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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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ISLAM AND AFGHANISTAN By Jonnie Hutchison

The recent events in the country of Afghanistan have brought to our attention once again just how inherently evil is the religion of Islam. This manmade religion has been embraced by millions across the world and continues to grow in number. The militants in Islam have as their goal world-wide domination and are willing to use whatever means are necessary to reach their goal including the killing of civilians and innocent children Their socalled "holy book" (the Quran) calls for the death of all who will not accept this false religion. Giving in to their demands facilitates their ultimate goal and will lead to many precious souls being lost eternally.

Note these verses (called surah's) from the Quran: <u>Surah 3:151</u>: "We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve ..." <u>Surah 2:191</u>: "And kill them wherever you find them ... kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers <u>Surah 9:5</u>: "Then kill the disbelievers." To the followers of Islam those called "disbelievers" are all persons who

have not embraced the religion of Islam. According to the Quran, all non-Muslims must be killed wherever they are found.

Genuine New Testament Christianity is as different from the religion of Islam as light from darkness. Rather than calling for Christians to kill anyone who is not a Christian, the religion of Christ calls for us to preach the gospel so that souls can be saved from the eternal consequences of sin (Mark 16:15-16). Christians are to "live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18). Christians are to do good to all (Galatians 6:10) and Christians are to put bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and all malice out of their lives, but rather Christians are to be tenderhearted and forgiving toward others (Ephesians 4:31 -32). Christians must not kill the innocent else they will lose their hope of heaven (Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8).

How sad that so many people in our world are deceived by a false man-made religion that calls

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: <u>Green Plain members</u>: Faye Travis (Murray Hospital), Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady (Margories is home), Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie and Mary and Jesse Vincent. Steve Enoch had to have two stents during his recent heart Cath and is at home recovering.

Family and Friends: Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt and Charlotte Parker. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added 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.
- CHANGE IN UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS Our fall gospel meeting and the Green Plain School of Biblical Studies has been cancelled this fall due to the increasing threat of the Covid-19 virus. Please take advantage of the many online Bible studies that are available. The West Kentucky Lectures that took place at the Sunny Slope church of Christ last month are available for viewing on YouTube. A search for "West Kentucky Lectures"



LESSONS

AM Bible Study
The Book of Acts
Worship

AM— "What will You Leave Behind?"

PM— "Lessons from Zacharias"

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

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for the death of all who do not embrace it. A religion that murders fathers and mothers and their children with the sanction of their "holy book."

It was not Mohammed who died for the sins of the world, but Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). He died to provide every person in the world the opportunity to live forever with Him in heaven. May God help us to continue to teach and preach the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world and to continue to pray for open doors into the Muslim world too take the good news of salvation to those whose minds have been blinded by the "god of this world." (2 Corinthians 4:"3-4).

THE POWER TO FACE LIFE By Gary L. Hutchins

Paul's letter to the Philippians he instructed them as to where to find the power to face life and deal with it successfully (Phlp. 4:11-13). The lesson within that text is equally important for us today.

Most everyone experiences periods of time when things seem to go pretty well. But in almost every case, sooner or later, things change! Life is always in motion. All sorts of forces effect our lives. Illness, injury, emotional stress, psychological disorders, financial problems, loss of a job, the death of a loved one and a host of other developments can, all of a sudden, turn our lives upside down. In addition to all the rest, simply getting older can also take its toll.

Many people turn to doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists and other types of counselors for guidance to cope with what life has thrown at them. Others try to escape through alcohol and the illicit use of drugs, which ultimately worsens their problems. But Paul enlightens us as to our greatest power to succeed, to cope, to effectively deal with the challenges of life. That power is found in a right relationship with God through Christ.

First, Paul states, "...for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:" (vs. 11). We tend to think that if we could only lay our hands on more money we could solve most of our problems. But money, and the things money can buy, are not the source of

real fulfillment, satisfaction or lasting happiness. Jesus said, "...one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Lk. 12:15). The Hebrews writer encourages us to "be content with such things as you have" and then reminds us that, as long as we don't walk away from Him, God will never forsake us (Heb. 13:5-6). A mindset of contentment is key to dealing successfully with life's challenges.

Second, Paul states that he knows how to live when things are going great and when things are not so great (vs. 12). Our life fluctuates continually as time passes. To deal with those constant changes we need to learn to keep our focus on the most important side of life- our spiritual life! Paul did not write on this matter from a theoretical perspective. He had a lot of first hand experience with the down side of life (1 Cor. 4:11-13; 2 Cor. 11:23-33). If we can keep in mind that this life, with all of its difficulties, is only temporary and our ultimate goal is eternal life in Heaven, then we can realize that the problems of this life are also only temporary.

Finally, Paul emphasizes that the power to face and deal with life successfully is not within ourselves (vs. 13). If we look only within, only to our own abilities, we will surely come up short. Our "sufficiency" to effectively face life is from God (2 Cor. 3:5).

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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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We access God's power through our Lord Jesus Christ. Without Him we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5). But through faith in Him we can overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4-5)!

Where are you? By whose power are

you trying to face the difficulties and challenges of life? Are you ready to be victorious through Christ (1 Cor. 15:56-57)? Come to Him, and find the power to face life successfully. We'd like to help. Please ask us.

—From sunny Slope church of Christ

Your diet is not only what you eat.

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It's what you watch, what you listen to, what you read, the people you hang around.

Be mindful of the things you put into your body emotionally, spiritually, and physically. I would rather stand with God and be judged by the world than stand with the world and be judged by God.

THOSE TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 2021

Announcements: J Lord's Supper AM:

Lord's Supper PM 5- 12-; 19- 26-

Opening Prayer AM: 5– 12 19-; 26-

Closing Prayer AM: 5-; 12-19-; 26-

Song Leaders: AM-; PM- Wednesday

Usher:; Count Contribution: