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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
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

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IGNORANCE DOES NOT CHANGE THE TRUTH

by Jonnie Hutchison

Ignorance of the Bible is at epidemic levels throughout the world. In America, where Bibles are readily available, there is no acceptable excuse for not knowing what the Bible teaches. For anyone who has internet access a few mouse clicks or finger touches will bring up a Bible on the screen ready to be read and studied. Ignorance of the Bible is not so much a question of access as it is the unwillingness to take advantage of that access.

The inspired apostle Peter wrote of those he described as “scoffers” who doubted the promise of God concerning the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. They reasoned that since all things were continuing as they had from the beginning of time then nothing would ever change. But Peter described these “scoffers” as being “willingly ignorant” for they had failed to take into consideration the fact that God had destroyed the world in Noah’s day by a universal flood just as He had promised, and saying, “*But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and*

perdition of ungodly men” (2 Peter 3:3-7). Friends, the willing ignorance of these scoffers would not change the truth that God has spoken concerning the judgment and the destruction of this material universe. The truth is that “*he Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9).

Why do so many remain “willingly ignorant” of God’s Holy Word? Here are some answers.

1. Many do not want to know what the Bible teaches because they want to continue living contrary to its teaching. The old saying that “*ignorance is bliss*” is the attitude in this type of reasoning. The Word of God has the power to convict one of sin and to expose the very thoughts in ones mind. Hebrews 4:12 reads, “*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents*

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, , 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 Annie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, , Andrea Phillips and Lucetria Hutchison.
- **Our Gospel Meeting** was faith building. Victor Eskew preached the Word delivering great lessons. We had a high of 92 present on Monday. Thanks to all who attended, invited others to come and fed the preachers. Let us keep the momentum going!
- **Guest Speakers:** Paul Jones will speak at our evening services today. Bother David Nance is scheduled to speak to us on Sunday morning September 22nd concerning his work in India.
- **The Fall session of the School of Biblical Studies** will be conducted for eight consecutive Mondays beginning on September 16th at 7:00 to 9:00 pm. See the bottom of this page for details.
- **Pantry items for September: 1—Apple Sauce; 8—Canned Carrots; 15—Children’s toothpaste; 22—Canned Potatoes; 29—Apple Juice.**
- 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.
- **September 2019 Anniversaries:** ;**28th** Shane & Krysta Smith; **Birthdays** **4th** Jane Morris; **13th** Marry Crutchfield; **18th** Jackson Hale; **20th** Peggy Jarvis; **23rd** Kye Luffman; **27th** Dianna Travis; **28th** Carolyn Byars. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: When Joshua sent spies into the city of Jericho, who sheltered them from the kings men who sought to capture them?

Last Week: Who in the Bible is called “the Word” and where is the reference found?

Answer: Jesus Christ is called “the Word” in John 1:1-3, 14.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Each consecutive Monday
Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 2019**

⇒ **I Peter—Josh Manning
Eastwood Paris, TN**

⇒ **Jonah—Brad McNutt
Walnut Grove Benton, KY**

Meet in the Annex 7-9 PM

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of the heart.” It is through the hearing of the Word of God that the Holy Spirit “*convicts the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment*” (John 16:8). Willing ignorance of the truth does not change the truth about sin and its ultimate consequences. If one chooses to live contrary to divine truth he will reap what he sows and that will be eternal separation from God (Galatians 6:7-8).

2. To escape personal responsibility and accountability. Some evidently believe that if they simply remain ignorant of God’s truth that they will neither be responsible nor accountable to Him for what they do or fail to do in life. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The reality is that every person, whether he or she accepts it or not, is responsible before God for his or her actions and will be held accountable for the same. “*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad*” (2 Corinthians 5:10). Jesus said, “*Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation*” (John 5:28-29). Choosing to remain ignorant of the teaching of the Word of God will not free any person from his or her responsibility and accountability before God. You are accountable to Him whether you want to be or not.

3. Because some have allowed sin to harden their hearts. One whose heart has been hardened by sin does not want to know God’s truth. The Hebrew writer warned his readers of this very thing (Hebrews 3:8, 15:4:7). Hardening ones heart against God’s truth involves the practice of sin, an attitude

of rebellion and being too proud to admit ones error resulting in the failure to repent and the rejection of any knowledge of God’s Word. Sad indeed is the spiritual condition of such a one who chooses the bondage of sin over the spiritual freedom found in Christ (John 8:32).

4. Because one loves the praise of men.

Jesus ran into such folks in His earthly ministry. John 12:42-43 reads, “*Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*” How many today have embraced religious error out of a desire for the praise, popularity, position and prestige they achieve? Some do so to gain a following and others for financial or material gain. Such men and women do not want to hear God’s truth which calls for humility, self-denial and whole-hearted service to God and others (Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 5:5; Matt. 16:24; 6:24). But again, choosing to remain ignorant of God’s truth does not change the fact that those who embrace error will suffer eternal consequences (2 Peter 2:12-22).

The reason why so many choose to be “willingly ignorant” of God’s truth boils down to selfishness and self-centeredness. Until one desires salvation from sin he or she will choose to remain ignorant of truth.

The bottom line is that God’s Word will abide forever and each of us will be judged by it when our Lord comes again (1 Peter 1:25; John 12:48). That is why each of us should take heed to the words of Jesus who said, “*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32) and, “*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth*” (John 17:17). May God help each of us to realize just how important and vital it is to **KNOW AND OBEY THE TRUTH!**



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!

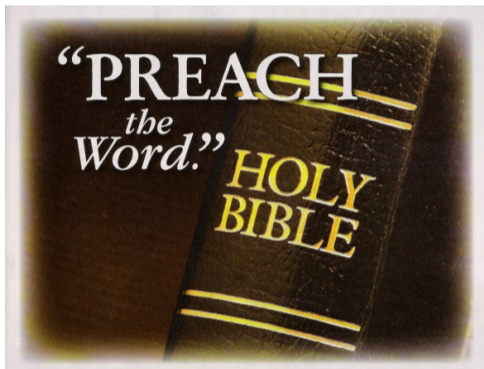
Lessons Today

Sunday AM

"Anti-Social Drinking"

Sunday PM

Paul Jones



FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

THOSE TO SERVE

September 2019

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Perry Jarvis

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute: James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

9-1 Chad

9-8 Perry

9-15 Chad

9-22 Perry

9-29 Chad

Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Hayes Grady

29—Perry Jarvis

Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jonnie Hutchison

29—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Chad Canter

Wednesday—Eli Sales

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Bobby Hall

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

