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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
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance.
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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IN THE MORNING OF JOY *By Dan Jenkins*

“We shall not all sleep, but we shall be raised.” Are there any words more comforting than these? We sing about it, and our hearts are filled with comfort. If there is no resurrection, we are of all men most miserable; our lives have been wasted, and we should have lived our lives by the philosophy of “let us eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we shall die.” Many have heard the following words and have been blessed every time they sang them.

“When the trumpet shall sound, And the dead shall arise, And the splendors immortal Shall envelop the skies; When the Angel of Death Shall no longer destroy, And the dead shall awaken In the morning of joy.”

Think of what a great day of joy that will be!

The Joy of Seeing God

The Lord made a remarkable promise in the opening words of the Beatitudes. “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). Obviously, we all shall see the Son of man who, coming in His glory, will separate the sheep from the goats (Matt. 25:31-32). This is true because

God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world by the One He raised from the dead (Acts 17:31). We will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). However, the promise of seeing God is reserved for those who are pure in heart. Is it possible that the wicked will never be allowed to see God in all of His majesty?

The Joy of Seeing All the Redeemed

Jesus may have been speaking of the entrance of Gentiles into the kingdom of God when He said, “Many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 8:11), but is there any doubt that all the redeemed will share eternity together? Imagine sitting with those heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter eleven and thousands of other like them. Add to this sitting again with those who shaped our own lives in our journey on this earth.

The Joy of Seeing Jesus

Can you imagine seeing the One who loved us before we ever lived; the One who loved us and gave Himself for us while we

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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 Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, 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, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, Don and Sherry Blackwell , Neal Parker and Andrea Phillips.
- **Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Naomi Pigg who passed from this life this past week. Sister Pigg faithfully served the Lord for many years at the side of her husband Walter. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- **Mark Your Calendar: Fall Gospel Meeting** with Victor Eskew is scheduled for September 8-12. Fall session of the **School of Biblical Studies** will be conducted for eight consecutive Mondays beginning on September 16th.
- **Area Events: Gospel Meeting** at the Dexter church of Christ, July 21-24 with Sidney White. Sunday evening services are at 7:30 pm. Monday—Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- **Pantry items for June** 7—Canned Beets; 14—Pork-n-Beans; 21—Spinach; 28—Paper Towels.
- 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, Mike Kiser and Paul Jones 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.
- **July 2019 Anniversaries:** ;**16th** Rex & Margret Enoch **Birthdays:** **7th**—Chad Canter; **9th** Eli Salves; **18th** Hayes Grady; **30th** Jim Lowrie; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who was Epaphroditus?

Last Week: *What does the book of Psalms say shows “the glory of God” and what shows His handiwork?”*

Answer: Psalms 19:1, “**The heavens** declare the glory of God; and **the firmament** sheweth his handywork.”



LESSONS

July 7th

Sunday AM
**“Burdened and Weary—
But Not Defeated”**

Sunday PM
Guest Speaker
Paul Jones

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were sinners! Perhaps we might see those beautiful marks of love in His hands and in His side. We are His bride, and He awaits our coming.

O the bliss of that morn, in the morning of joy!

— From *Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ—FL*

“DOES THIS OFFEND YOU?” By Kyle Butt

“I’m offended!” “That is offensive to me!” “You must not do that, because it offends me!” You will often hear statements such as these on television, the radio, or any number of media outlets. Those who use these types of sentiment’s throw them down like a gauntlet, daring you to continue. It is as if the fact that they are offended should cause you to stop whatever it is you are saying or doing that offends them. Somehow, “I’m offended,” has become the verbal alarm that signals some sort of mistake or misstep on the part of the speaker.

The fact is, however, just because a person is offended is not necessarily a reason to stop saying or doing something. Jesus often offended people, but that did not stop Him from preaching and teaching the truth. When a person takes offense at something, it often says much more about the heart of the one who is offended than it does about the person who supposedly “caused” the offense.

On one occasion, Jesus taught about how the Pharisees had abused God’s Word, His apostles came to him and said, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” (Matthew 15:11). It is almost as if the apostles thought like many people today. They seemed to be indicating that because Jesus had offended the Pharisees, then He should stop teaching those ideas or change His message. Jesus, however, thought nothing of the sort. He knew that His message offended the Pharisees because of the hardness of their hearts, not because of the way the mes-

sage was delivered. Jesus understood that the hearts of the Pharisees needed changing, not His message or even the way He delivered it. He responded to His apostles by saying, “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind” (Matthew 15:14). Surely we can agree that the Pharisees would have been further offended by Jesus’ follow up comments. Their offense, however, was misplaced. They were blind to the truth. They should not have been offended at Jesus’ message. Jesus’ message was the truth that God had sent to set them free (John 8:32).

Mark 6:1-6 tells about a time Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth. He went to the synagogue and preached the Word as He often did in other places. The townspeople who heard Him murmured, “Where did this man get these things?... Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” The text then states, “And they were offended at Him.” The fact that they were offended did not mean Jesus had done anything wrong. It did not mean that He should have taken a different approach to preaching in His hometown. It meant only that the hearts of the hearers were calloused, sinful, and refused to recognize God’s message when it was preached. Jesus never cowered to the “I’m offended so you must stop” tactic and neither should we.

At one time Jesus preached to a great multitude of His disciples. Many of His own dis-

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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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ciples did not understand the message and “murmured” about Jesus’ preaching (John 6:61). Jesus then asked them, “Does this offend you?” (John 6:61). Many in our day would say that if Jesus offended the crowd, He was sinning and should change His message, change His delivery style, or re-word His statement to be less offensive. Jesus, however, responded by saying, “What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?” (6:61). What was Jesus’ point? If the people were offended with Jesus’ message that He was the bread that came down from heaven, just think how they would react if they saw Jesus ascend back into heaven, which was what He planned to do in the near future (Luke 24:50-53).¹ Not only did He refuse to quit preaching or change His message, He added something to the message that the audience would have had more problems accepting! Obviously, Jesus did not feel the need to stop preaching or change His message because His audience was offended.

It is certainly true that Christians should let their speech “be with grace, seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6). It is also true that Christians should avoid unnecessary offense (Matt. 17:27; 1 Corinthians 8). The Gospel, however, is exclusive and offensive to many people. Those with dishonest, sinful hearts will always be offended at the simplicity and straightforwardness of Christ’s Truth. As Christians, we should follow the example of our Lord. We must never be bullied into silence or intimidated into changing our message simply because a person or group is offended at the truth.

ENDNOTES ¹ It is interesting that when Stephen was martyred, he exclaimed that he saw Jesus in heaven “standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56). This statement so offended the mob that “they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him” (Acts 7:57).

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THOSE TO SERVE

July 2019

Announcements

Perry Jarvis

Preside at Lord’s Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord’s Table

Dave Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute: Chad Canter

Preside at Lord’s Table PM

7—Mike

14—James

21—Mike

28—James

Opening Prayer

7—Bobby Hall

14—Jonnie Hutchison

21—Hayes Grady

28—Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer

7—Brent Morris

14—Roy Wyatt

21—Preston Barrett

28—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Eli Sales

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Bobby & Dave

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Chad Canter

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

Thanks for Serving!