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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

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JUDGING By Jonnie Hutchison

Sometimes when one out of love and concern for another person approaches them about choices they have made that are harmful, either physically, spiritually or both, the response takes this form: “You can’t judge me. Jesus said, ‘judge not.’” Yes, Jesus did say, “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you” (Matthew 7:1-2). Do these words of Jesus prohibit every form of judgment? If so, then all of us have violated His prohibition for all of us make judgments daily. The context indicates a particular kind of judging which is prohibited. Jesus was speaking of hypocritical judging. That is, condemning in another what you are practicing. For example, if you judge another for stealing but you are a thief then you have engaged in this type of judging. That’s why Jesus said, “Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (Matthew 7:5). The implication is that when you have removed your “plank” (corrected your wrong) you may then

“judge” – that is, help your brother remove his “speck.” (correct his wrong).

That Jesus did not forbid all judging is clearly shown in another statement He made. “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). In the context Jesus was being criticized for healing a man on the Sabbath Day. It was no more wrong for Jesus to heal a man on the Sabbath than it was for His critics to practice circumcision on the Sabbath. Yet, they judged Jesus based upon their own false perceptions rather than the truth. That is why Jesus told them to “judge righteous judgment.” Judge according to the facts rather than false premises.

When Paul wrote to the church in Corinth to correct their toleration of a fornicator in their midst he said, “For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already **judged** (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed” (1 Corinthians 5:3). Did Paul violate Matthew 7:1 in judging the fornicator? No, for his judgment was based upon the fact that God says fornication is a sin (Galatians 5:19; Hebrews

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon, 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, Carolyn Bryars and Marjorie Grady
- **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. 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, 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.*” This is not just for those older in age. All ages will profit from these lessons. Announcements for this event are available in the lobby for you to invite others.
- **AREA EVENTS:** . **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 abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- “it will be to late for you to change your life when you see the Lord coming in the clouds with His holy angels (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Now is the only opportunity you have to make those changes to forsake sin and serve God. Then, when the Lord comes, you will be ready.”

“Golden Ways for Golden Days”

August 18 2018—9:00 am - 2:30 pm

A lectureship on Aging for All Ages

Subjects and Speakers

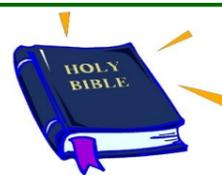
Church Demographics: The Challenge of Attending to Each Age—**Alan Adams**

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 Power of A Christian’s Influence”

Sunday PM

“The Prophet Who Refused to Prophecy”

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13:4). When Paul said he had already “judged” the fornicator he was expressing God’s judgment of that sin. He was exercising “righteous judgment” based upon divine truth.

God’s Word is the standard by which all of us are to be judged both in this life and when Jesus comes again. Jesus said, “He who

rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). When one stands in judgment in the last day he will appreciate anyone who loved him enough to utilize the Word of God to “judge” him thus turning him from sin to salvation.

REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR....” By Jerry Joseph

The writer of old declared, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...” (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Every accountable young person must make the decision to either be a servant of sin or a servant of righteousness (Romans 6:16-18). Why should a young person decide to *“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...”*?

It is a DECISION against the Devil. The devil desires that one not obey the Gospel and begin to live for Christ during youth. When one does obey the Gospel, the devil is not pleased because he lost a citizen in his kingdom. (Colossians 1:13). He will do whatever he can to persuade young people not to listen to the Words of Christ (John 12:48; Hebrews 1:1-2; John 14:6). He does not want youth to have a love for the Lord (John 14:15). If he can accomplish this, then no person, young or old, will ever become a servant of God.

The devil knows that as one gets older, the decision to obey God becomes more difficult. If one decides not to begin to obey God during one’s youth, the devil is so happy and his work in the future even easier. “...Resist the devil ...” (James 4:17).

It is DEMONSTRATING to others what should be most important in life. It is being that “shining light” to others, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). You are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt. 5:13-16).

Every day of your life you have the opportunity to influence others in a good way. You can be a good influence to your friends, family members and even those you do not know that well. You are being examined, so watch your attitudes, actions, amusements, associations and even your attire. If you act like, talk like, dress like those who are not following Christ, what messages are you declaring to others. If you attend the same worldly events, listen and watch the same ungodly “stuff”, can you really make a difference for good in their life. As Paul reminds us all in Romans 12:1-2 that one must not be conformed to this world but be transformed.

In 1 Timothy 4:12 Paul reminds young Timothy “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”. Take a stand for the Lord and stand there. Say “yes” to the things of God and “no” to the things of the Devil. You need that and those around you need to see that in your life.

It DIRECTS one to be happy now and truly happy in the hereafter. In the thinking of many today, true lasting happiness is found in popularity, power, possessions and pleas-



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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ure. Solomon learned that happiness is not found in these things (Ecclesiastes 1:16-17; 2:1-10). He summed it up by saying, “behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:11). Then in verse 13 of chapter 12 here is the conclusion “...Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.”

The Apostle Paul reminds us that joy and lasting happiness is found “in the Lord” (Philippians 4:4). When one submits to the Lord in obeying the Gospel in faith (Hebrews 11:6); repentance (Luke 13:3); confessing Christ (Matt.10:32 - 33) and by being baptized (Mark 16:16), they are “in the Lord” (Galatians 3:26- 27). Our relationship with God has changed; sins have been forgiven; we have all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3) with the hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2).

Don't delay (young or old) in remembering the Lord by becoming a child of God while you have the time, the opportunity and the desire. Don't wait until it is too late!

-- *The Proclaimer* St. Peter's church of Christ, MO.

The following sources are available on the internet to increase your knowledge of God's Word and strengthen you in the faith:

1. Gospel Broadcasting Network—24/7 at gbntv.org
2. World Video Bible School (WVBS) www.wvbs.org
3. Bible Study Web—biblestudyweb.org
4. Green Plain church of Christ webpage—greenplainchurchofchrist.org.
5. A Bible Answer—<http://abibleanswertv.org/>
6. Apologetics Press—<http://www.apologeticspress.org/>

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