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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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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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BEFORE ALL ELSE FAILS By Jonnie Hutchison

We recently bought a stand for our television and other components which required assembly. Like most men, I begin to assemble the various pieces without first reading the directions. Initially it seemed so simple. Yet, as I progressed I begin to discover that it was much more complicated than I thought. When you have pieces left over that should not be left over you realize the importance of reading the directions. As the old saying goes, “If all else fails, read the directions.” Though that sounds good when you have failed it’s too late to then read the directions. It is better to work on the premise “**BEFORE** all else fails, read the directions.”

The Bible is the revelation of God’s plan for man’s salvation from sin. It contains the necessary directions for properly responding to God’s offer of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26;28; Romans 1:16-17). The book of Psalms tells us that God’s word is “a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). No one has it within his or her ability, apart from God’s Word, to know the way of salvation (Jeremiah 10:23). Saving faith is

produced only through the hearing of the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Each of us need to “read the directions” if we hope to have eternal salvation.

The ultimate spiritual failure is the loss of ones soul in the eternal punishment of hell (Matthew 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9). Such a loss is compounded by the fact that God has given both the means and ample opportunity to escape hell. Any person who desires salvation from hell can obtain it by learning and following God’s directions. In this it is vital that one read God’s directions **BEFORE all else fails**, for when death or the Lord comes ones eternal destiny is sealed and there are no second chances.

**“In all your ways
acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct
your paths.”**



NEWS AND NOTES

- **WELCOME VISITORS:** If you are visiting with us today we want to express our appreciation for your presence. It is our hope that you will feel welcome and have a desire to return and be with us again. If you have any questions please ask them and we will do our best to give you a Bible answer.
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:*** Paul Brandon (Mills Health in Mayfield) , Lori Brandon , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis , Mary Crutchfield Dean Crutchfield is at Spring Creek, 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, Lonnell Parker, Ruthie Parker, Gale Worley, Walter Bryars and Noleen Shivel. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **Our Spring Gospel Meeting.** Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Gospel Meeting a success. Eddy Craft did an outstanding job of presenting a series of lessons on “Battlefields.” thanks to all who attended, invited others to come, fed the preacher and all the other tasks that go in to such an effort.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** This years VBS is scheduled for June 11-13,. Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of “*Golden Ways for Golden Days.*” More info to follow.
- **AREA EVENTS:** *Gospel Meeting* April 22—25 at the LBL church of Christ with different speakers each service.. See the bulletin board for details.
- **Pantry items for April** . 1—Green Peas 8—Pork-n-Beans 15—Canned Meats; 22—Canned Carrots; 29—Canned Potatoes.
- 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>.
- **India Work:** 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.
- If you would like a **free Bible Correspondence Course**, mailed to your home, please send your name, mailing address and phone number to the address on the front of this bulletin and request to be enrolled. Thanks for your interest.
- Selfishness is unbecoming and unrewarding. It isolates one from others and creates a barrier that is difficult to break down. The Bible tells us, “Let no one seek his own, but each one the other’s *well-being*” (1 Corinthians 10:24), and, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). Our Lord left us the perfect example of unselfishness. “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8) - JH

LESOONS TODAY

Sunday AM

“The Devil’s Fan Club”

Bradly Smith

Sunday PM

“Why Hope Is Important”

Jonnie Hutchison

PREACHING CHRIST IS MORE THAN ONE WORD *By Jerry Joseph*

The apostle Paul declared, ". . . woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16). Paul was ready and eager to preach the gospel (Rom. 1:15). He realized the importance of it (Rom. 1:16-17) and was sent to preach it (1 Cor. 1:17). In preaching the gospel, the good news, he preached "Christ" (1 Cor. 1:23). This was the theme of New Testament preaching. Christ was preached on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of our Lord (Acts 2:22-40). Christ was preached in Samaria and to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:5, 12, 35). Christ was preached to Cornelius and his household (Acts 10:34-43). "Christ" must be the theme of our preaching. Today, when the Truth is proclaimed or negative things are presented some will say, "why don't you just preach Christ?" Some in time past have said, "Just preach the man and not the plan." Some fail to realize that to preach "Christ" involves more than just one word. To preach "Christ" one must preach the . . .

- ◇ COMING OF CHRIST into this world (Matt. 1:21; Phil. 2:5-8).
- ◇ CONDUCT OF CHRIST (Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:21-22).
- ◇ COMMANDS OF CHRIST (John 14:15).
- ◇ CHURCH OF CHRIST (Matthew 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23-25; Acts 2:47).
- ◇ CROSS OF CHRIST (1 Cor. 2:2; 1:18)
- ◇ CROWN OF CHRIST (Heb. 1:1-3; 8:1)
- ◇ COMING AGAIN OF CHRIST (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 5:23)

Preaching "Christ" involves more than just preaching the "man." We must proclaim his message and mission. In preaching, you cannot "put asunder" that which "God has joined together" with Christ. Preaching "Christ" is more than one word! -- St. Peter's church of Christ (MO).

WE MUST LOSE TO GAIN *By Mike Riley*

On my grandfather's farm was a field he sowed by hand. He would strap on a canvas contraption similar to a kangaroo pouch, fill it with seed, and go out to sow. He would cast seed everywhere. When a farmer sows seed in his field, it looks like he's throwing the seed away. It seems to be lost, but it isn't really gone. In due time he gets it back with much more than he started out with.

When we give ourselves to Christ, it may seem to the world as if we're throwing our life away. But the Lord tells us that it is only as we lose our lives in Him that we find true life (Matthew 10:39). Jesus teaches us to measure our lives by losses rather than gains, by sacrifices rather than self-preservation, by time spent for others rather than time lavished upon ourselves, by love poured out rather than love poured in.

It's an eternal principle of life: God blesses

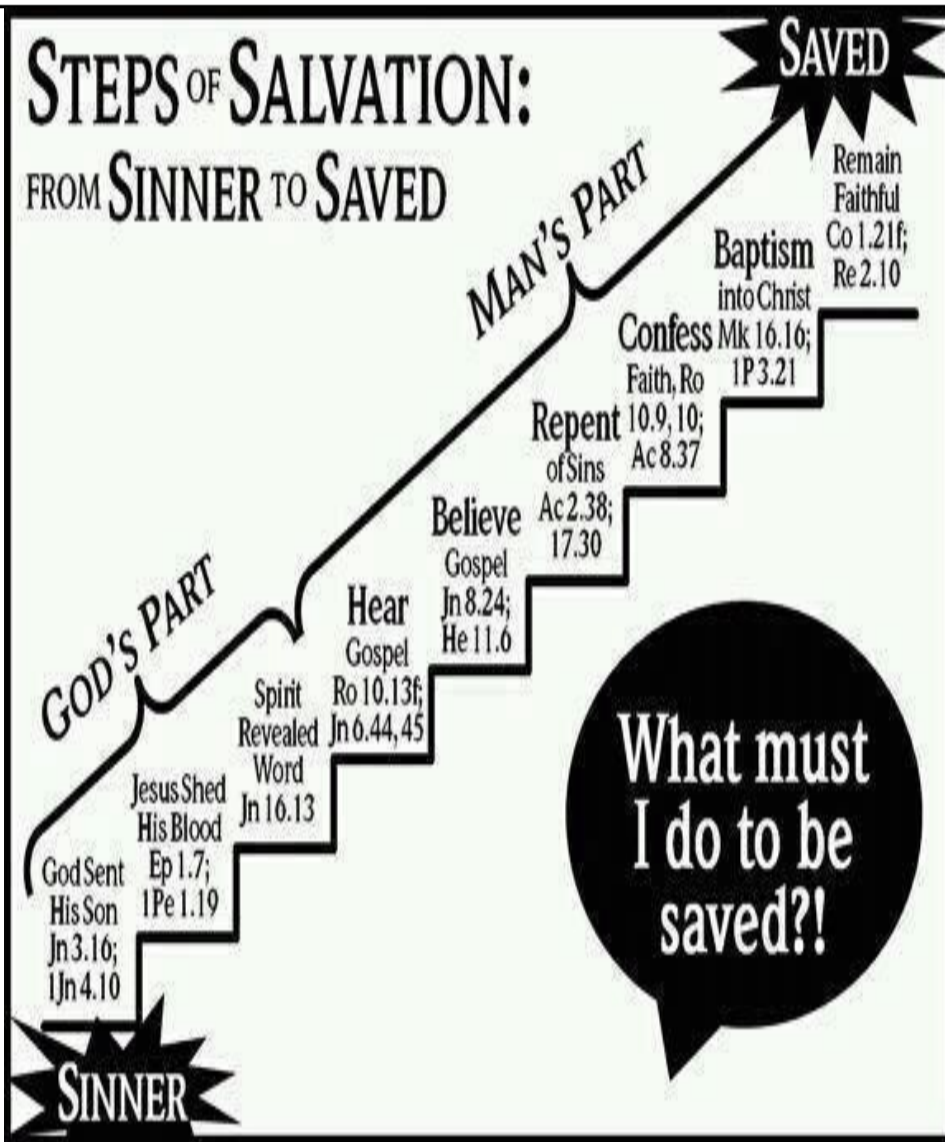
those who give of their lives and resources (2 Corinthians 9:6). If we give out the truth of God's word to others, He'll give us more to give away. If we give of our time, and we'll have more time to give. If we set no limit on our love, we'll have more love for others than before. The Proverb writer tells us, "There is one who scatters, yet increases more" (Proverbs 11:24). It's one of the oldest paradoxes in the world, but it works. The British poet, William Wordsworth (1770-1850), also stated a great truth regarding our giving: "We lose what on ourselves we spend; We have as treasure without end Whatever, Lord, to You we lend, Who givest all."

The bottom line is: When we are selfish, we lose; when we give to God by helping others in need, we gain (Matthew 25:31-46).

—GEWATKINS.NET

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!



Birthdays/Anniversaries' for April 2018

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| Happy Birthday: | 24th—Dave Thompson |
| 1st— Tina Wyatt & April Fuqua | 27th—Steve Enoch |
| 3rd—Mary Lowrie | 29th—Sue Hall |
| 8th—Katelyn Canter | Happy Anniversary: |
| 22nd—Lori Brandon | 1st—Shaun & April Fuqua |

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
 April 2018**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: B bobby Hall
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
 AM: James Pigg & Mike Ernestberger
 Substitute: Larry Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
 AM: Dave Thompson & Preston Barrett
 Substitute: Cody Canter

Sunday PM

- 1—James
- 8—Mike
- 15—James
- 22—Mike
- 29—James

OPENING PRAYER:

- 1—Larry enoch
- 8—Jonnie Hutchison
- 15—Hayes Grady
- 22—Jim Lowrie
- 29—Charles Enoch

CLOSING PRAYER:

- 1—Chad Canter
- 8—Roy Wyatt
- 15—Preston Barrett
- 22—Dave Thompson
- 29—Jesse Vincent

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Dave & Preston

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

Nathan

SONG LEADERS:

- Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis
- Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch
- Wednesday: Chad Canter
- Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

USHER: Chad Canter

Lawn Care: Mike Ernstberger

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!