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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
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.

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"IT IS WHAT IT IS" *By T. Doy Moyer*

A friend of mine, wise and astute beyond his years (so he tells me), has shared his newly discovered motto with me: "It is what it is." Ok, so I have thought that a few times before, but it is one of those simple statements that forces us back to reality at times when we may feel overcome by our circumstances and disappointments of life. When things aren't exactly as you would desire them to be, you can become focused on reality by telling yourself, "It is what it is."

Circumstances are what they are. There are some things we can change, and some things we can't (we are getting more profound as we go). Our problem is that we often expend more worry and energy on the things we can't change; and this, in turn, can become a stumbling block to our spiritual growth and joy. "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" ([Matthew 6:27](#)). Paul's own circumstances were often less than

ideal, and beyond his control, yet his attitude remained stable: "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" ([Philippians 4:13](#)). If I may venture a loose paraphrase: It is what it is, I have learned to deal with "it" through God's help.

"Moses My servant is dead." So spoke the Lord to Joshua in ([Joshua 1:2](#)). Joshua knew this already; they had been mourning for days. But sometimes we need a reminder of the simple truth about reality. Essentially, God was telling Joshua, "Moses is gone, and you can't change that now or have him back. Now it's time to get up and go take the land of promise." In other words, "it is what it is, and you have to work with "it" the way it is."

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NEWS AND NOTES

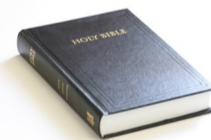
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes, Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch 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 and Thomas Cooper. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please write down their names and hand it to Jonnie.
- **The School of Biblical Studies** Our second six week session of the School of Biblical Studies continues Monday evening. Jack Philipps and Chris Kemp are doing an excellent job in presenting studies from Colossians and James. . If you are not attending we encourage you to do so.
- **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 abibleanswerstv.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.
- Whose fault will it be if YOU are lost? God has done everything necessary to save YOU from the eternal consequences of sin. Jesus died for YOU. The Holy Spirit revealed God’s plan for YOUR salvation. Faithful Christians are praying for YOUR salvation. Whose fault will it be then, if YOU are lost?



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who preached “the kingdom of God is at hand?”

Last Week: *What parable did Jesus tell which illustrates the varied results in the lives of those who hear the gospel?* **Answer:** The parable of the sower also called the parable of the seed. It is recorded in Matthew 13:1ff; Mark 4:1ff and Luke 8:4ff. Each type of soil represents human hearts or minds. Jesus explained the seed planted is the Word of God. Each mind into which the Word was planted had a different response—three negative and one positive. A good question for each to consider in reading the parable of the sower is, which type of soil represents me? What is my response to the Word of God?



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
“The Lord’s Supper”

Sunday PM
“How To Draw Closer to God”
Psalm 16:8

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The only option is not to accept reality. People do sometimes go through phases of "denial." They do not feel mentally able to accept what "is." It hurts too much perhaps. But if we will ever "arise and cross over this Jordan" in our lives, we must learn to accept the facts and circumstances of life as they are. It takes courage. It takes resolve. But, it must be done.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7). God gives us the tools to be able to deal with all of our circumstances, including the painful ones. He wants us to cast our cares on Him, pray about them, and then let Him grant us peace in our hearts.

The solution to problems is not de-

nial. We should learn to admit reality, then work with it as it is. When there are matters we can change for the better, let's work to change them. When the circumstances don't meet our concept of ideal, and we can't change them, let's learn to accept them and resolve to move forward with the strength God supplies. In all matters, we must *"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"* ([Matthew 6:33](#)). Because, as another one of my favorite "profound" questions reminds us, a hundred years from now, what will "it" matter? We worry about things that will pass into oblivion, and sometimes ignore those matters that have eternal consequences. A hundred years from now, it won't matter that my car has a few scratches on it, or my water heater went out. What will matter is whether or not I have devoted myself to God and His Will. It is what it is.

—<http://www.lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVarticles/ItIsWhatItIs.html>



Some live their lives on the edge. The closer they can get to danger the more they like it. They enjoy the "adrenalin rush" that comes with getting as close as possible to injury or death without experiencing either. The term "dare-devil" was coined for this type of person.

Sadly, there are those who are "dare-devils" when it comes to sin. Some seem to believe they can actually sin without going over the edge. How many times have we heard someone say, "I know the Bible teaches it is wrong, but I believe God wants me to be happy." Or, "Surely God will overlook just this one sin."

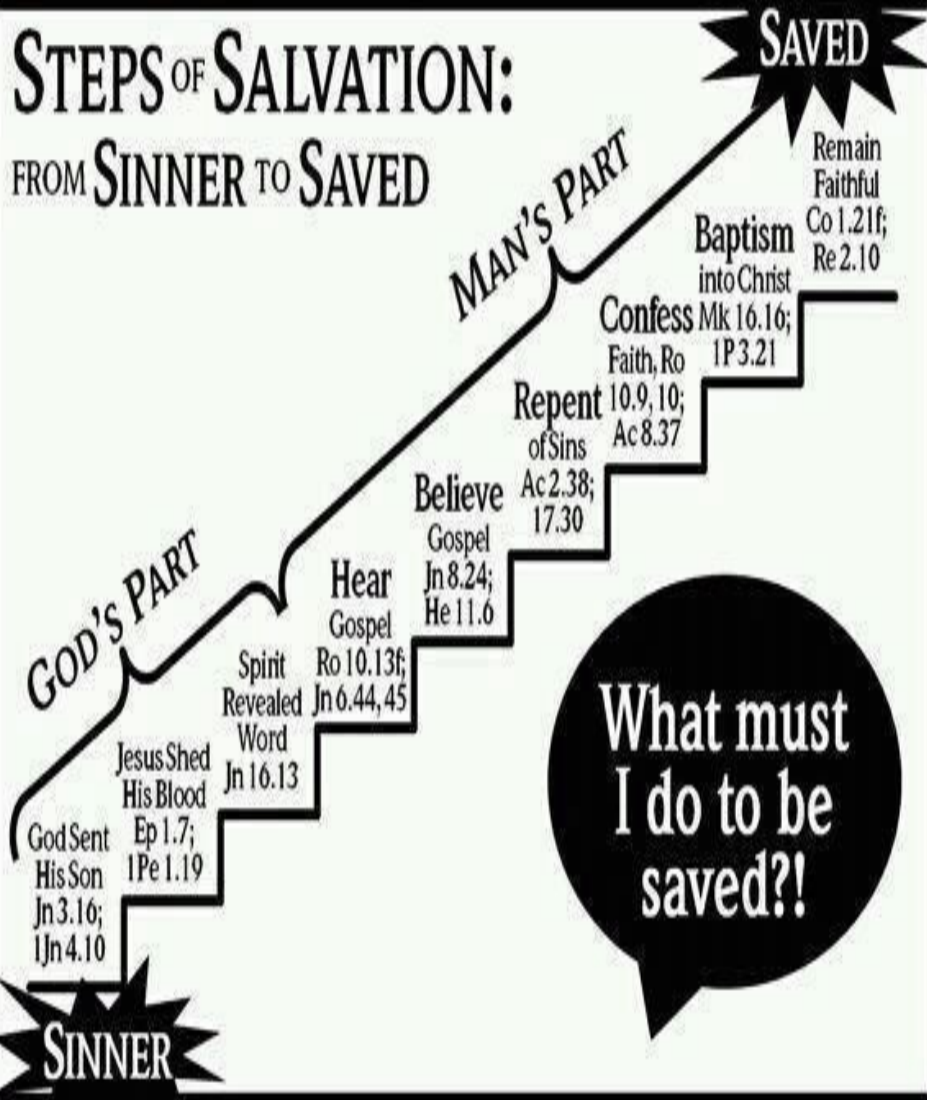
No one can remain on the edge of sin. Instead we must **"abstain from every form of evil"** (1 Thess. 5:22). If you try to stay on the edge when it comes to sin, you have already gone over! — Jonnie Hutchison



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!

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



SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Each Monday 7-9 pm April 22—May

Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

SUBJECTS OF STUDY & TEACHERS

;;;Book of James—Chris Kemp
Book of Colossians—Jack Philips

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!