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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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RESTORING THE JOY OF SALVATION By Jonnie Hutchison

Read the words of David as he , with a penitent heart, confesses his sin before God and asks for His forgiveness: *“Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit”* (Psalms 51:9-12). David had committed adultery and murder. The guilt of his sin constantly plagued him bringing him sorrow (Psalm 51:3). His sin was against God to whom he, like every person, is accountable (Psalm 51:4-5). In his sinful state David had lost the joy of his salvation.

It may be the case that some reading this article find themselves in the same spiritual condition as was David when he wrote *“my sin is always before me.”* Having once received forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus and the attendant joy your salvation produced, you have returned to the practice of sin. You may even be experiencing the temporary pleasures of sin but you have lost the expectation of eternal salvation and no longer experience the joy and the assurance of a faith-

ful servant of the Lord. The book of Hebrews describes the condition of the erring impenitent Christian in the words: *“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame”* (Hebrews 6:4-6).

The good news is that your joy may be restored. Thank God! God has made the necessary provisions for that restoration. The blood of Jesus is available to cleanse the erring Christian of sin (1 John 1:7-9). Like David, with genuine repentance (produced by godly sorrow 2 Corinthians 7:10), confession of sin (1 John 1:9) and praying for forgiveness (Acts 8:22) the joy of your salvation will be restored.

God’s plea is that you will “harden not your heart” but instead cease crucifying again the Son of God and return in repentance to your Savior who loves you. *“...keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life”* (Jude 21).

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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. Marjorie Grady is recovering from a heart attack after receiving four stints this past week. **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 Jaclyn 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, Haskell Smith and Jane Steely. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** On August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of “*Golden Ways for Golden Days.*” Announcements for this event are available in the lobby.
- **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. **Gospel Meeting** at the Hickory Grove church of Christ, July 22-25 with John Daniel 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. 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 WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.

“Golden Ways for Golden Days”

August 18 2018—9:00 am - 2:30 pm

A lectureship on Aging for All Ages

Subjects and Speakers

Church Demographics: The Challenge of Attending to Each Age—**Alan Adams**

The Patriarchs in Old Age—**Chris Lyden**

Renewing the Inward Man Day by Day—**Dan Sikes**

Don't Stop Now, We're on the Home Stretch—**Jack Phillips**

Lunch Will Be Provided in the Annex



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

“The Church Is Different”

Bradley Smith

Sunday PM

“The Way of the World”

IS EVOLUTION A FACT? By Ron Boatwright

There are many people today who try to present the unproven theory of evolution as a proven fact. The reason for the theory of evolution is that godless people do not want to admit that there is a God and to submit to Him. They want to live their life without God. As Psalms 14:1 says, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'". With all of the amazing wonders of God's creation, man is still looking for another way it could have happened. But as Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so they are without excuse." Because of the wonders of God's creation, people have no excuse for not believing in God. God "did not leave Himself without witness" (Acts 14:17).

The atheistic theory of evolution pretends to be science. Evolution is not demonstratable as a scientific fact, because it is neither observable, repeatable, or predictable. It is impossible for evolution to ever be proven. There is no known case of macroevolution (from one distinct "kind" of organism to another) in all the thousands of years of recorded history. Also the fossil record does not prove evolution, but it actually disproves it. Scientists have in their possession billions of known non-transitional fossils but there are no transitional forms between the different kinds even though evolutionists have been looking very intently for them for hundreds of years. Genesis 1:12, 21, 24 says everything was to reproduce "according to its kind". If evolution is true we should find innumerable fossilized ancestors and transitional forms, but there are none. However, every one of these complex invertebrates appear fully formed. God said to Moses in Exodus 20:11, "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them." Notice the words "in" and "all". IN six days God created ALL that was created. Atheistic man says that life has been evolving on this earth for the past 4.6 billion years, but God, our Creator, says He completed everything in six days. Who are you going to believe, God or man?

Webster defines the word "theory" as "a speculative idea or plan as to how something might be done, a mere conjecture or guess". By using a handful of bone fragments, a piece of skull, and a couple of teeth evolutionary artists create a complete hairy ape-man like creature to try to prove their theory. Some imagination! Our children are constantly being bombarded with this theory in school, on TV, in magazines, etc. It is presented as though it

was true. This is very dishonest. If one hears something often enough and long enough one will tend to believe it. This is called "brain washing". Evolutionists have partly succeeded in passing off their unproven theory as a "proven fact". Evolutionists think that, if they can even imagine in their biased minds how things might have evolved themselves into higher levels of complexity, that it is sufficient proof that it must have happened, and that everyone should accept it.

When a theory becomes dogma, its proponents seek every device to protect their theory from challenges and seek to ban any alternatives. This is poor science and a violation of academic freedom. Today evolutionists dominate our educational establishment and scientific organizations. Evolution is accepted and promoted by the majority of the mass media: radio, television, newspapers, and magazines. The evolutionary establishment reacts in a fit of mass hysteria to even the feeble challenges to its control of public education and the promotion of the theory of evolution as an established fact. Because "they did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Romans 1:28), "And for this reason God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: and that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12). Many evolutionary scientists have devoted their best efforts to protect their unproven theory from any negative data.

There is actually a considerable amount of sound, scientific evidence that contradicts the theory of evolution. In fact, this evidence is

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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!

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rarely, if ever, mentioned in textbooks. Shouldn't teachers and students be allowed to search out and consider scientific evidence that contradicts the assumptions and claims of the theory of evolution? This questioning of evolution is not allowed in the USA; but it is allowed in Russia. Such an educational process amounts to indoctrination of a particular world-view philosophy. This is the reason the unproven theory of evolution is so widely accepted in the USA today.

The theory of evolution violates two of the most basic fundamental scientific laws of nature: the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics. These are laws that even the atheistic scientists accept. The First Law states that what ever changes that may take place, the sum total of energy and matter remains constant. Nothing now is being either created nor destroyed. The Second Law states that every change which takes place naturally and spontaneously tends to go from a state of order to one of disorder, from the complex to the simple. Since the universe is like a clock that is running down, it is obvious that it hasn't existed forever, but was created.

It has been claimed that "the scientific consensus about evolution is very close to unanimous". This is only wishful thinking. Thousands of scientists holding advanced degrees in science from major universities throughout the world reject evolutionary theory and have become convinced on the basis of scientific evidence that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Sir Fred Hoyle, a world famous British astronomer and former atheist after researching for years, declared that the probability of an evolutionary origin of life anywhere in the universe is equal to the probability of a tornado sweeping through a junkyard assembling a Boeing 747. The theory of evolution has always been and always will be an unprovable theory. Evolution requires a higher degree of faith than creationism. "Let God be true and every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind" (Romans 1:28).

—http://wscoc.weebly.com/uploads/3/0/4/7/3047192/is_evolution_a_fact.pdf

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