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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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BAPTISM SAVES By Jonnie Hutchison

It is strange that anyone would deny that baptism saves. The Bible clearly states this fact in the words of **1 Peter 3:21** which reads, “*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*” The reference in this passage to “the like figure” refers back to verse 20 where Peter speaks of the salvation of Noah and his family in the ark (Genesis 6). In Noah’s day salvation was in a certain physical place, that is, in the ark. Everyone outside of the ark was destroyed. However, it was the water which carried the ark above the destruction of the flood which is why the Bible says, “wherein few, that is eight souls were **saved by water.**”

Today salvation is in a certain **SPIRITUAL LOCATION**, that is, “**in Christ**” (2 Timothy 2:10). Outside of Christ one is lost and without hope of salvation. So, where does baptism enter into this picture? As those in the ark were carried by water to their salvation, so obedience to the Lord’s command to be baptized in water carries the penitent, confessing be-

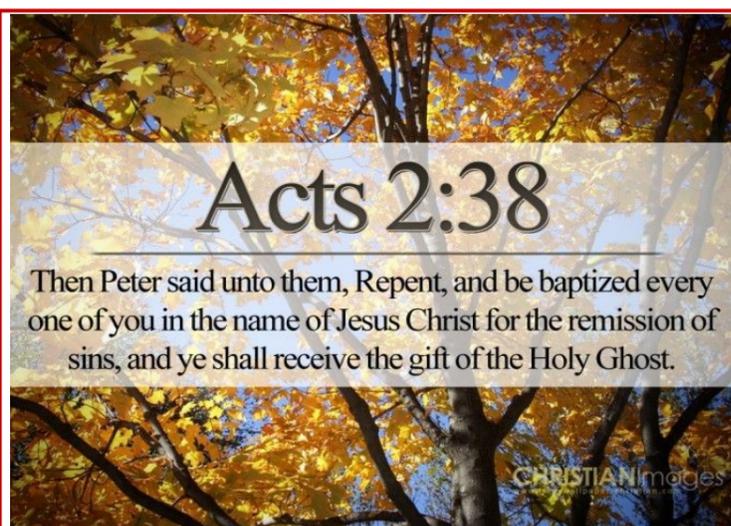
liever into Christ. Note the words of **Galatians 3:27**, “*For an many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.*” Since baptism puts one into Christ then where is the spiritual location of one who has not been baptized? The obvious answer is outside of Christ and thus outside of the place of salvation. Since the Bible teaches one cannot be saved outside of Christ and the Bible further teaches that baptism puts one into Christ, then it follows that one who has not been baptized is not saved.

Scriptural baptism must be preceded by faith in Christ (John 8:24), repentance of sin (Acts 17:30) and confession of ones faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Yet, one is not forgiven of sin until he reaches the blood of Jesus and that takes place in baptism. The Bible tells us, “*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*” (Romans 6:3-4). In baptism

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon (Murray Hospital) , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Katelyn and Vickie Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Debbie Ernstberger, 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, Marilyn Machado, Brittany Jackson Jaelyn Jillion. Les Kiser (currently under the care of Hospice), Mike Kiser 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 , Lucy Irvin, Bobby Patton, Shirley Darnell and Jane Steely. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **BAPTISM:** We rejoice with Katelyn Canter who was baptized into Christ this past Wednesday.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of "Golden Ways for Golden Days."
- **AREA EVENTS:** **Gospel Meeting** at the Dexter church of Christ July 15-18 with John Sales preaching. **Gospel Meeting** at the Williams Chapel church of Christ July 15-18 with Kevin Williams preaching. See the bulletin board for details and additional announcements.
- **Pantry items for July.** 1—Peanut Butter ; 9—Canned Peaches; 15—Toothpaste; 22—Bath Soap; 29—Pork-n-Beans.
- 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.
- Watch "**A Bible Answer**" each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abileanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

"Real Satisfaction"

Sunday PM

"The Good Samaritan"

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one spiritually reaches the death of Jesus. The significance of this is that it was in His death that Jesus shed His precious blood (John 19:34). Thus, when one reaches the death of Jesus in baptism he reaches the blood of Jesus that washes away his sins

(Matt. 26:28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5). When one understands this connection between baptism and the blood of Jesus, then one may also understand why Peter, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote that **BAPTISM SAVES!**

A LOOK AT THE SINNER'S PRAYER By *Dan Jenkins*

For decades, crusades have been conducted around the world, and thousands have responded to give their lives to Jesus. Conscious of their sins, they are told to simply say the "sinner's prayer." Of even greater impact is the preaching by televangelists and church pastors who tell those who are lost that if they will say this sinner's prayer, God will immediately forgive them of all their sins.

There are slight variations in the wording of this prayer, but they all have this format. "Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your name. Amen." The lives of many have been changed, but a vital question must be answered. Does the saying of this prayer bring salvation?

When did this prayer originate? Google to find the answer. "Some affirm that it evolved, in some form or another, during the early days of the Protestant Reformation. Others believe it originated as late as the eighteenth century revival movement." One study provides strong evidence that the sinner's prayer originated in the early twentieth century.

Think of the implications of the preceding paragraph. It implies that the sinner's prayer was unknown by the church in the first century. The church, directed by the

apostles, told millions how to be saved, but never told them to pray this prayer. It is not found even one time in the Bible. It is not found in the Bible anywhere in any of the forms used today.

It is not found in the writings of church leaders of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, etc. centuries! It was never used for fifteen hundred years after the church began. It is not from the mind of God but from the imagination of mere mortals.

If the sinner's prayer is God's answer to the question of what one must do in order to be saved, then was not one single person saved beginning at the death of Christ until the sixteenth century? Surely something must be wrong with giving this prayer as God's plan to save mankind.

Let me suggest the path every man should follow in finding salvation. Read the book of Acts. It is the history of the church from its beginning until near the end of Paul's life. Read about the spread of the church around the world. Read the Divine record of people asking what they must do about their sins. Note that never was any man told to pray this prayer. The answer given was always the same. Honestly seek to find the answer to life's most important question. Read the book of Acts. Discover for yourself. Then do what they did!

—*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*

June 24, 2018

COME VISIT WITH US



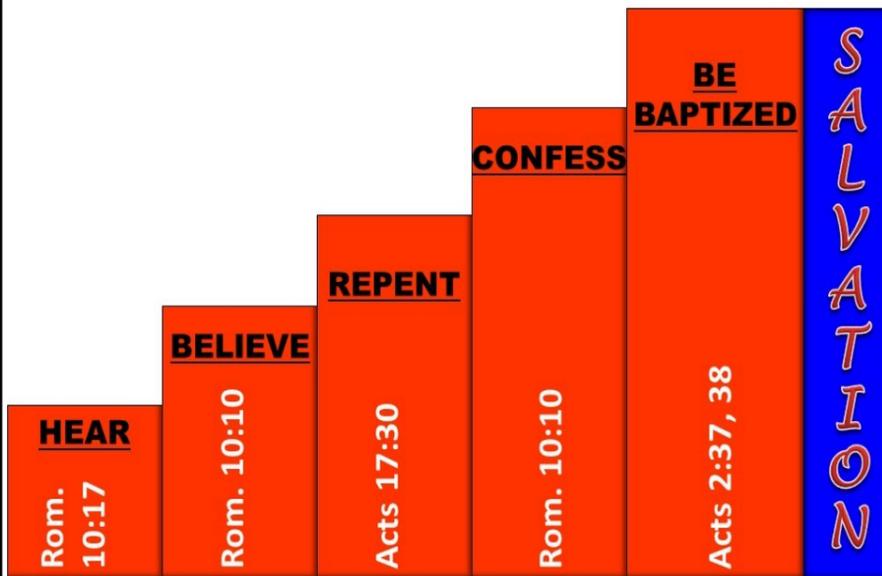
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

July 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bobby Hall
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: James Pigg & Mike Ernstberger
Substitute: Larry Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Dave Thompson & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Jackson Hale

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 Hale

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger
Wednesday: Larry Enoch
Substitute: Perry Jarvis

USHER: Chad Canter

Lawn Care: Larry Enoch

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