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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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- Jesse Vincent

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PLEASE, COME BACK HOME! By Jonnie Hutchison

Christians can and do commit sin. If it is impossible for a Christian to sin so as to be lost (as some believe) then we must ask the question why does the Bible warn Christians not to sin? The Bible addresses Christians when it says, “Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). Such a warning would be meaningless if a Christian cannot fall. The inspired John specifically addressed the following words to Christians, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). Paul warned the Christians in Galatia that if they tried to return to the Law of Moses for justification they would “fall from grace” (Galatians 5:4).

Yes, Christians can sin and thereby place their eternal souls in jeopardy. Yet, God has made provisions for the forgiveness of the sins of penitent Christians. After John warned against deceiving oneself in believing that a Christian cannot sin, he wrote, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). What assurance this should give to every

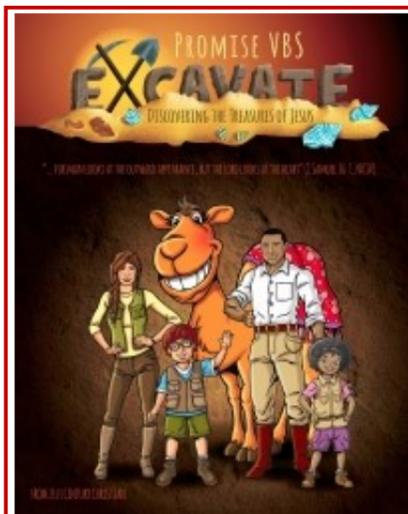
child of God who is in need of God’s forgiveness. We have further assurance in the fact that the Bible tells us, “If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

No matter what the sin a Christian commits, he or she can receive forgiveness. When Simon the sorcerer became a Christian, he sinned and was given the instructions to, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you” In his sin his spiritual condition is described as being “poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.” But he expressed a penitent attitude when he declared, “Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me” (Acts 8:22-24). Simon did not want to be the slave of sin. As grave and serious as his sin was, he received forgiveness from a merciful and loving God and so can every erring Christian willing to turn from the practice of sin and seek God’s forgiveness.

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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 Jaelyn 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.
- **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 with our last class 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.
- “When people cease believing in God, it’s not that they start to believe in nothing. It’s that they’ll believe in anything.” - Émile Cammaerts



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**
June 11-13, 2018
Classes for all ages
including an adult
class
7:00—8:30 pm
At
**Green Plain
church of Christ**

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

**“Every Person Worships
Every Sunday”**

Either in the assembly or out

Sunday PM

“The Holy Spirit”
*One of the most misunderstood
subjects in the Bible*

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This truth is illustrated in the parable of the lost boy in Luke 15:11ff. The teaching of this parable emphasizes that a child of God can choose to leave the Lord, journey into the far country of sin and thereby find himself in the worst of spiritual conditions. The boy in the parable ask his father for his inheritance. Upon receiving it, he left home, went into a far country and wasted all his possessions in sinful activities. He wound up in a hog pen, feeding the hogs and eating what he fed them in in order to survive. This illustrates the tragedy of a Christian choosing to return to a life of sin. In the “hog pen” there is only despair and want. Hope is gone for one who leaves God for the filthy hog pen of sin. One feeds upon the husks of that which cannot fill up the utter emptiness that is created by sin. One cannot spiritually survive while maintaining such circumstances.

The lost boy begin to remember how good it had been at home. In his despair he made up his mind to return home. He expressed his humility and desire to repent in the words, *“I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”*” (Luke 15:18-19). Until the erring Christian sees his true spiritual condition there will be no resolve to return home. Oh, if we could only impart to our sisters and brothers who have returned to the practice of sin of heir hopeless condition perhaps they would repent and come home!

The parable of the lost boy teaches another tremendous truth—God wants every erring Christian to come back home—to come back to His presence and fellowship. The father of the lost boy is pictured as watching for his son to come home. In Luke 15:20, *“And he arose and came to his father.*

But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” If you are unfaithful to the Lord as a Christian this is what your heavenly Father is waiting for from you. He wants you to come home so that He can express His compassion for you and forgive you of your sins. He will run to you, put His arms around you and kiss you as He welcomes you home.

As you and I go through this life we sometimes make wrong choices just like the lost boy did. Yet, wrong choices can be changed to right choices. Like the lost boy we can choose to leave the “hog pen” of sin and return home to our heavenly Father in humility and genuine repentance. If you have left the Lord, PLEASE, COME BACK HOME!

“...The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,...” **Exodus 34:6-7**

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

- ⇒ *Apologetics Press* has video, audio and articles related to a variety of subjects including creation, evolution, doctrinal matters and home study courses. Their web address is apologeticspress.org.
- ⇒ *A Bible Answer*—Each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW tv in Paducah. You can also watch current and previous programs at abibleanswertv.org or on YouTube.com. A Bible Answer also is aired on the Gospel Broadcasting Network . For a schedule go to http://gbntv.org/whats_on_tonight/.

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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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**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!!