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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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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance.

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YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU *By Jonnie Hutchison*

In this country we are greatly blessed with an abundance of material things. Compared to the majority of the world's population, most of us are materially wealthy. While we are thankful to God for these material blessings, we must never allow them to take first place in our lives.

God, in His Word, tells us, *"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."* (1 Timothy 6:7-8), The possession of material things is only temporary. When we die we will leave everything that we have accumulated behind. The Lord's parable of the rich farmer states this truth in the words, *"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'"* (Luke 12:20). The fact is that God has only entrusted us with the material things of life. They do not really belong to us, but to Him. God says, *"...all the world is mine and its fullness"* (Psalm 50:11). God provides us the necessities of life (food, clothing, shelter). We should be content with these

blessings rather than selfishly pursuing riches for riches sake. Jesus indicated that our first priority is to lay up lasting treasures in heaven rather than the temporary earthly treasures stating that *"where your treasure is there will your heart be also"* (Matthew 6:19-21).

The danger of material things is not in the possession of them but in loving them more than one loves God. This writer was recently told of a man whom a brother in Christ was trying to teach. The man said, "I live in a \$250,000 home and drive a \$50,000 truck. What do I need with God?" This man was trusting in his riches rather than in God. One day he will die and then who will own his house and truck? He will not take these things with him.

God expects us to work to provide for the necessities of life. When we put Him and the Lord's church first in our lives He will provide (Matthew 6:33). But one who has an inordinate desire for the material endangers his eternal destiny. *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the*

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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 Rhonda Mays & baby.
- 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; Jim & Mary Lowrie—25th; **Birthdays:** LaDawn Hale—12th; Laura Sales—18th. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- People will often say that baptism is a work and since we are not saved by works, then we are not saved by baptism. Strange that one would come to this conclusion about baptism but not about faith since the Bible clearly teaches that faith is a work. John 6:29, "*Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."*" Faith without works is dead (James 2:24-26).



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: When Jesus was twelve years old what was He doing when his parents found Him in the temple?

Last Week: *Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?*
Answer Simeon and Anna both recognized Jesus as the Messiah (Luke 2:25-39).



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
"The Power of Influence"

Sunday PM
To Be Announced

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faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10). The alternative to "the love of money" is found in the next two verses, "*But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of*

many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:11-12).

Let us learn to put the proper value on the spiritual things of life knowing that preparing for eternity is much more important and necessary than accumulating the material things. "*For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.*" (1 Timothy 6:7-8),

MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE aBy Mike Riley

As we grow older, have we ever felt that we are not needed? If we have, know that we are **greatly needed** by those who need help along life's troublesome (and many times, extremely harsh) way. The following poem by an unknown author encourages us to provide whatever help we can to folks with whom we interact in our every day Christian walk. May God be glorified as we let our light so shine before men (Matthew 5:16; cf. Luke 10:25-37):

*If you have shared another's load
Or eased another's pain,*

*If you have soothed another's soul
Life has not been in vain.*

If you have cheered another's heart,

Or made a sad face smile,

*If you have calmed another's fears
Your life has been worthwhile.*

*If you have said a tender word
Or dried another's tears,*

*If you have spread your share of love
Then you've been needed here.*

*If you have lent a helping hand
Through times of care and strife,*

*If you have done a little good
You've made the most of life.*

—GEWatkins.net

The Conscience By G. F. Raines, 1968

The conscience is "Sense of consciousness of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character, together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good."

Tryon Edwards has well said that "Conscience is merely our own judgment of the right or wrong of our actions, and so can never be a safe guide unless enlightened by the word of God."

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119: 105.) "The entrance of thy

words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119: 130.) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:16, 17.) Repetitious sin willfully engaged in will finally destroy the conscience.

In 1 Tim. 4: 1, 2 Paul tells us that the effect of rep-

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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!

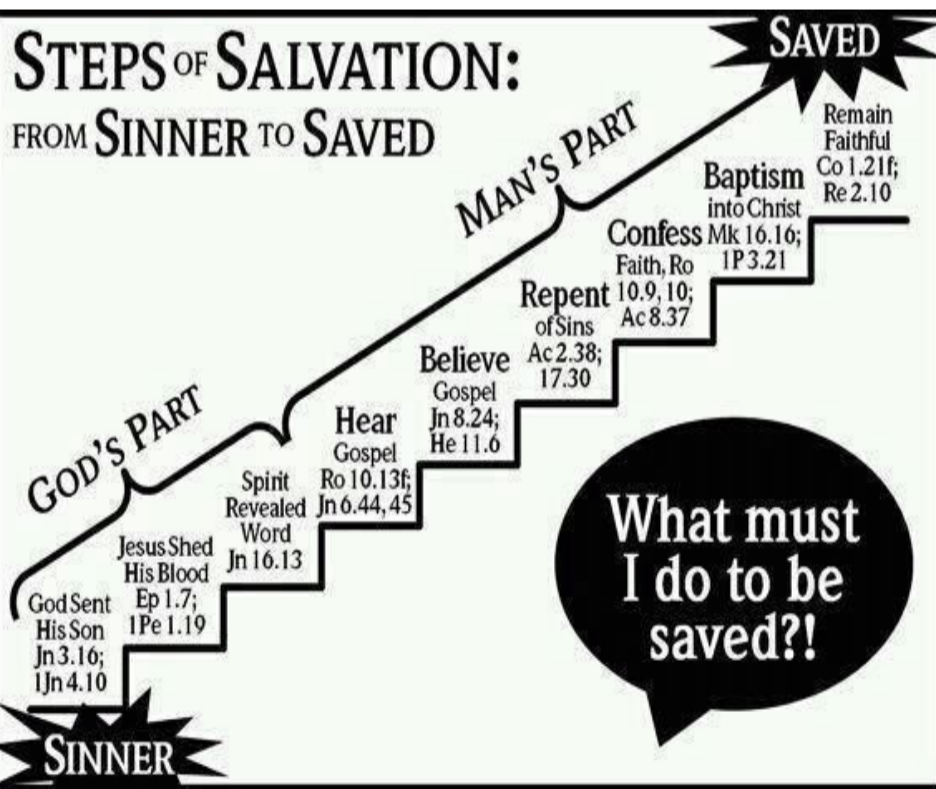
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

etitious sin on the conscience is similar to the effect of a branding iron on the flesh of an animal, saying: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." The hot iron, of course, causes the portion of the skin upon which it is placed to lose its feeling.

Someone has said: "Conscience is a three cornered thing in my heart that stands still when I am good, but when I am bad, it turns around and the corners hurt a lot. If I keep on doing wrong, the corners wear off and it does not hurt any more."

Although a clear conscience is not infallible proof that one is a faithful child of God (*Prov. 14: 12; 28: 26; Acts 23: 1; 26: 9*), a good conscience is absolutely necessary; therefore: *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10: 22-25.)*

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



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