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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

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SERVING THE LORD WITH INTEGRITY

By Jonnie Hutchison

Are you serving the Lord? Are you serving Him with “integrity?” One dictionary definition of “integrity” is, “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.”

If one is serving the Lord with “integrity” **he/she will be faithful to the Lord even when he/she is alone.** Many sins are committed in secret when no one else is around. When one is alone it’s easier to view pornography, steal what doesn’t belong to you, drink an alcoholic beverage or commit some other sinful act. Of course, one is never really alone. Nothing is hidden from the eyes of our all seeing God “*And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account*” (Hebrews 4:13). There is no sin that is committed that God doesn’t see whether one is alone or not. But one who serves the Lord with integrity will maintain his or her moral standards even when alone.

If one is serving the Lord with “integrity” **he or she will always be honest with others.** That means no lying, no cheating, no deception, and no stealing. We have all heard the phrase “honesty is the best policy.” Whoever was the first to make

such a statement must have read his Bible. “*Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things **honest** in the sight of all men*” (Romans 12:17). “*Providing for **honest** things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men*” (2 Corinthians 9:21). We are to think on things that are **honest** (Philippians 4:8) and to live a “*quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and **honesty***” (1 Timothy 2:2). A person of integrity will not steal from his employer, cheat on his income taxes lie or take advantage of others for dishonest personal gain. If one is serving the Lord with integrity he will always be honest.

If one is serving the Lord with integrity **he or she will never compromise the Word of God.** Every godly person will experience the pressure to compromise the teaching of God’s Word (2 Timothy 3:12). Even Peter yielded to such pressure and was strongly rebuked by Paul (Galatians 2:11-14). Peter’s actions are described as a failure to walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel. Such is an apt description of a lack of integrity. We must always stand firm and never give in to those who would have us to compromise our convictions that have their basis in divine truth. We must

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon (Spring Creek) , Lori Brandon , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis (Spring Creek), Dean & Mary Crutchfield, Katelyn and Vickie Canter, Tina Wyatt Simmons, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady and Carolyn Bryars. **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Kenneth Mizell, Will and Nancy Winchester, Lora Pettigrew, Wallace Parker, Nancy Flowers, Nolan Murray, Tina Adams, Kristen Scott, Robin Pera, Marilyn Machado, Brittany Jackson Jaclyn Jillion. Les Kiser (Mike & Dolly), Debra Galloway, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Mark Hatcher, Karen Burkhart, Ken Holt , Meredith Enoch, Fred Watkins, Anna Arrant, Annette Mason, Cynthia Kearbey, Garneida Parker, Lonell Parker and Ruthie Parker. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** The Spring 2018 Session of the Green Plain School of Biblical Studies begins March 5th. **Spring Gospel Meeting** with Eddy Craft is scheduled for April 8-12, 2018. Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of "*Golden Ways for Golden Days.*" More info to follow.
- **DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Please change Mary Vincent's phone number to 270-293-5356.
- **Pantry items for February** .4—Peanut Butter; 11—Jelly; 18—Paper Towels; 25—Mixed Vegetables.
- Please 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>.
- Visit our webpage at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>. Scan the image to access with your mobile device.
- Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster as he continues in that work. Reports of the work in India are located on the bulletin board in the auditorium.
- Look for our newspaper article on the worship page of the Murray Times and Ledger each Saturday. Thanks for your recent comments on these articles. Our intent is to teach God's truth and bring as many as possible back to the Bible as the sole source of faith and practice. Please pray for this effort and for those who are reading that their minds might be receptive to the truth.

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Each Consecutive Monday

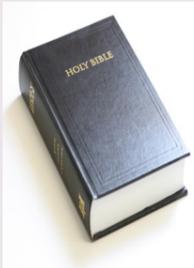
March 5—May 28, 2018

Proverbs—Jack Phillips

Jeremiah Part 2—Jonnie Hutchison

2 Kings Part 2—Chris Lyden

7:00-9:00 pm in the annex



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

JESUS: Prophet, Priest,

King

Sunday PM

**“What God Says To
Older Women”**

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follow the example of Paul who, when confronted by those who would have him compromise the truth stated, *“To whom we gave place, no, not for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you”* (Galatians 2:5). A person of integrity will not give in to adding mechanical instrumental music to worship, al-

lowing women to serve in leadership roles in the church or disregard the Bible’s teaching regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage or homosexuality. No, dear reader, a person of integrity will not compromise God’s Word.

Let me ask again, are you serving the Lord? Are you serving the Lord with **integrity**?

BILLY GRAHAM ON BAPTISM by Jonnie Hutchison

With the passing of Billy Graham this past week much has been said about how great an evangelist he was and how many souls he supposedly led to Christ. In an interview, one lady stated, “When I was in his presence I felt as if I was in the presence of God.” Others referred to Mr. Graham as “the Christian Pope” and the “nation’s pastor.” Such accolades were abundantly presented by many including most major news outlets. Social media was filled with praise for him and even some members of the Lord’s church were participating in such.

While we can certainly sympathize with the Graham family at the loss of a loved one, the truth is that Billy Graham did not preach and teach the original gospel of Christ. Instead he preached denominational doctrine. Consider his answer to the question: “Is baptism necessary to salvation?” Mr. Graham wrote, “I believe baptism is important, and I have been baptized. But I think we violate the Scriptures when we make baptism the prime requirement for salvation ... Paul’s central theme was Christ and His saving power. Although he spoke of baptism, he said: ‘I thank God that I baptized none of you ... lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name’ (1 Corinthians 1:14-15)... If baptism were a requirement for salvation, we would certainly say that. But you couldn’t support that knowing, for example, that the thief on the cross had no opportunity for baptism or church membership. Yet on his confession, paradise was secured.” (<https://billygraham.org/answer/is-baptism-necessary-for-salvation/>).

The same Paul who by inspiration penned the words of 1 Corinthians 1:14-15 was instructed to “Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts

22:16). Was Paul’s sins washed away before or when he was baptized? Since Paul later wrote that one is baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27) if he was saved before baptism he was saved outside of Christ. But the Bible teaches salvation is “in Christ” (2 Tim. 2:10). The only way to get “into Christ” is for a penitent confessing believer to be baptized into Christ. Therefore, baptism is necessary to ones salvation.

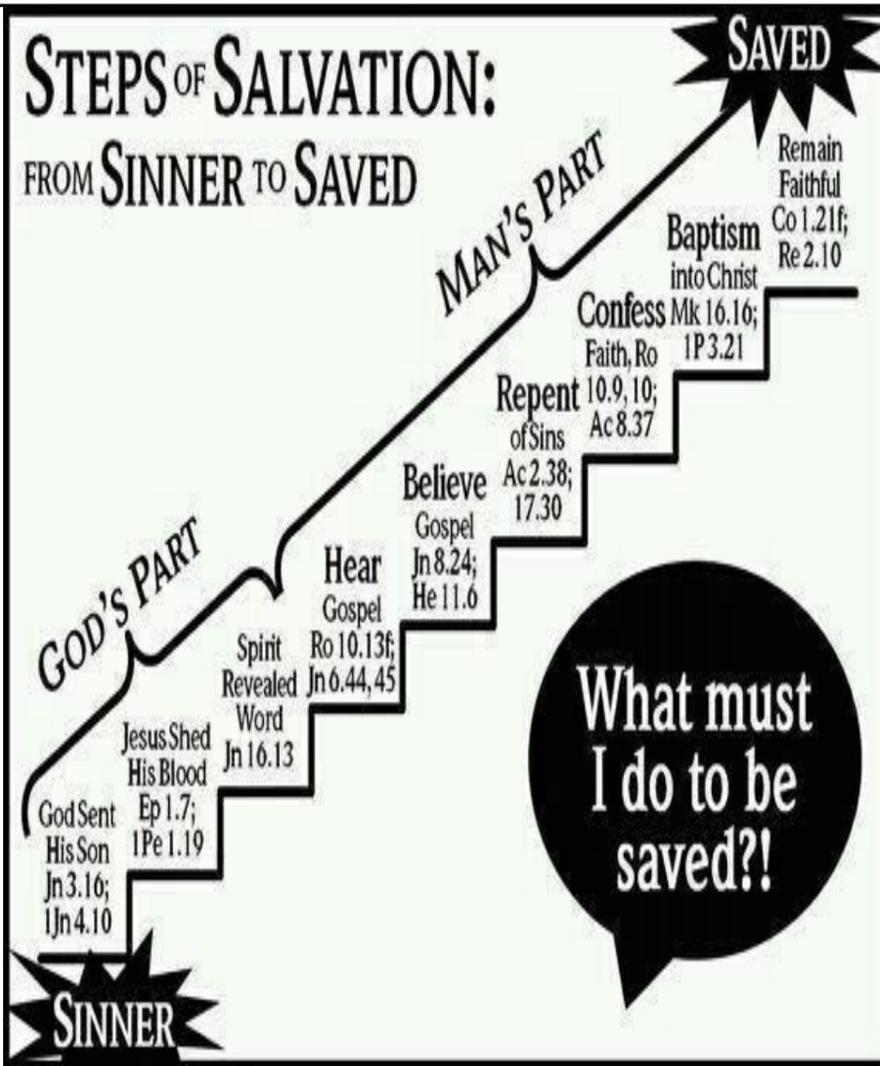
The thief on the cross lived under the Law of Moses for he lived before the actual death of Jesus and thus before He became the Mediator of the New Testament (Col. 2:14-16; Heb. 8:6-13; 9:15-17). Jesus, while on earth, had authority to forgive the sins of the thief (Matthew 9:6). The thief on the cross is not a legitimate example for one seeking salvation this side of the death of Christ.

God’s plan for man’s salvation is clear. It is **not** by “faith” plus the so-called “sinner’s prayer” as Mr. Graham preached. No, friends, one who desires salvation must hear the original gospel (Acts 2:36-41), believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24; Mark 16:16), confess faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10) and be baptized into Christ, there to reach His precious blood which washes away sin (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27; Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16).

There are two things that Mr. Graham now knows for certain: (1) God’s original plan of salvation cannot be changed with impunity; (2) Baptism for the remission of sins is necessary to ones salvation. Knowing he missed the mark and influenced so many others to do the same, brings us only extreme sorrow. Let us make sure we are following the Word of God and not the doctrines and commandments of men.

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!



Watch GBN Online

GBN's 24-hour live stream is available on your smartphone and tablet. It's also [viewable on our website](#) or [YouTube channel](#).

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
February 2018**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
 AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie
 Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
 AM: Roy Wyatt & Shaun Fuqua
 Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Sunday PM

4—Bobby Hall
 11—Jim Lowrie
 18—Bobby Hall
 25—Jim Lowrie

OPENING PRAYER:

4—James Pigg
 11—Mike Ernstberger
 18—Hayes Grady
 25—Preston Barrett

CLOSING PRAYER:

4—Jesse Vincent
 11—Larry Enoch
 18—Dave Thompson
 25—Charles Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy & Shaun

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

London & Peyton

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis
 Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch

Wednesday: Cody Canter

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Greet the Elder: James Pigg

Lawn Care: N/A

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