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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

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IS THE LIFE YOU'RE LIVING MEANINGLESS?

By Jonnie Hutchison

I suppose that each of us would like to believe that the life we are each living has real meaning. That whatever we accomplish in life is beneficial to others and that others see and appreciate our contribution to society no matter how large or small it may be.

When God created man and placed him in the garden of Eden he commanded him to “dress it and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). God expected man to accomplish something worthwhile and meaningful with his life. He also gave man instructions regarding a certain tree in the garden—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—commanding him not to partake of its fruit (Gen. 2:16-17). It’s obvious that God desired man to use his life to follow God’s will for man’s own good. Sadly, man chose not to obey God’s command and suffered the consequences. Whatever man had accomplished to that point in dressing and keeping the garden was meaningless because part of his punishment for choosing to disobey God was separation from the garden (Gen. 3:23-24).

Does a life lived without God have any lasting meaning? Consider the record of the rich man in Luke 16:19ff. Here was a man who wore the best and most expensive clothing and who “faired sumptuously every day.” He had everything he needed and more but he lived his life without God. We are not told of all his accomplishments in life. We do not know all that he contributed to his society. He may have

accomplished many great things in the eyes of his fellowman. What we do know is that he died and was buried and found himself in torments in hades. At that point what did his previous life mean to him? Of what value to him was his wealth and accomplishments in his life? There are only two things mentioned that greatly concerned this rich man in hades. First, he asked for Abraham to send the beggar Lazarus to dip his finger in water so that he could cool his tormented tongue. Second, he expressed his concern for his brothers who were still living asking Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn them to change their lives so that they might not come to where the rich man was. Neither of these requests could be fulfilled. The fact is that without God the rich man’s life and accomplishments were ultimately meaningless for he lived his life without God.

What about your life dear reader? Are you living your life without God? If so, then whatever you may be accomplishing in your life is ultimately meaningless for you will find yourself in the same position as the rich man who lifted up his eyes being in torment.

Only submission to God will give your life real and lasting meaning. The Bible puts it this way in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, “*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all, For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.*”

NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Alex Barrett, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis, and Oneta Morris.
Nursing Homes: Marguerite Stubblefield, Nancy Meacham and Oneta Morris (Room 103B at Spring Creek).
Family and Friends: Stacy Hedrick, Harold and Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Naomi Pigg, Betty Jeffcoat, Kim Thomas, Kenneth Mizell, Cynthia Kearbey, Will and Nancy Winchester, Donna Boyd, Haskell Smith, Linda Devoss, Walter Steely, Alex Arnett, Ramona Clark White, Carter Hutchison, Lora Pettigrew, Wallace Parker, Sharon Zimmer and Nancy Flowers. Please remember those who lost loved ones and those who lost their homes in the fires in Gatlinburg/Pidgin Forge.
- **The elders** would appreciate your feedback regarding the distribution of the book “*Muscle and Shovel*.” Copies were distributed earlier this year and members were encouraged to give them to non-Christians. Please let the elders know the results of these efforts,
- Please pick up your copy of the December calendar from the table in the lobby.
- **Local Events: Open House** following the evening services today at the home of James and Jan Pigg. All are invited to attend. There also be a **ladies luncheon** hosted by Jan at her home on Wednesday, December 14th at 11:30 AM. Please sign the list on the bulletin board if you plan on attending. The next **elders and deacons meeting** is scheduled for December 18th following the evening services.
- **Pantry items for December:** 4—Peanut Butter; 11—Paper Towels; 18—Canned Fruit; 25—Canned Soups.
- 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.
- *Each of us have it within our ability to change the way we are living. No one need be a slave to sin. Read 1 Corinthians 6:8-11.*



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
“Christian Skeptics”

Sunday PM
“God Bless the Faithful Few”



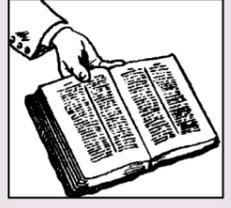
RESEARCH QUESTION

What did the apostles name **Joses** and what does it mean?

Last Week Who did Paul call “my own son in the faith?”

Answer: Paul called Timothy his own son in the faith (1 Tim. 1:2) He also called Titus “my own son after the common faith” (Titus 1:4).

EACH ONE TEACH ONE



Mark 16:15-16

THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT MONEY *By Roger D. Campbell*

Tiny children are often fascinated with money because it is shiny and small enough to go into their mouth. Then, kids reach the point when they understand that money has the power to buy things. That is a new reason for them to like money. Later, in their teenage years their thinking can be dominated by a desire to possess money in order to impress others or to buy things that dad and mom won't buy for them. As adults, well, a lot of adults are still fond of money.

Money, in and of itself, possesses no moral qualities. Money is neither righteous nor unrighteous. Money is an inanimate object, a means or tool to help humans obtain something else. It is one's attitude toward money or riches that counts. In order to help us keep a handle on our attitude, we offer the following six truthful statements about money. May they serve as a reminder and/or warning to all of us.

(1) Money cannot buy love. Way back in the 1960's the Beatles were singing, "I don't care too much for money, cause money can't buy me love." It was true then, and it is still true now. Money may impress folks and attract them to a money-possessing person, but money cannot buy genuine love. Young people, are you listening?

(2) Money doesn't grow on trees. How many times did we hear our parents tell us that when we wanted something that we could not afford? Because it is true that money does not grow on trees, and we cannot have it at the snap of our finger, then we need to be good stewards with the funds that God has placed in our hands (1 Corinthians 4:2). Our Lord says, "Owe no man anything" (Romans 13:8). Christians ought not to use credit cards to the extent that they get themselves into debt that they cannot

pay off.

(3) Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is (1 Timothy 6:10). The love of money is covetousness, and covetousness is idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Such a love affair with material riches has ruined friendships, marriages, and even congregations. How sad.

(4) Money never has and never will save a soul. Money can be used to help support the preaching of the gospel (2 Corinthians 11:8,9). It is also an instrument that assists us in edifying the faithful, but still, money cannot save souls.

(5) Money will not accompany us when we leave this world. Regardless of how much money one has, the money stays behind – you can't take it with you. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7).

(6) Money is not success, and success is not possessing money. Oh, if we could only help folks, including ourselves, see this point! Some rich people will go to hell. And, some poor folks will go to heaven. One's eternal destiny is not determined by his/her financial status. You want success, you say? Then listen carefully to what the Lord once told Joshua: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). THAT is true success.

Let each of us resolve to accept the truth about money, and in the process beware of "the deceitfulness of riches" (Mark 4:19).

TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS

10 little Christians standing in line, 1 disliked the preacher, and then there were 9.

9 little Christians stayed up very late, 1 overslept Sunday, and then there were 8.

8 little Christians on their way Heaven, 1 took the low road and then there were 7.

7 little Christians chirping like chicks, 1 disliked the singing, and then there were 6.

6 little Christians seemed very much alive, but 1 lost

his interest and then there were 5.

5 little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore, but one stopped to rest; and then there were 4.

4 little Christians each busy as a bee, 1 got his feelings hurt, and then there were 3.

3 little Christians knew not what to do, 1 joined the sporty crowd, and then there were 2.

2 little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done, differed

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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!



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with each other, and then there was 1.

1 little Christian can't do much it's true; Brought his friend to Bible study—and then there were 2.

Earnest Christians, each won one more, that doubled the number, and then there were 4.

4 sincere Christians worked early and late, each won another, and then there were 8.

8 desirous Christians, if they doubled as before, in just so many Sundays, we'd have 1,024.

In this little jingle, there is a lesson true;

You belong either to the building up or to the wrecking crew.

—Author Unknown

PLAN OF SALVATION

HEAR	Romans 10:17
BELIEVE	John 8:24
REPENT	Luke 13:3
CONFESS	Matthew 10:32
BE BAPTIZED	Mark 16:16
REMAIN FAITHFUL	Rev. 2:10

... "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

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
December 2016**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: James Pigg
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Larry & Charles Enoch
Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Dave Thompson & Shaun Fuqua
Substitute: Bobby Hall

Sunday PM

12-4—Perry Jarvis
12-11—Larry Enoch
12-18—Perry Jarvis
12-25—Larry Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:

12-4—Mike Ernstberger
12-11—Jim Lowrie
12-19—Perry Jarvis
12-25—Hayes Grady

CLOSING PRAYER:

12-4—Preston Barrett
12-11—James Pigg
12-18—Bobby Hall
12-25—Jonnie Hutchison

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Dave Thompson & Shaun Fuqua
COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
Katelyn & London

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis
Sunday Evening: Chad Canter
Wednesday: Mike Ernstberger
Substitute: Larry Enoch
GREETERS: Jesse & Mary Vincent
USHER: Jesse Vincent
Greet the Elder: James Pigg

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!