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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

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SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD by Dan Jenkins

By and large, Americans know so little about sheep, yet the Bible is filled with references to shepherds and their flocks. My nearly ten years of living in New Zealand allowed me to be around them. When I went to New Zealand, there were three million people living in that beautiful land and there were eighty million sheep! I remember driving to conduct a Bible study at a residence on one of the large sheep farms (in New Zealand they were called sheep stations), and found the road blocked by a vast flock of sheep. Some of the stations in New Zealand had flocks that had over 15,000 sheep on them. There were not this many on the one where we were headed to teach the gospel, but it did not take us long to discover how “dumb” sheep are. There was no leader among them as we attempted to drive through them, so they aimlessly meandered around but never moved off the road to give us a path. Sheep will follow a shepherd and his dogs, but they are hopeless without a leader.

In Mark chapter six, Jesus saw a similar disarray, but it was not with sheep. “And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude

and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34). Neither sheep nor people do well without a shepherd. They are hopelessly lost without someone to guide them.

There were shepherds in the Old Testament who needed to care for God’s flock (Israel). The problem was that they received the honor of being shepherds, but they never actually did the work of a shepherd. “You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with wool, you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. The weak you have not strengthened nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought when was lost, but with force and cruelty you have ruled them, so they were scattered because there was no shepherd” (Ezek. 34:2-4). God looked down and saw exactly what Jesus saw in Mark six. His sheep, His people were scattered because there were no shepherds

What better illustration could there be about the im-

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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, Will Winchester, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, 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.
- **OUR SYMPATHY:** Most of us know Will and Nancy Winchester. We were saddened to hear of the death of Nancy this past week. She was a faithful companion to Will T. and a diligent worker in the kingdom of the Lord for many years. Our sympathy is extended to Will T. and all the family. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." -Revelation 14:13,
- **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 WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abileanswertv.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.

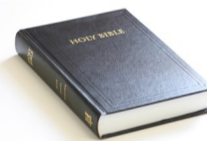


BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who is described as "an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures" but knew only the baptism of John?

Last Week: *What illustration does the Bible use to describe the unexpected time of the second coming of the Lord?*

Answer: His coming will be like that of the coming of a thief in the night (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10).



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
Chad Canter

Sunday PM
Paul Jones

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portance of the work of elders in the church today? What a joy it is to see shepherds in our day who truly care for the sheep. They not only care for the ninety-nine sheep who are doing well, but they especially focus their attention on that one sheep who has wandered

away. Without shepherds, Christians struggle, for we need godly men to lead us. Thank God for those men who have hearts of compassion for those of us who are part of His flock!

—Palm Beach Lakes
church of Christ

MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE—IF IT IS SCRIPTURAL

By Jonnie Hutchison

Hebrews 13:4 reads, *“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”*

The only situation in which marriage is considered to be truly honorable and the sexual relationship acceptable is when fornication and adultery are **not** involved in that relationship. God does not sanction sin and thus will not sanction an adulterous marriage. Adultery and fornication are “works of the flesh” and those who engage in these sins will not go to heaven (Galatians 5:19-21). An adulterous marriage is described by Jesus in Matthew 19:9, *“And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”* The only exception which allows an innocent spouse to remarry an eligible person is if he or she has divorced his or her previous spouse because that spouse committed adultery. If there is no adultery involved, but one divorces his or her spouse for any other reason and marries another person, then the result is an adulterous and dishonorable marriage in which the bed is defiled. This relationship is sinful and those involved stand in spiritual jeopardy unless they repent. Simply going through a marriage ceremony does not change a dishonorable marriage into an honorable one.

Are “same sex” marriages honorable?

Sexual relationships between those of the same sex (homosexuality and lesbianism) are clearly condemned in the Bible as sinful. The inspired apostle Paul described such relationships as exercising “vile passions” being “against nature”, “shameful” and having a “debased mind” (Romans 1:24-28). Clearly such relationships fall under the heading of fornication which is a violation of God’s spiritual law. Going through a marriage ceremony does not change such relationships from dishonorable to honorable any more so than the adulterous relationships mentioned above.

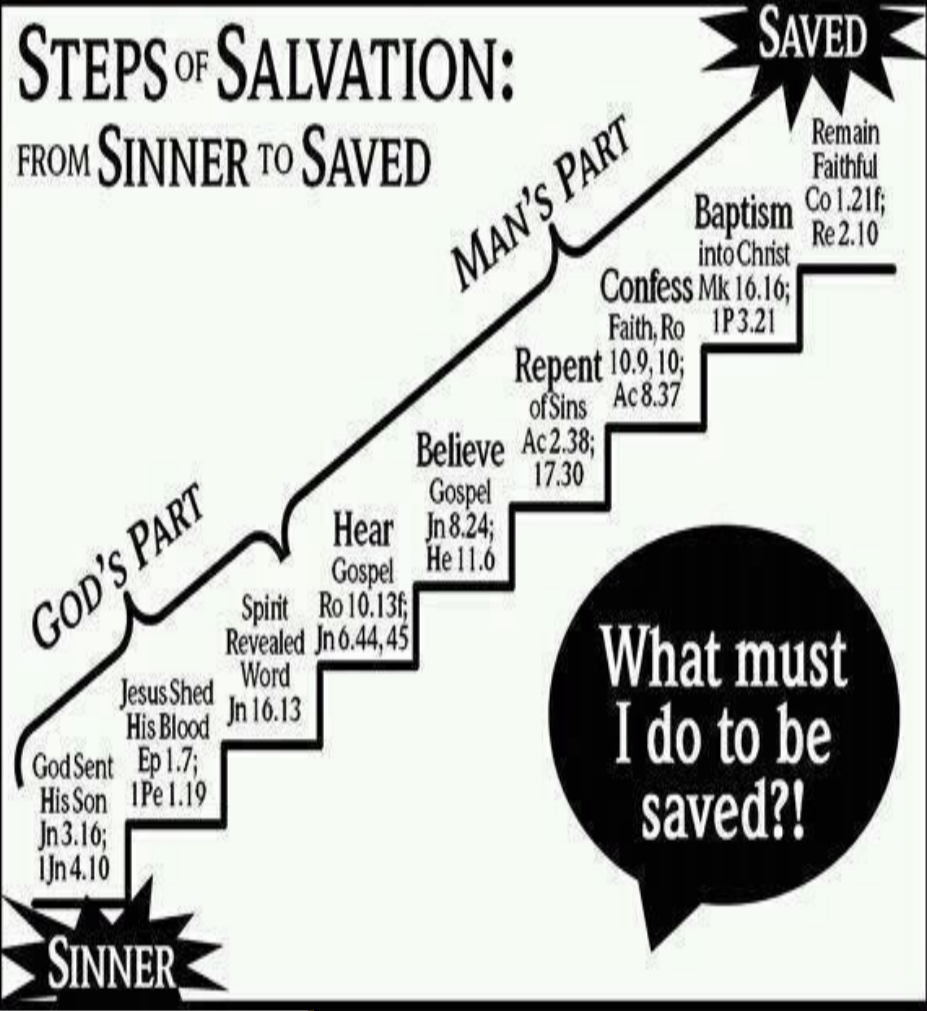
The truth is that marriage is honorable and the sexual relationship acceptable only if both parties have the scriptural right to marry. If either does not, then the marriage is not honorable nor the bed undefiled. God’s law on marriage shows just how serious and important the marriage relationship is. Please don’t take it lightly or you may regret it for an eternity.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10).



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!



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!