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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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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance.

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THE THIEF ON THE CROSS *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Jesus was crucified between two thieves (Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27). One of the thieves joined in the ridicule and mocking of Jesus (Matthew 27:44). However, Luke's account states that the other thief rebuked the first for his blasphemy of Jesus, stating his belief in the innocence of the Savior. Evidently he also believed in the Deity of Christ saying to Jesus, "remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered the thief in the words, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:40-43).

Many deny the necessity of baptism for salvation by using this thief as an example for salvation today. The comment is usually something like, "See, the thief on the cross was never baptized and Jesus saved him." The truth is that the salvation of the thief on the cross cannot be an example of salvation for us today. Why

Because the thief did not live under the same spiritual law as we do today. We live subject to the Law of Christ revealed in the New Testament. The thief lived and died under and subject to the Law of Moses found in the Old Testament. The Bible tells us

that when Jesus died He took away the Law of Moses nailing it to His cross (Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:15). The book of Hebrews tells us, "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises" (Hebrews 8:6). Jesus had not yet died and thus had not yet taken away the spiritual law under which the thief lived when He told him "Today you will be with Me in paradise." But Jesus did die and did take away the old law, thus no one today is in the same position as this thief and thus no one today can be saved like he was.

Because Jesus had power on earth to forgive sins. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the fact that Jesus had power or authority while on the earth to forgive sins and that He exercised this authority on several occasions (Matthew 9:6, Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24). No one today can be in exactly the same position as was the thief when Jesus, in person, forgave him of his sins. Thus, no one today can be saved like the thief on the cross was saved.

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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, 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 Neal Parker.
- 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's and adult classes.
- **Pantry items for May** 2—Apple Sauce; 9 –Carrots; 16—Green Beans; 23—Canned Beets; 30—Baked Beans.
- 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.
- **June 2019 Anniversaries:** Larry & Teresa Enoch—16th; James & Jan Pigg—17th; Peggy & Perry Jarvis—21st; Jim & Mary Lowrie—25th; **Birthdays:** LaDawn Hale—12th; Laura Sales—18th. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **How often do you think of the Lord's second coming?** Because the time of His coming is uncertain (like a thief in the night—1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10), it should be uttermost in our thoughts each and every day. Luke 12:40 *tells us*, "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Are you ready for Jesus to come?



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: How many brothers did Jesus have and what were their names?

Last Week: *When Jesus was twelve years old, what was He doing when his parents found Him in the temple? He was "sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions" Lk. 2:46.*



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
"Are You Spiritual?"

Sunday PM
Paul Jones

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The spiritual law of Christ to which all are accountable today requires the hearing of the gospel, faith in Christ as the Son of God, repentance of sins, confession of faith in Christ and immersion in water to reach the death and thus the blood of Christ to wash away sins (Romans 10:13-17; John 8:24; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 17:30; 22:16; Ro-

mans 10:9-10; 6:3-5; Galatians 3:26-27). These requirements for salvation were not in force when the thief on the cross received forgiveness for his sins. Rather than the thief on the cross, the cases of conversion recorded in the New Testament book of Acts serve as examples for us today as to what response we must make to the gospel of Christ in order to one day be with our Lord in eternity.

EFFECTS OF NO CHURCH DISCIPLINE *By Irvn Lee*

Failure to carry out any command of God is a serious failure. The New Testament emphasizes the duties of the individual, but there are certain responsibilities assigned to groups of Christians (churches) because we are to work together as a family or body under the elders and under Christ, our Chief Shepherd (Rom 16:16; Titus 1:5; 1 Tim 5:17; 1 Pet 5:1-5)¹

1) No Discipline Causes Men To Be Lost: -- God does not want any to perish because every soul is precious to Him (Matt 16:26; 2 Pet 3:9). If a brother sins, he endangers his own soul. Any Christian near him should seek to convert or restore him to God (James 5:19,20; Gal 6:1). If efforts of this type fail, the important task of rescuing this one from perishing falls upon the church (1 Cor 5). Let every member be aware of the fact that the effort is to save the sinner as well as to protect the reputation of the church (1 Cor 5:4-8). We may admonish the sinner as a brother because we are interested in his spiritual welfare. We want him to be ashamed of his sinful way, so we withdraw from him (2 Thes 3:6, 14,15).

2) No Discipline Allows Leaven's Wickedness To Enter The Lump: --

The church at Corinth was "puffed up" with its own wisdom rather than depending on the counsel of God concerning the member who was a fornicator. Allowing one couple to live in violation of the law was a way of letting the leaven of wickedness to enter the "lump." It was true then as it is now that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (1 Cor 5:6-8). If the church closes its eyes to one case, there will likely soon be another and then others.

3) No Discipline Will Keep Men From Enduring Sound Doctrine: -- Timothy was charged to "preach, reprove, rebuke and exhort" in an urgent way, if he would push off the day when they would not endure sound doctrine (2 Tim 4:1-5). The mouths of those who speak unsound doctrine, should be stopped, but who will do this, if the people like the perverted pattern? (Titus 1:10-14; 2 Pet 2:1-3). Timothy was urged to be forceful and faithful in his preaching, and the churches were taught to mark, avoid and reject false teachers. They were to purge out the leaven of wickedness and disorder to avoid the evil day when they would not endure sound doctrine (Rom 16:17,18;

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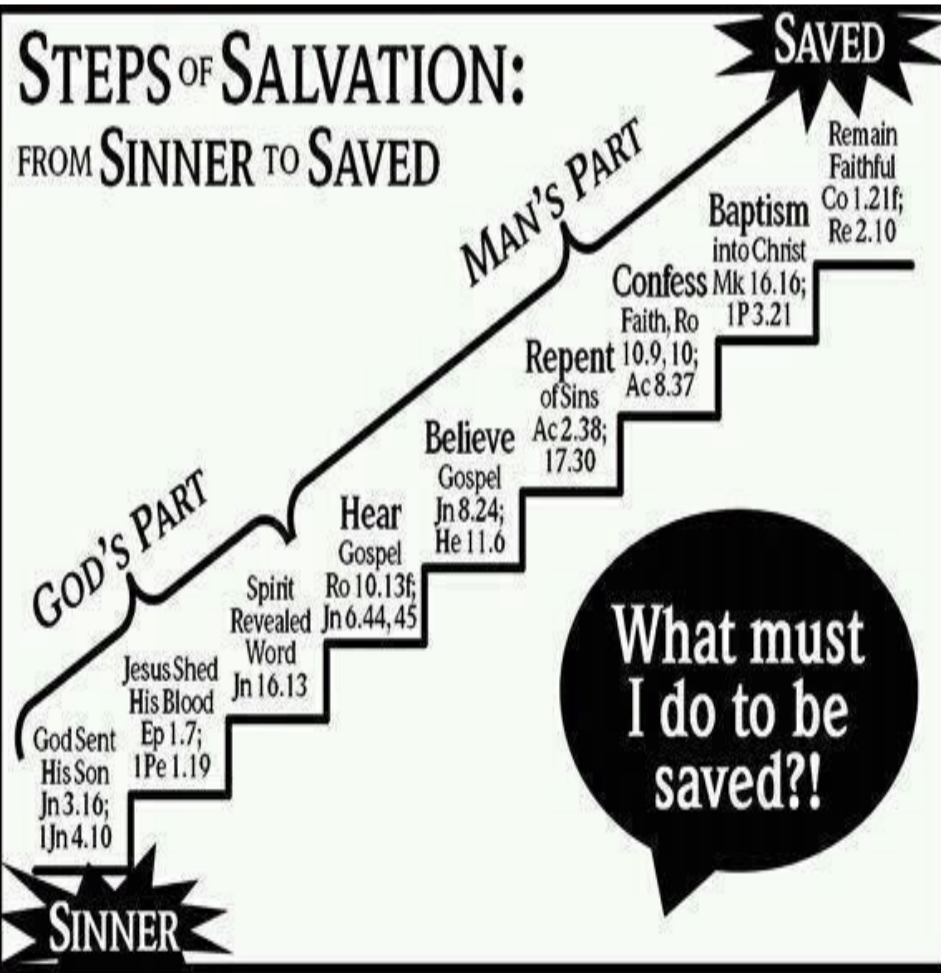
COME VISIT WITH US

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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Acts 20:29-31; Gal 1:6-10).

4) No Discipline Encourages The Worldly: -- If a church looks the other way and refuses to notice when more and more members become ungodly, that church will become a gathering place for the worldly. It will also lose the respect of the community. Its zeal for Christ will vanish, so it will fall into the same condition that had come to Israel when Isaiah and Jeremiah lived. God was displeased with a church that tolerated doctrine and practices that were contrary to His Will (Rev 1:14,15). —www.thetfordcountry.com



THOSE TO SERVE

June 2019

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Charles Enoch

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute: James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

2—Chad

9—Perry

16—Chad

23—Perry

30—Chad

Opening Prayer

2—Mike Ernstberger

9—Jim Lowrie

16—Junior Morris

23—Hayes Grady

30—Perry Jarvis

Closing Prayer

52—Preston Barrett

9—James Pigg

16—Bobby Hall

23—Jonnie Hutchison

30—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Jesse Vincent

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