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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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FOR ONE INDULGENT MOMENT

What some will pay for a moment's reckless folly is recorded again and again in the Book of Ages. Do you think these people got their "money's worth?"

1. Adam and Eve, for one bit of luscious fruit when they were not even hungry, brought sin, suffering, shame, and death upon themselves and the human race (Genesis 3).
2. Lot's wife, revealing her longing for the things that pertain to earth, took one look back at Sodom and became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19).
3. Esau, to satisfy one day's fleshly appetite, lightly esteemed his birthright and forfeited his right to the ancestry of Christ (Genesis 25).
4. Achan, for a garment he could not wear, and silver and gold he could not spend, paid with all his possessions, his family, and his life (Joshua 7).

5. Samson, for the caress of a hypocritical woman, lost his eyes, and finally his life (Judges 16).
6. David, to enjoy another man's wife, hands to posterity a tale of his life with adultery, shame, and tears, boldly written for all to read (2 Samuel 11).
7. Ahab, coveting another's little vineyard, permitted his wife to have its owner killed, claimed it for his own, and heard his own funeral preached in these words, "In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall the dogs lick thy blood, even thine" (I Kings 21).

8. -Author Unknown

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

THE NATURE OF BIBLICAL EDIFICATION

First Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." What does it mean to be edified? Without doing a sci-

entific survey, my guess is that most people would say that being edified means to be encouraged, to make to feel better, or to have a more posi-

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes, 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, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, Don and Sherry Blackwell, and Andrea Phillips.
- **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 Monday beginning on September 16th.
- **AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meeting*** at the Kirksey church of Christ August 11-13 with David Hendrickson. Sunday evening services will be at 7:30 pm. Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
- We extend our sympathy to the family of Frank Towery who passed from this life this past week. Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Dean Carroll who passed from this life this past Wednesday. Please remember these families in prayer.
- **Pantry items for August** 4—Peanut Butter; 11—Apple Sauce 18—Canned fruit juices; 25—Canned Peas.
- 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 WQQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **August 2019 Anniversaries:** ;13th Gail & Jonnie; **Birthdays:** 4th Teresa Enoch; 10th Brent Morris; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What illustration does the Bible use to described the unexpected time of the second coming of the Lord?

Last Week: *How do we know the days of creation were 24 hour days?* Exodus 20:11 tells us so. “For in **six days** the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Nothing said here about years nor eons of time.



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
Ronnie Gootan

Sunday PM
**“The Archangel and
the Devil”**
Jude 9-11

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tive attitude. So, I did some searching on the Internet to see if my guess was accurate or not. I found that the majority of the time, the word is used in the sense of encourage or be made to feel better. However, when I looked into an English dictionary, I found the following definition. "Edify: enlighten, to improve the morals or knowledge of somebody." Another dictionary said this. "Edify: to instruct or improve spiritually." Does this surprise you? Do you think of being instructed as edification? Do you think of gaining new knowledge when you are edified

In going back to the Greek language and looking at the word, we find that it comes from a word that means to build, erect, or set up one thing or another. The word was originally used to describe the founding and construction of a house. So, it literally meant to build a place of dwelling out of construction materials. The original sense of the word can still be found in our language today in the word edifice, a building. However, in the New Testament, the word is often used metaphorically of imparting wisdom to another person, that is, instructing another person with words that can be understood and applied to life. While today the word may be used in the sense of encourage or make someone to feel good (that is, from a purely emotional point of view), that is generally not the way that it was used within the New Testament.

There is no doubt that the Bible clearly teaches us to follow after things that edify. [Romans 14:19](#) states, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#) states, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." And in [2 Corinthians 12:19](#), Paul says "...we do all things for your edifying." However, we also read that not everything that is lawful is something that edifies. Paul writes in [1 Cor. 10:23](#), "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." This leads us to ask the question: what are the kinds of things that truly do edify?

In [1 Corinthians 14](#), Paul deals with the problem of the Christians at Corinth speaking in unknown tongues without the presence of an interpreter. In contrast to the one who speaks

in an unknown tongue, Paul states in verse 3, "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." In essence Paul is saying that the unknown tongue does not edify, but prophesy does edify. He states, "For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified." For something to edify, it must have meaning. Not in the sense of emotion or feeling, but in the sense of the understanding. That is, if something is not intelligible or comprehensible by the intellect, then it cannot edify. True edification can only come through a situation where knowledge and instruction is imparted with the attitude of love.

Let us note [Ephesians 4:11-16](#). These verses speak concerning the subject of edification of the body of Christ. Verse 12 tells us that one reason God gave the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers was for the edifying of the body of Christ. Each of these offices are special in that God uses them to instruct and teach. Verse 13 tells us that this instruction and teaching has as its object, imparting the knowledge of Christ. Verse 15 says it is about speaking the truth in love. One cannot be edified without love ([1 Corinthians 8:1](#)). Verse 16 reiterates that instruction and teaching are for edifying. Truth, knowledge, instruction, and love are all things that are associated with edifying. We learn then, that edification comes through the avenue of words when conjoined with the motivation of love on the part of the one edifying. Biblical edification inherently involves communication. Wordless expressions of emotion, feeling, or any other element which produces an incomprehensible sound cannot edify. Speaking the truth in love, however results in godly edifying ([1 Timothy 1:4](#)).

Playing an instrument of music is something that is aesthetically beautiful, stirring, and uplifting, but it cannot edify; it cannot impart knowledge; it cannot instruct. Only the use of verbal communication when combined with spiritual words and an attitude of love can accomplish this task. Knowledge alone does not accomplish this task. Knowledge separated from love does not edify, it merely puffs up ([1 Corinthians 8:1](#)). However, biblical edification is the loving impartation of spiritual instruction designed to build up the wisdom, knowledge,

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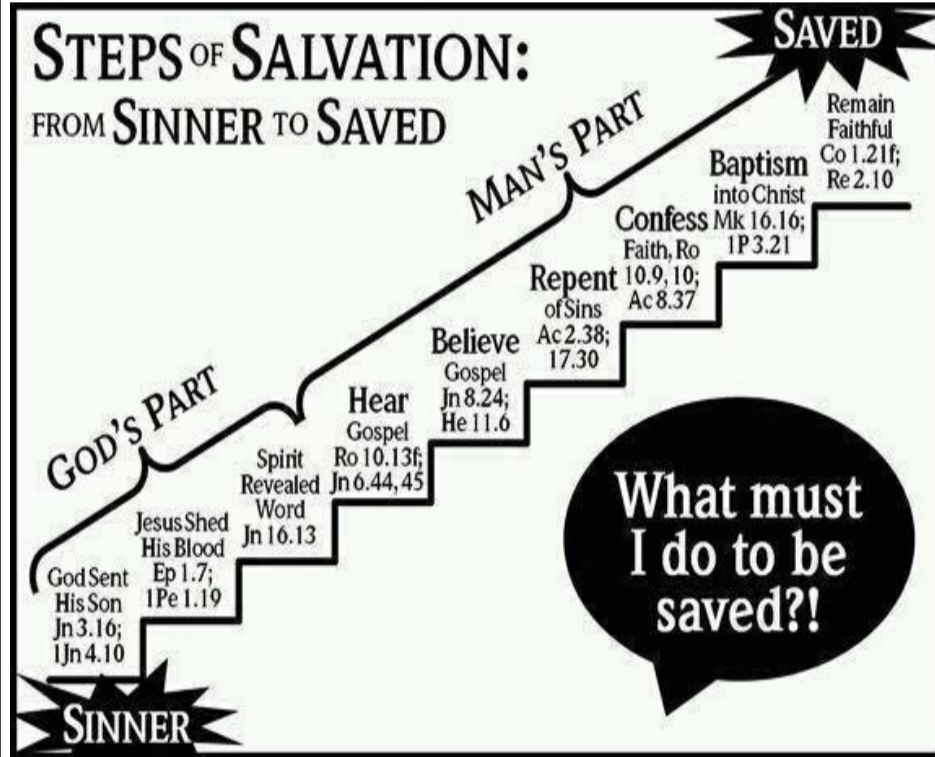
COME VISIT WITH US

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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and understanding of the student to the motivation of accomplishing the work of the kingdom.

—Kevin Cauley <http://churchofchristarticles.com/>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR

FALL GOSPEL MEETING

September 8-12, 2019

With
Victor Eskew

THOSE TO SERVE

August 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

4—Bobby Hall

11—Jim Lowrie

18—Bobby Hall

25—Jim Lowrie

Opening Prayer

4—James Pigg

11—Mike Ernstberger

18—Hayes Grady

25—Preston Barrett

Closing Prayer

4—Jesse Vincent

11—Junior Morris

18—Dave Thompson

25—Perry Jarvis

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Roy & Junior

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Jesse Vincent

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

Thanks for Serving!