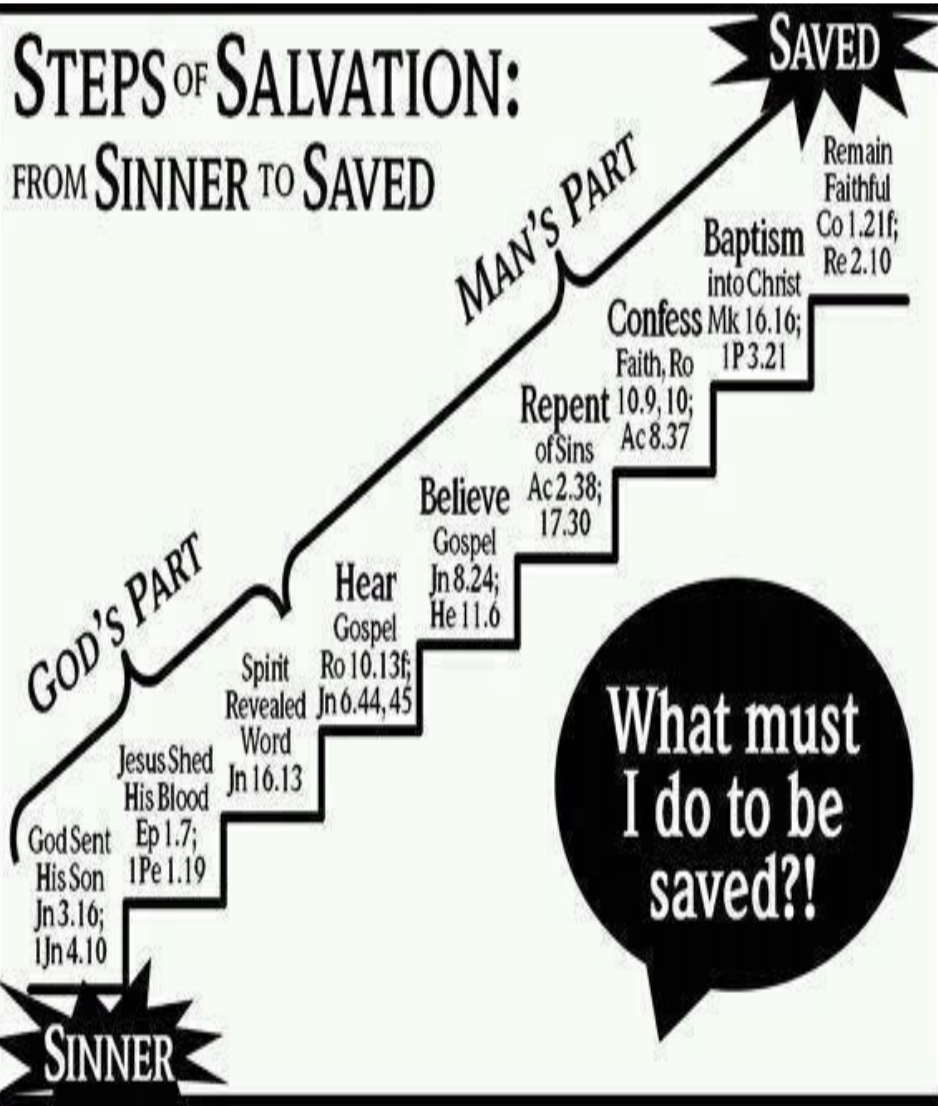
The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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into your heart as you examine your spiritual condition. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Rev. 20:12)

—Oceanside church of Christ Weekly Bulletin

**STEPS OF SALVATION:
FROM SINNER TO SAVED**



**THOSE TO SERVE
MAY 2019**

Announcements

Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table

Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: James Pigg

Assist at Lord's Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Preside at Lord's Table PM

5-5 Bobby Hall

5-12 Jim Lowrie

5-19 Bobby Hall

5-26 Jim Lowrie

Opening Prayer

5-5 James Pigg

5-12 Mike Ernstberger

5-19 Hayes Grady

5-26 Preston Barrett

Closing Prayer

5-5 Jesse Vincent

5-12 Junior Morris

5-19 Dave Thompson

5-26 Perry Jarvis

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substituted—Mike Ernestberger

Count Contribution

Roy & Junior

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Jesse Vincent

If unable to serve please call Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!