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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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270-759-2145

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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MSOP—Bradley Smith

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BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE By Michael Stock

So many times in life, we witness needless tragedies: people turning their lives to drugs and alcohol, teenagers giving in to peer pressure, and lives that are ended far too early because of tragedy and despair. We live in a world full of darkness. In John 8: 12, Jesus tells His followers, “... I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” As Christians we have more responsibility on us than just attending the assembly on Sunday and reading our Bible. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5 we are the light of the world, and again just before He ascended to Heaven He bestowed on each and every one of us the responsibility to go and proclaim the Gospel message (Matthew 28:18-20). One of the greatest blessings of being a child of God is the ability to tell others the message of hope. Though it can be very discouraging sometimes working hard and laboring for the Kingdom only to have, in our eyes, little response, we must remember God’s ways are not our ways and God’s plans are not our plans (Isaiah 55:8-9). Even if we can only reach one person, our time was well spent. Consider the

story in Acts 8. God sent one man, Philip, on a journey to teach one lost soul. In Luke 15 Jesus tells us the parable of one lost sheep. He said one lost sheep is more rejoiced over than ninety-nine who are saved. “... I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” Sometimes we get so caught up in numbers that we forget the value of each and every individual person. If our souls were valuable enough for God to send His Son to lay down His life for us, is not one soul worth whatever sacrifice we must make to teach them the good news of Christ?

The truest blessing of being a Christian is the fact we are clothed with Christ (Galatians 3:27). There is nothing in this life or the next that can pull us from the love of God. In the deepest and darkest points in our life when we seem to be all alone and forsaken, we know Christ is with us. When we come to the end of our life and the certainty of death is at hand, we know, for a faithful Christian, to die is to gain. If someone

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NEWS AND NOTES

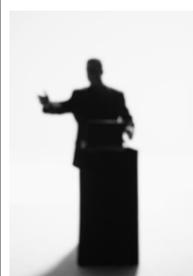
- **WELCOME VISITORS:** If you are visiting with us today we want to express our appreciation for your presence. It is our hope that you will feel welcome and have a desire to return and be with us again. If you have any questions please ask them and we will do our best to give you a Bible answer.
- **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, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Mike Ernstberger 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 Kiser, 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 Ann Workman and Noleen Shivel. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **Directory Update;** chad and Vickie Canters new mailing address is: 205 Barnett Street, Haxel, KY 42049.
- **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.



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

Each consecutive Monday
April 23– May 28
7:00—9:00 pm in the Annex

Proverbs—Jack Phillips
2 Kings—Chris Lyden



LESSONS

TODAY

Sunday AM

“The Weight of Sin”

Sunday PM

“The Relief of Forgiveness”

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asked me, “why be a Christian?” my first thought would be how can I not? Sometimes it is easy to get so caught up in all the negativity of this world that we forget the very blessings of God. God sends rain and sunshine on the righteous and the unrighteous (Matthew 5:45). We are told in James 1:17, “... Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights.” Imagine a world where everyone adopted the same philosophy of God. Of course that is not possible here on earth but a day is coming (Titus 2:13), when our great God and Savior Jesus Christ will call us home to that perfect world where there will be no more pain, no more sorrow, no more death, and no more sin. Being a Christian is not simply following a man we respect and taking His name as our own; being a Christian is much more. Being a Christian is a privilege, honor, and gift no one deserves, yet the God of the Heavens and the earth still out of His endless love and mercy bestowed the honor on us through the blood

of His Son Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:10). Paul provided us one of the best examples of a faithful man following Christ. In 2 Timothy 4:6-8 he tells Timothy, “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” What is the greatest blessing of being a Christian? Though we live in a world full of uncertainties as Christians, we do have the certainty God loves us and, “... To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7). The question is not really why be a Christian. The question is how can I not?

—Getwell church of Christ
Memphis, TN December 17, 2017

MY “DRUG” PROBLEM

It is not easy owning up to this. I am very reluctant to expose a problem that started in my childhood, but if confession is good for the soul, maybe I will feel better.

I cannot really say when my problem started because it seems it's always been with me. When I was less than a year old, my father walked out on my mother, leaving her with four children. Dad and his live-in-lover ate. We did not.

Maybe the poverty had something to do with it. The thing I remember is, that being poor was very inexpensive, but it had drawbacks. We could not even afford electricity. I was the only one on our block who had a kerosene stereo.

Another thing about those hated times is mother could not buy Dr. Spock's book on child raising and I could not hire an attorney to sue for separation, so we did with what we had and used the Holy Bible as a guide. That is very likely where the drug problem started.

As a child, I was drug to Sunday School, drug to Sunday evening service, and drug to Wednesday evening Bible study. And when we had revival meetings, my cruel mother drug me to church nightly.

I will always believe my life is forever marked by a childhood incident at the grocery store. I gave into temptation and stole a

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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!

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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handful of candy only to have my sin revealed. I felt like a dope when mother drug me to the owner of the store, I acknowledged my wrongdoing and paid for my sin.

I cannot remember the entire episode, or the speech that followed, but it seems like she said something about values and respecting what other people owned. She said, "The Bible says, 'Thou shall not steal.' If you want things, learn to work for them. Don't steal from someone else." With that I was saddled with yet another lifetime burden: a work ethic.

I really should mention how my ego suffered irreparable damage by not having my way all the time. Numerous times I was drug to the woodshed for an attitude adjustment. The altering instrument was from a cottonwood tree in the backyard bereft of its lower limbs.

Actually, I really should not be reluctant to talk about such drug problems because they have spared me heartache throughout all of my adult life. They have shaped my values and given me a sense of responsibility. Instead of being desensitized, I have learned respect for others and myself. And though I am not so vain as to make a claim of moral perfection, I will always be grateful for the good influences of the drugs. Traces of them are still in my veins.

– Author Unknown

The Five Steps of Salvation!

- ★ One must **hear** the Word!
- ★ Rom. 10:17
- ★ One must **believe** in Jesus!
- ★ Jn. 8:24; Heb. 11:6
- ★ One must **repent** of sin!
- ★ Lk. 3:3,5; Act. 17:30-31
- ★ One must **confess** Christ!
- ★ Mt. 10:32-33; Act. 8:37
- ★ One must **be baptized** into Christ!
- ★ Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Act. 2:38; 22:16

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!!