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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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THE END IS COMING *Jonnie Hutchison*

“Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power” (1 Corinthians 15:24).

Sometimes one is depicted as holding up a sign which reads, “The end is near.” let me say immediately that this writer has no idea how near the end is (See Matthew 24:36). At the same time God gives us every reason to accept that there will be an end to this physical universe and all that is in it. Inspiration declares, *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” (2 Peter 3:10).* The day of the Lord refers to the second coming of Christ. He will come at an unknown time (as a thief in the night). The heavens and earth will be utterly destroyed by a fervent heat. There will be nothing physical left for the “elements” - the very building blocks of this material universe— will all be “burned up.” Further emphasis is given to the utter destruction of all things material in verse 12, *“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”* Yes, the end is coming!

In view of the certainty of the coming of the end of all material things the inspired writer of Second Peter asks an obvious question: *“Seeing that all of these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all*

holy conversation and godliness?” (2 Peter 3:11). The word translated “conversation” has the meaning of living ones life. How you live is your “conversation.” But in view of the certainty of the coming of Christ in judgment and the destruction of this material universe how should one live his/her life? The answer - in holiness and godliness!

If ones existence ceases when the end comes then one might have an argument for living in sin. However, the end brings about the destruction of the material not the spiritual. And since man is made of both physical (the outward man) and spiritual (the inward man) it follows that man will continue to exist in spiritual form (2 Cor. 4:16). When the end comes even the dead will be raised and both the dead and the living will be clothed with incorruptible non-fleshy bodies (John 5:28, 29; 1 Cor. 15:50-57). Those who are saved through the blood of Jesus will exist eternally with God in heaven. Those who are lost will exist eternally in hell.

Yes, the end is coming. Are you ready for it? The key to not being caught by surprise by the coming of the end is to heed the warning of our Lord who declared, *“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man (Jesus Christ, jh) is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Matt. 24:44).* One may reject what the Bible teaches about the coming of the end. However, such rejection will not change the facts. Our prayer is that you will accept and obey the gospel while time and opportunity are yours. When the end comes it will be too late!

NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Mary Lowrie, Frank and Maxine Pool, Paul and Sue Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Alex Barrett and Mary Vincent. **Nursing Homes:** Myrtle Tower, Marguerite Stubblefield, , Nancy Meacham, and Binitta Irvan. **Family and Friends:** Patricia Lovett Harold Pond, Harry Lovett, Naomi Pigg, Norman Parker, Janie Suiter, Betty Jeffcoat, Stacy Hedrick, Virgil Hale (Spring Creek), Kim Thomas, Kenneth Mizell, Stacy Hedrick, Cynthia Kearbey, Will and Nancy Winchester, Eva Darnell, Jason Sales, Kenny Stubblefield, Todd Hill, Wallace Parker, Ruthie Parker,, Lonnell Parker, Kenneth Starks and Bryan White.
- The **March 2016 calendar** is available in the lobby. Please pick up your copy.
- **Pantry items for March:** 6th—Canned Chicken; 13th—Green Beans; 20th—Peanut Butter; 27th—Paper Towels.
- **LOCAL EVENTS. *Work Day*** at the building Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 am. Mark your calendar for our Spring Gospel Meeting which is scheduled for April 10-15, 2016 with Garland Robinson. Handouts for the meeting are available on the table in the front lobby.
- Please remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby. Thanks for supporting this program.
- Continue to pray for Dean Crutchfield and the Lord’s work in India and brother Adam Evans and the Lord’s work in Tanzania. See the mission board for the latest reports from these respective works including letters from some of the Indian preachers supported by this congregation.
- **PASS IT ON!!** Please pass this bulletin on to a friend, relative, neighbor or fellow employee when you have finished reading it. Use it as a means to evangelize. Pick up some extra copies and distribute them to others.
- **AREA EVENTS:** Annual **West Kentucky Leadership Workshop** at the Briensburg church of Christ in Benton is scheduled for March 26th. The theme is *Building up the church through the Bible School*. There will be both men’s and women’s classes. **Spring Singing** at the Williams Chapel church of Christ, Friday, March 25th, 7-11 pm. See the bulletin board for details.
- If you have any announcements that should be included in the bulletin please submit them in writing before Thursday of each week. Thank you.
- Most of us have no doubt heard it said, “When the going gets tough the tough get going!” God has never promised that living the life of a Christian would be easy, problem free, or without difficulty. What He has promised is that He will be with us as we live in this world and prepare ourselves for eternity. “So we may boldly say; *The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*” (Hebrews 13:6).

Today’s Lessons

AM: “Which Church?”

*PM: Studies in James
“Trials Produce Patience”*



RESEARCH QUESTION

How often was the year of the Lord’s release in the Old Testament?

Last Week What does James say we should say when we make our future plans?

Answer: “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that” (James 4:15).

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ROLE MODELS AND HEBREWS II *By David Lemmons*

There seems always to be a lot of talk and there have been lots of articles written regarding role models. One can barely keep up with the latest scandals that are being publicized about some of the most popular role models chosen by young people of our day. Some famous people like Charles Barkley may wish to deny that they are role models, but the rich and famous in sports and entertainment are nonetheless SELECTED for that position by millions of young aspiring sports figures and entertainers and admirers. We could wish that the rich and famous might be more aware of and be more responsible with the influence they wield on the minds of young people. However, it does not seem that this dream is getting any closer to reality.

For Christian youth, the Bible urges caution and prudence in the selection of persons to look to for guidance in life. Parents (esp., FATHERS, Eph 6:4) need to be careful in training their charges regarding the selection of role models. Clearly, the people of God are to imitate God (Lev 11:44-45; 1 Pet 1:16; Eph 5:1). The only Perfect Role Model for young people today REMAINS, as always, the Lord Jesus Christ (Mt 16:24; Jn 13:15; Mt 11:29; Jn 13:34; Rom 13:14; 1 Cor 11:1; Eph 5:2; Phil 2:5; Col 3:13; 1 Pet 2:21; 4:1). God's people are to AVOID imitating the wrong folks (Lev 20:23; Deut 18:9; 2 Kings 17:15; Mt 23:2,3; 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Pet 3:17; 1 Jn 3:11,12; Rev 2:14).

This being said, we are blessed by our God to have revealed to us many magnificent role models in the written Word. Our New Testaments contain a total of 260 chapters. Chapter number 215 is an especially helpful one for us to use if we have concern about role models. Chapter number 215 is Hebrews 11. Young people ought often to be directed to this great chapter by loving and concerned parents. Let us briefly notice some of the wonderful lessons taught to us by the faithful ones mentioned in this great chapter...

- From Abel (Heb 11:4)... **Worship in faith.**
- From Enoch (Heb 11:4)... **Please God.**
- From Noah (Heb 11:7)... **Look toward things not seen; fear God; and don't live like the world around you.**
- From Abraham (Heb 11:8)... **Have a true pilgrim heart.**

- From Sarah (Heb 11:11)... **Consider God to be a promise-keeper.**

- From Abraham (Heb 11:19)... **Leave God's problems to God and simply obey.**

- From Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph (Heb 11:20-22)... **Face death with hope!**

- From the parents of Moses (Heb 11:23; cf., Acts 4:19,20)... **Be without the fear of the civil authorities when their pronouncements place you in conflict with the will of God.**

- From Moses (Heb 11:24-27)... **Choose wisely; keep looking to the heavenly reward; persevere; be identified with the people of God.**

- From the Israelites at the Red Sea (Heb 11:29)... **Submit to GOD'S PLAN!**

- From Rahab (Heb 11:31)... **Fear God and DO accordingly.**

- From Gideon (Heb 11:32)... **Lead others to glorify God.**

- From Samson (Heb 11:32)... **Use your strength to glorify God.**

- From Jephthah (Heb 11:32; Judges 11:27)... **Allow the Lord to be the Judge.**

- From David (Heb 11:32; Acts 13:22)... **Be a man/woman after God's own heart.**

- From Samuel (Heb 11:32)... **Allow yourself to be committed to the Lord FOR LIFE!!!**

Hebrews 12:1-2... "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. {2} Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

—Maple Hill church of Christ webpage
<http://www.maplehillchurchofchrist.org/>

What Can Wash Away My Sins? Nothing But
 The Blood Of Jesus! (Revelations 1:5; Acts
 22:16; Romans 3:24-25; 5:8-9).

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.

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!



Home Bible Study *Please enroll me in a free Bible Study*

___ "Back to the Bible" Home Bible Study (conducted by our teachers in your home or at our building)

___ Free Bible Correspondence Course through the mail. (all postage paid)

___ DVD—Searching for Truth (mailed to your home).

Your Name: _____

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City: _____ State _____

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Phone: _____

Religious Affiliation _____

- Clip and mail to: Green Plain Church of Christ—3980 Murray Paris Road- Hazel, KY 4204.9

Green Plain School of Biblical Studies March 7—May 30, 2016

Each Consecutive Monday

7:00—9:00 pm

Studies on the books of
Genesis & Joshua

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE March 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS: James Pigg

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE

AM: Larry Enoch & Perry Jarvis

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:

AM: Chad Canter & Shaun Fuqua

Substitute: Dave Thompson

Sunday PM

3-6—Perry Jarvis

3-13—Chad Canter

3-20—Perry Jarvis

3-27—Chad Canter

OPENING PRAYER:

3-6—Mike Ernstberger

3-13—Jim Lowrie

3-20—John Sales

3-27—Hayes Grady

CLOSING PRAYER:

3-6—Preston Barrett

3-13—James Pigg

3-20—Bobby Hall

3-27—Jesse Vincent

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Chad Canter & Shaun Fuqua

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

Katelyn & London

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch

Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch

Wednesday: Cody Canter

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

GREETERS: Jesse & Mary Vincent

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Greet the Elder: James Pigg

If you are unable to serve, please
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Thank YOU For Serving!!