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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
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- James Pigg
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- Chad Canter
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Mission Work

Dean Crutchfield—India
Adam Evans—Tanzania

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WE LOVE THE SOULS OF EVERYONE *By Phil Sanders*

Because we love the souls of men and want them to go to heaven, we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul knew this burden and said, “I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:14–16).

Because we love the souls of men, we are not afraid to speak out against sin. We know that passions of the flesh “wage war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11).

Because we love the souls of men,

we preach the need to follow Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. “No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

Because we love the souls of men, we point people to what is best. The Lord Jesus came to bring us an abundant life (John 10:10). His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28–30). He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He is “our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30). We can do no better than to preach Jesus and Him crucified to every soul in every place who will hear.

—*Gospel Advocate Bulletin Bites*

BEAURIFUL BUT DEADLY *By Mike Gifford*

Do an online search for “beautiful but deadly flowers” and see what you get. There are many sites that talk about the top flowers in this category. Each of the flowers is indeed beautiful, but each of them also has the potential to be extremely deadly. Number one on some lists is the autumn crocus. It contains colchicine, a toxin comparable to arsenic. Interestingly, there are some beneficial uses of it. However, misuse or overuse can apparently lead to serious illness and even death.

The way that Satan presents sin to us is very much like a beautiful but deadly flower. He rarely

portrays sin for what it really is.

Typically he makes it very appealing. When Eve looked at the fruit hanging from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she was enticed by the fact that it was “pleasant to the eyes.” (Genesis 3:6). We all know the result of both Eve and Adam partaking of the fruit. When King David saw Bathsheba bathing, he saw a woman who “was very beautiful to look upon.” (II Samuel 11:2). He and Bathsheba engaged in adultery, David had a hand in the killing of Bathsheba’s husband and, as a consequence, his family became dysfunctional and even murderous (II Samuel 12:10).

The fruit on the tree was not inher-

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Alex Barrett, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis, Marie Wyatt and Mary Crutchfield.
Nursing Homes: Marguerite Stubblefield, Nancy Meacham and Oneta Morris
Family and Friends: Stacy Hedrick, Harold and Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Naomi Pigg, Betty Jeffcoat, Kim Thomas, Kenneth Mizell, Cynthia Kearnbey, Will and Nancy Winchester, Donna Boyd, Haskell Smith, Linda Devoss, Walter Steely, Alex Arnett, Ramona Clark White, Lora Pettigrew, Wallace Parker, Sharon Zimmer, and Nancy Flowers, . If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our sick list please let us know.
- **Local Events:** . Today is our 5th Sunday singing at the evening service followed by a meal in the annex. **School of Biblical Studies** begins Monday, March 6th. Mark your calendar for our Spring gospel meeting with Jerry Noblin which begins Sunday, April 9, 2017.
- **AREA EVENTS West Kentucky Leadership Workshop** at the Briensburg church of Christ, March 18, 2017. Theme is *Rebuilding the Walls—Leadership principles from the book of Nehemiah*. See the bulletin board for details.
- **Pantry items for January:** 1—Apple Sauce; 8—Canned Carrots; 15—Canned Peas; 22—Toothpaste; 29—Canned Fruit Juices.. Pantry needs restocking after fulfilling several needs this past month.
- Please remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby. Thanks for supporting this program.
- Please continue to pray for the Lord’s work in India and the various preachers this congregation continues to support in local work there. Reports are located on the mission board in the back of the auditorium.
- **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 of Christ and reach precious souls who may not otherwise be exposed to original New Testament Christianity.
- *“I was not put here to ‘find myself’, but to serve God” (Eccl. 12:13).*
- *“Your daily life is the only true testimony of the genuineness of your religious convictions.”*
- *“Better to be rebuked by God than to be entertained by the devil.”*
- *“No one hides a light under a bed, but some Christians keep theirs hidden in the church building.”*
- *“A heartfelt religion is one where God’s law is written in the heart.”*



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
Hayes Grady
Sunday PM
5th Sunday Singing



RESEARCH QUESTION

To which city did God ask Jonah to take His message?

Last Week Who told the first recorded lie in the Bible?

Answer: Satan to Eve (Gen. 3:4). Jesus said Satan is a liar and the father of lies (Jn. 8:44). If one tells a lie, who is he/she imitating?

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<http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>

School of Biblical Studies Starts Monday March 6, 2017



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ently evil. God had made all things good (Genesis 1:31), including that fruit. It looked harmless. Satan did not have to dress it up. What Satan DID dress up was the result of eating the fruit. “Ye shall not surely die” if you eat it, he said (Genesis 3:4). Bathsheba’s bathing was not inherently evil. David allowed Satan to convince him that he should have her and that there would be no consequences for his actions.

If someone were to look at an autumn crocus he would be impressed with its loveliness. He might even want to smell it and pick it. I’m not sure why anyone would want to eat it, but who knows that this person might not give that a try as well? The reason for so doing would be because he was only considering the outward appearance and the immediate satisfaction. He would not be thinking about any danger behind it. It could be ignorance that would lead him to do something with the plant that he would later regret. It could be that he knew about the danger and rebelliously decided to do what he wanted to do.

We don’t need to go around thinking that everything we see or everyone we meet has the potential to cause us spiritual harm. What we need is to know the consequences of getting involved with or

using things in ungodly ways. We need to ask ourselves, “How will this affect my soul?” We need to ask this question regarding relationships, jobs, possessions and anything else that has the potential to take our focus off of heaven. It’s not always easy because we can be so taken in by the beauty of something that we become blinded to any of its consequences. Close friends can warn us of the danger, but far too many times, once we are trapped by what we consider the beauty of something (or even someone), we close our ears to anyone who suggests that there is danger ahead for us.

The bottom line is that our love for the beauty of heaven must always rise above our love for anything beautiful on earth. Just because something looks great here does not mean it is great for us. Just because something looks great here does not mean that Satan will not try to use it to destroy us. Let’s not allow the worldly standards of pleasure and beauty to become the factor in determining our actions. May our decisions always be firmly based on that which is right and beautiful in the eyes of God. “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” (I Corinthians 10:31).

—Cartersville church of Christ webpage

NEW YEAR BEGINS ANYTIME

One November we ordered a new automobile, which did not arrive until the new year. As we cleaned out the old car, I muttered, “How did we accumulate so much junk?” We sorted through old maps, dried-up ballpoint pens, outdated addresses and loose coins.

We made unwavering resolutions about keeping this new car clean, orderly and functioning properly. Thinking about resolutions, I sensed a connection between a new car and a new year.

The first order of business is to clear out the clutter, discard the useless, remove the dust and dirt. Begin fresh!

A new year can begin anytime in our lives. We can sort through old attitudes, clean our minds of envy, toss out the habits of gossip and carrying grudges. We can resolve to keep our promises and curb our anger.



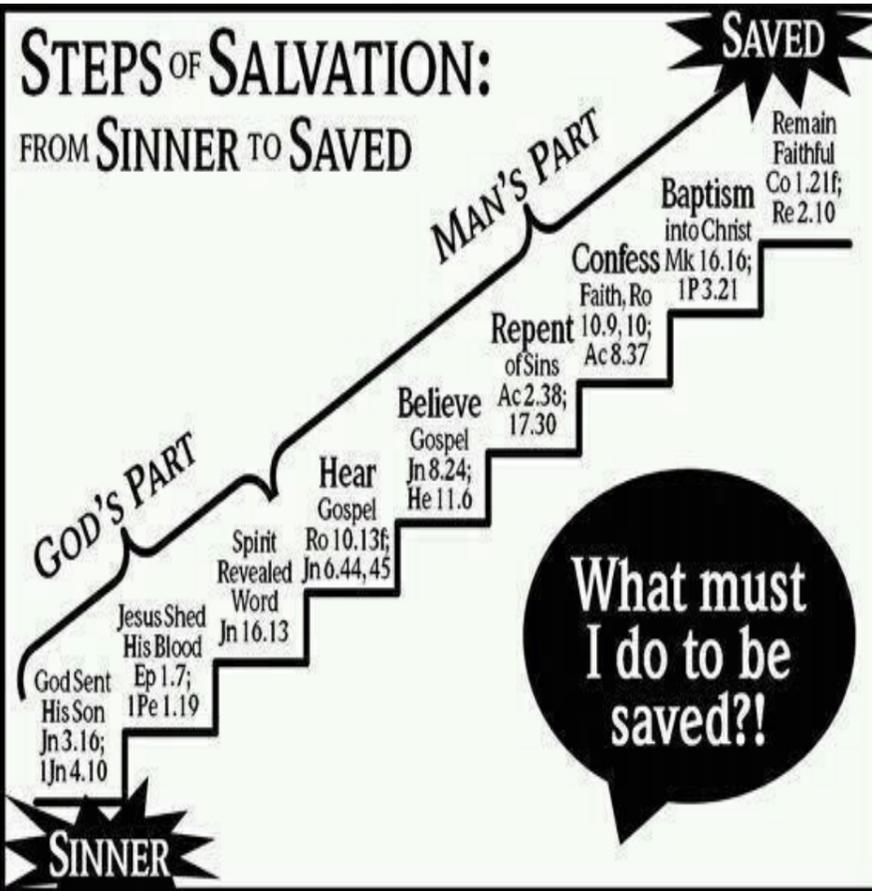
I stood back and surveyed the fresh, shiny car. Yes, a new year could begin anytime or any place. A lot of things from the past need discarding. Things we collect that are of no more value or usefulness need to be trashed. Paul wrote, “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds” (Col. 3: 8-9).

It is amazing how a brand new car changes your life. None of the old squeaks, rattles and knocks. Cruising down the road in a brand new auto is a delight. So is the journey ahead, if we can truly forget things in the past and press on to greater things.

— *Bulletin Fodder*

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!

**Where to View The Gospel****Broadcasting Network****Internet & Devices:**

Online at <http://www.gbntv.org/> Amazon Fire Devices: <http://goo.gl/FD5OkH> Google Android Devices: <http://goo.gl/DI7a7L> Windows Phone Devices: <http://goo.gl/J80RdB> Apple Devices: <http://goo.gl/lvocO7> ROKU App: <http://goo.gl/soCq8K>

Cable Channels:

• KENTUCKY (Calloway, Carlisle, Graves, Henry & Marshall Counties)- West TN & KY Cable. (ch. 46)

Preaching the Gospel: Sunday morning (6:30 a.m. Central Time)

• Dish Network (Channel 276) and DirecTV (Channel 376)

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

January 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Perry Jarvis
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: James Pigg & Mike Ernstberger
Substitute: Chad Canter

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Roy Wyatt & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Cody Canter

Sunday PM

1-1 _ James Pigg
1-8—Mike Ernstberger
1-15—James Pigg
1-22—Mike Ernstberger
1-29—James Pigg

OPENING PRAYER:

1-1—Larry Enoch
1-8—Jonnie Hutchison
1-15—Hayes Grady
1-22—Jim Lowrie
1-29—Perry Jarvis

CLOSING PRAYER:

1-1—Bobby Hall
1-8—Rex Enoch
1-15—Preston Barrett
1-22—Charles Enoch
1-29—Dave Thompson

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy and Preston

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

Jackson and Nathan

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch
Wednesday: Perry Jarvis
Substitute: Chad Canter

GREETERS: Dave & Ann Thompson

USHER: Chad Canter

Greet the Elder: Mike Ernstberger

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chad Canter at 270-873-7509