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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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THE CURE FOR RELIGIOUS DIVISION By Jonnie Hutchison

The religious world is greatly divided. In addition to all the various Protestant denominations there exists an almost countless list of religious groups each with their own unique beliefs and practices. Some have tried to solve the issue of religious division by “agreeing to disagree” but such has failed to deal with the root problem of such division. As a matter of fact “agreeing to disagree” will never heal religious division nor will it result in genuine unity. Long ago the prophet Amos stated an eternal truth by asking the rhetorical question, “*Can two walk together except they be agreed*” (Amos 3:3). The obvious answer is no. God and His people could not walk together as long as God’s people disagreed with God. This is also true today. Unless all divided parties agree with God there is, and cannot be, any unity between them.

In New Testament times the church in Corinth was experiencing religious division. In writing to correct this problem the inspired apostle Paul declared, “*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divi-*

sions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). God’s answer to solve the problem of religious division is that all speak the same thing, be of the same mind and of the same judgment.

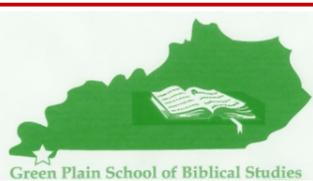
RELIGIOUS DIVISION IS CURED BY SUBMITTING TO THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS. The inspired Paul appealed to “the name of Jesus” in calling for the elimination of religious division in Corinth. God has given Jesus “all authority in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18). To believe and practice in religion only that which Jesus has authorized promotes unity and eliminated division.

RELIGIOUS DIVISION IS CURED BY SPEAKING THE SAME THING. To speak the same thing would necessarily require a single standard from which to speak. That standard could not be the various creeds, catechisms and confessions of faith for not all agree with any one of them. Rather, these various works of men divide rather than

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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 Lori Brandon , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis , Mary Crutchfield Dean Crutchfield (Murray Hospital), Katelyn and Vickie Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Mike Ernstberger, London Smith and Carolyn Bryars. **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Kenneth Mizell, Will and Nancy Winchester, Lora Pettigrew, 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 , Noleen Shivel and Gary Parker. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- Congratulations to the following high school graduates: **Suzanna Grady, Kenneth Lofton Wade Pigg, and Nicholas Keaton Tidwell.**
- **Please pray for Luke Puckett and Adam Evans who are in Tanzania for two weeks teaching preacher students and spreading the gospel of Christ.**
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday evening at 7:00 pm. 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."
- **Pantry items for May .** 6—Paper Towels; 13—Peanut Butter 20—Bath Soap; 27—Pickles
- 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

Guest Speaker

Bradley Smith

Sunday PM

**"The Great and Precious
Promises of God"**

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unify. However, God has already given us a standard upon which all may agree which is His Holy Word. A failure to agree with God's Word is what causes religious division just as in the days of Amos. So the answer to having genuine unity is to embrace God's Word as the only standard of faith and practice and reject the creeds, catechisms and confessions of faith originated by men.

RELIGIOUS DIVISION IS CURED BY BEING OF THE "SAME MIND." If two people are of the "same mind" are they not thinking alike or thinking the same thing? Does the Word of God have the capability of directing the thoughts of people? The Word of God is knowable (John 8:32). Paul stated that when people read God's Word they could understand his knowledge in the "mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4). The bible was not written to cover up but to reveal God's will for man. Some may argue that we can't all understand the Bible alike. However, men and women on the Day of Pentecost understood God's instructions and understood them alike. On that day some 3,000 precious souls heard the instructions to "*repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ...*" and responded by obeying the commands given (Acts 2:36-41). If they knew and understood God's Word alike, so can we today. Through a willingness to diligently study, learn and apply the Word of God religious division can be eliminated.

RELIGIOUS DIVISION IS CURED BY EXERCISING THE SAME JUDGMENT. The word "judgment" is translated from the Greek *gnoomee* which Thayer says is "that which is thought or known." Thayer goes on to point out that in 1 Corinthians 1:10 this may refer to ones "view or opinion." Far too often division has occurred because one is unwilling to compromise in

those areas of expediency, that is, those areas where God has told us to do something but not told us how to do it. For example, God has told us to assemble for worship (Heb. 10:25) but He has **not** told us where to assemble. The where is left in the realm of human judgement and should never be allowed to cause division. We cannot bind where God has not bound nor loose where he has not loosed for either path will lead to division. 1 Peter 5:5 reads, "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." To prevent and cure religious division we must be of the same judgment.

Note the words "*be perfectly joined together.*" What a tremendous description of the religious unity for which every person should be continuously striving. Religious division can be cured but not until the divided are willing to submit to the authority of Jesus Christ, speak the same thing, be of the same mind and of the same judgment.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

- ⇒ If you are on Facebook look for **John Sales** each Monday morning. John does a live broadcast and presents a gospel message. Do a friend request and John will be glad to add you.
- ⇒ Watch **A Bible Answer** (A Question and Answer program dealing with a variety of subjects). You can watch this program on WQQQ TV in Paducah, KY each Sunday morning at 8:00 am. You can also view programs on YouTube, on their website at abibleanswertv.org or on the Gospel Broadcasting Network.



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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- ★ 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

May 2018

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

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

Sunday PM

6—Bobby Hall
13—Jim Lowrie
20—Bobby Hall
27—Jim Lowrie

OPENING PRAYER:

6—James Pigg
13—Mike Ernstberger
20—Hayes Grady
27—Preston Barrett

CLOSING PRAYER:

6—Jesse Vincent
13—Larry Enoch
20—Dave Thompson
27—Charles Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy & Shaun

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

Peyton & Lo9ndon

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening: Chad Canter
Wednesday: Perry Jarvis
Substitute: Larry Enoch

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Lawn Care: Jesse Vincent

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!