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Schedule of Services

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:50 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 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. and Ronnie Gootam McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

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STILL TRYING TO HIDE FROM GOD

By Alan Adams

true, it must conform to and explain reality. Man possesses qualities that are not common to the rest of the world; rather they are unique only to him. Such attributes as the intellectual, moral, emotional, aesthetic, psychological, spiritual, etc. Each of these qualities is a part of man, and yet all are separate from his physical person. One might dissect a human brain, but he will never locate the mind. He might observe a beating heart, but he will never surgically locate love and compassion. He might explore the entire human body, but he will never locate the conscience that cries out in pain when violated.

How does evolution, a completely materialistic philosophy, account for these transcendent and immaterial qualities of man? It doesn't and it can't.

How can matter have a sense of "oughtness"? How can it feel the need, in many cases, to sacrifice itself for the benefit of others? What of "right," "wrong," "beauty," "justice," and "worship"? Not only does evolution have life coming from non-invention.—Main Street Monitor

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Evolution is in no sense "science." It is a philosophy, a view of the world, which seeks, like all philosophies, to explain the world and man's place in it. It is a false philosophy just as surely as that of "the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers" (Acts 17:18) was false. It is false precisely because it contradicts reality. Upon closer examination, evolution, it turns out, is not "science's attempt to explain" things, rather it is an attempt, on the part of man, to get God and moral responsibility out of the picture. Trying to get away from God is a practice as old as man himself. Regarding the first couple, Scripture says, "the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden" (Genesis 3:8). Some people today are trying to do the same thing "amongst the trees of evolu-

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: <u>Green Plain members</u>: Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Steve Enoch Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie and Mary Vincent.

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, and Brett Wyatt,. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- OUR SYMPATHY: Two of our Lord's soldiers have ceased their earthly battles to await His return. Our brother in Christ, Rex Enoch, who served the congregation here many years as an elder, passed away on Sunday July 25th at the age of 83 years. Visitation will be at the Green Plain church of Christ 2-3 pm with a A memorial service following at 3:00 pm..
- Our brother in Christ Charles Enoch passed from this life on on Thursday July 29th. Charles served the church in a number of ways including leading singing. A memorial service will be held at the Heritage Chapel at Imes Funeral Home on Saturday, August 7th at 11:00 am. **Visitation** will be held on Friday August 6th from 5-8 pm, and on Saturday August 7th from 9 to 11am. at Heritage Chapel. We extend our sympathy to Betty, Steve, Larry and Teresa and all the Enoch family.
- PANTRY ITEMS August 2021: 1—Toothpaste; 8—Body Wash; 15—Kleenex; 22—Paper Towels; 29—Deodorant Please bring any additional items you wish for the "blessing box" which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- August 2021 <u>Anniversaries</u>: 13—Gail & Jonnie Hutchison . <u>Birthdays</u>: 4-Teresa Enoch; 10-Brent Morris. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRECSPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to the address on the first page of this bulletin.



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:

Fall Gospel Meeting with Alan Adams, September 12-16, 2021.

School of Biblical Studies

will be conducted each Monday evening 7-9 pm, September 20—November 8, 2021.

Larry Powers will teach "Church History" and Jack Phillips will teach "2 Corinthians."

THE ONE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH By Mike Riley

In 1 Corinthians 1:10 the apostle Paul makes the following plea: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Was the New Testament church divided? Was it made up of several denominations? If so, of which denomination or sect were the apostles and early Christians? If it was not divided, is denominationalism in harmony with the Bible?

The "Oneness" Of The NT Church

The New Testament church was one body (Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 1:18-24). It was not divided into different religious "bodies", each having their own special name, special organization and special beliefs. The New Testament church was one undivided body of Christians. They were all members of the same church. They all believed the same thing (Philippians 3:16). Division among Christians is condemned (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Becoming A Member Of The NT Church

In order to become a member of the church described in the New Testament, you must do the following:

1) You must accept the Bible as your only guidebook and you must abandon every religious teaching and practice that the Bible does not teach.

- 2) You must believe and obey the one gospel it teaches (Gal. 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9-10, 17). In so doing you will become "just a Christian" without any denominational name to identify you as anything different from New Testament Christians (Acts 11:26).
- 3) You must live as the Bible teaches, being faithful in service and worshipping as the Bible directs (John 4:23-24; Revelation 2:10).

Conclusion

When you do these things, you will be nothing more than a Christian. You will not be a member of a "division" any more than were the apostles members of different churches.

Our plea is to see upon the earth an identical reproduction of the Lord's church that is described in the New Testament. We believe many share in the hope that it can be accomplished and that the day will come when there will be "no divisions among us" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Only then can we be together in the one kingdom described in the New Testament (Matthew 16:18-19).

-The One New Testament Church - GEWatkins.net

DO YOU NEED GOD IN YOUR LIFE? By jonnie Hutchison

Do you need God in your life? A great many people are answering no to that question. As a matter of fact, many would tell you that having God in their lives would be too restrictive and an unnecessary burden. Having God in one's life requires the exercise of love" (1 John 4:8). God loves every person self-control, refraining from the pleasures of

sin and putting God's will above one's own will. However, choosing not to have God in one's life has consequences. If you choose to live your life without God you will live your life without the benefits of His love. "God is

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and has demonstrated His love in the giving of Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for the sins of the world (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). god even loves those who decide to live their lives without Him. But those who make that choice will not receive the benefits of God's love which includes the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life in heaven. Yes, if you choose to live your lie without God you are choosing to live it without the benefits of God's love. If you choose to live your life without God you are choosing to live your life without His divine help and guidance God has given us His divine will in the Bible to guide us in the path of life. The prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). Humanism says that man is completely self-sufficient and does not need the God of the Bible. Spiritually speaking without accepting the help and guidance of God's Word in our lives we have no real

sense of direction and we become hopelessly lost. While men often fail their fellow man, God will never "leave us or forsake us" but will guide us through the negative issues of life. Yet, if you choose to live your life without God you will live it without His divine help and guidance. If you choose to live your life without God you will live your life without hope. Hope is described in the Bible as "the anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). The hope of the Christian is the fulfillment of the promise of eternal life in heaven with God (1 John 2:25). Only those who choose to have God in their lives possess this hope. If one rejects God he has only eternal hopelessness and regret s in his future (Matthew 25:46). The truth is that all of us need God in our lives for without Him there is no love, no help and no hope. May we help you to discover how you can have God in your life? Contact us at the Green Plain church of Christ, 3980 Murray Paris Road, Hazel, KY 42049. Email greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

THOSE TO SERVE JAUGUST 2021

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger Lord's Supper AM: Bobby Hall and Larry Enoch

Lord's Supper PM 4-Bobby Hall 11-Larry Enoch; 218-Bobby; 25-Larry

Opening Prayer AM: 4-Charles Enoch; III-Chad Canter; 18-James Pigg 25-Jim Lowrie.

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Perry Jarvis; II-Mike Ernstberger; 18-Junior Morris; 25-Roy Wyatt

Song Leaders: AM-Perry Jarvis; PM- Mike Ernstberger; Wednesday-Chad Canter

Usher: Chad Canter; Count Contribution: Bobby Hall and Larry Enoch