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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

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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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GOD MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE By Victor Eskew

We live in some very troubling times in our nation. Our politicians, the media, the medical profession, those in academia, entertainers, and sports figures are constantly exerting their influence on us to accept some things that are at odds with the truth of the gospel of Christ. They want us to approve of abortion, the murder of unborn babies in the womb. They want us to approve of the use of all kinds of illegal drugs that cause the mind to be altered in extremely negative ways. want us to accept the notion that it is acceptable for individuals to riot, loot, destroy property, and harm others in order to promote some cause or radical agenda. They also want us to accept the idea that law enforcement officials are evil and are in opposition to law and order.

As radical as these ideas are, there is another concept that is promoted that seems to be even more radical. It is the idea that there are more than two genders within humankind. Closely connected with this idea is the teaching that gender and sex are not the same thing. There was a time consent to transgenderism. They want us to acknowledge gender dysphoria. They want us to believe that pedophilia is an acceptable practice, if the child consents to the relationship. They are also pushing for polygamy which includes such things as polygyny,

when those who were afflicted with these thoughts were classified under various mental disorders in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of the world of psychiatry. Some of them are still there, but how they are to be treated today is completely different from the ways they were treated in the past.

Yes, we are told that a person can be born with everything that defines a male, but he is not a male. We are told that a person can be born with everything that defines a female, but she is not a This perverted, radical female. agenda wants us to approve of all kinds of things. They want us to proclaim that there are literally hundreds of genders that exist in the world. They want us to accept homosexuality and lesbianism. They want us to give our consent to transgenderism. They want us to acknowledge gender dysphoria. They want us to believe that pedophilia is an acceptable practice, if the child consents to the relationship. They are also pushing for polygamy which in-

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Charlotte Parker, Roger Rhoades,, Joel White, Mary Lou Joseph and Sandy Millsaps. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be adde to this list.

- <u>COVID INFO</u>: Our Covid safety measures remain in effect for our worship services and Bible classes. It is recommended that we wear our masks, social distance and refrain from hand shakes and hugs. Let us consider one another's safety and act accordingly.
- <u>PANTRY ITEMS</u> September 2021: 5—Apple Sauce; 12—Canned Tomatoes; 19—Soups; 26—Canned Fruit Juices. 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 Anniversaries: 28-Shane & Krysta Smith. Birthdays: 4-Jane Morris; 20—Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28-Carolyn Byars; 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.
- **AREA EVENTS: Evangelism Seminar** at the Coldwater church of Christ September 24-25, 2021 with Rob and Nicole Whitacre. Friday 6:30 & 7:30 pm. Saturday sessions are from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm. At 1:00 pm there will be a separate class for the men and women. See the b bulletin board for additional details.
- Are you planning on going to heaven? What preparation have you made?



LESSONS TODAY

AM Bible Study
The Book of Acts
Worship

AM— The Doctrine of the Church

PM—Press Onward

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

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polyandry, and group marriage.

The Bible is very clear that there are only two sexes, that is, only two genders. A person is either a male or a female. On the sixth day of Creation, God created human beings. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:26-27). Genesis 2 reveals that the female completes and fulfills the male. When God saw man's aloneness, He declared that He would make a "help meet" This help meet was a wom-"And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man" (Gen. 2:22). Jesus confirmed both of these concepts during His earthly ministry. "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:4-6). Those who accept more than two genders oppose deity. They would have us to believe that God was wrong in His assessment of mankind.

The Bible not only affirms there are only two genders, but it also condemns perverted relationships with same gender. In the Law of Moses, we read this prohibition: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination" (Lev. 18:22). In the New Testament, Paul condemns homosexual and lesbian relationships

in Romans 1. He asserts that these are the result of men apostatizing God. "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the man, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lusts one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient" (Rom. 1:24-28). This passage in Romans reads like the daily news reports in today's society. However, instead of condemning these evils, there are those in high and influential places that want us to accept these evils as normal.

Now that our nation has begun to accept these perverted ideas of man, we find our culture in the midst of major shifts in morality. Men are looked upon with disdain and disgust. The traditional home is about to die. Marriage we are told can be between two men or two women. Each person, we are told, is free to choose his own sex. Too, one sexual preference might change over the course of a lifetime. You may believe you are a man today, but you could be a woman tomorrow. Because of this gender fluidity, some want to make bathrooms open to those with gender disorders. In essence, a man could use a woman's bathroom and a woman could use a man's bathroom. Transgenderism is something that many also want to nor-

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COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris

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malize. The treatment is no longer along the lines of cognitive therapy. Now, transitional hormones and transitional surgeries are recommended. Some are pushing for laws that will allow adults to have sex with minor children as long as the minor consents. Too, there is a push to have polygamy legalized within our nation.

Dear readers, if we allow these things to come to pass, we will find ourselves in other sins as well. Let's go back to Romans 1:28 -31. Paul writes: "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient: being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful." Sin leads

to more sin. Immorality leads to more immorality. Evil men wax worse and worse.

God does not approve of these things. Christians MUST stand in bold opposition to any and all who uphold them. One day, these individuals will stand before God in judgment. Paul declare those who participate in such things are worthy of death. "Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:32).

God Made Them Male and Female
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THOSE TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 2021

Announcements: Chad

Lord's Supper AM: James & Chad

Lord's Supper PM 5-James; 12-Chad; 19– James; 26– Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 5–Jim; 12-Mike; 19-;Jonnie; 26-Bobby

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Jesse; 12-Mike; 19-David; 26-Perry

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; **PM**- Mike; **Wednesday-**Chad

Usher: Jesse Count Contribution: James & Chad