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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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- Jesse Vincent

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THE SERIOUSNESS OF MARRIAGE By Jonnie Hutchison

It is sad that so many in our day do not take marriage as seriously as they should. Marriages are often dissolved over even the most trivial of matters. The vows of faithfulness to ones mate are trampled under foot just to selfishly satisfy ones fleshly lusts. Divorce for any cause is accepted without any consideration to what God says about it. Many choose to live together in fornication without being married. Yes, marriage is not taken seriously by far too many and, sadly, that includes many Christians. However, God takes marriage very seriously and so should we because:

GOD ORIGINATED MARRIAGE. Who is God? He is our Creator (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7, 18). As our Creator He has authority over His creation (Rom. 9:20-21). God's will must be supreme and we have no right to question our Creator. God is also our judge (Psalm 7:11; 2 ?Cor. 5:10). As Creator and Judge we better take what God says seriously. Our eternal destiny depends upon doing so.

God instituted marriage with the first man and first woman (Gen. 2:24). Man was to leave fa-

ther and mother and "cleave" to his wife. The word "cleave" indicates a permanent relationship. The man and the woman were to become "one flesh" which expresses an intimate relationship—physically, emotionally and spiritually—exclusive to the married couple. God designed marriage to be a relationship which grows over time and which only ends with death. Indeed the greatest love that exists between those who take marriage seriously is that moment before death separates them. Yes, we need to take marriage seriously because God, our Creator and judge, is very serious about it.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TAKE MARRIAGE SERIOUSLY. Jesus taught, "*and I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.*" Note the consequences if one fails to take marriage seriously. If one divorces his or her mate for any reason other than adultery and marries someone else, then he or she forms an adulterous relationship. According

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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, 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:** Coming 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. **Men's Breakfast** at the Blue and White café in Hazel , July 14th at 8:00 am; **Ladies Breakfast** also at the Blue and White in Hazel, July 14th at 8:00 am.
- **AREA EVENTS:** **Area Wide Singing** at the Bumpus Mills, TN church of Christ, July 13th at 7:00 pm. **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. 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 Served



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

"Attitudes of a Chosen Generation"

Sunday PM

"Paul's Three Judgments"

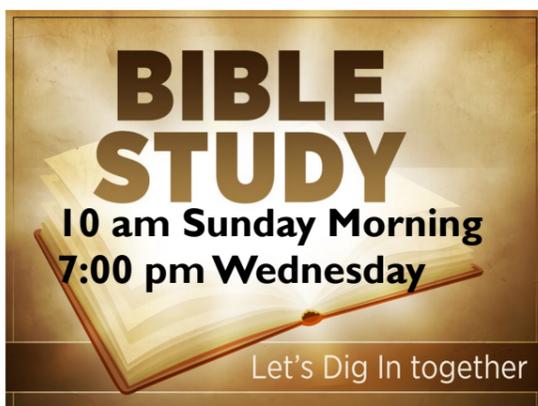
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to Jesus, if the divorce is not because of adultery, neither spouse has a scriptural right to remarry as long as both live (Rom. 7:1-4). Someone may say that is not fair. However, the truth is that it shows just how serious God views the marriage relationship. The Bible tells us that *“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge”* (Heb. 3:4). Adultery and fornication are so serious that one who commit them will not go to heaven (Gal. 5:19-21). Yes, one may repent of these sins but what does repentance require? If one is in an unscriptural marriage repentance requires that relationship to end. One cannot continue to commit adultery and at the same time repent of adultery. The relationship must end, and though difficult, it is not impossible for those who are serious about their soul’s salvation. We must expect that there will be consequences when we make wrong choices (Gal. 6:7-8). These consequences how serious the marriage relationship is to God.

THE IMPACT OF MARRIAGE ON SOCIETY AND THE CHURCH. God designed marriage is a stabilizing force in society. A breakdown of marriage and family as God designed it heralds a breakdown of society. A good example of that is the Roman Empire in which divorce and remarriage became common and family values suffered. This contributed to the instability

of the empire which finally collapsed. One need not look too far to see the same thing happening in our own nation. We have largely lost our moral compass. God’s original plan for marriage and family—one man for one woman for life—is rejected. The church has not been immune to this influence. Sadly, Christian marriages have been broken by divorce and unscriptural “remarriages” resulting in the church becoming more like the world. The Bible teaches, *“that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation among whom you shine as light in the world, holding fast the word of life....”* (Phil. 2:15-16a). We must maintain spiritual purity in our marriages and in our homes in this perverse generation in which we live.

Yes, we must take marriage seriously because God our Creator and Judge originated it; because of the consequences of failing to do so and because of the impact it has on society and the church. We may not be able to stop the decline of marriage in our society entirely, but we can do something about our own marriages. We can be faithful to our marriage vows. We can set an example before the world of what a God-guided marriage should be. We can teach our children God’s design and purpose for marriage and just how seriously it should be viewed. We can be faithful to God and His Word in taking marriage as seriously as God does.



THINGS WORTH HAVING

I often hear parents say, “I want my children to have it better than I did when I grew up. I want to be able to give them things I never had!”

But the problem is that in our concern for giving our children the things we didn’t have, we often fail to give them the things we did have! In our eagerness to give our children everything money can buy we often fail to give them the things mon-

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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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ey cannot buy. **Things like...**

1. A REAL HOME. Too often, the home has become nothing more than motel... a place to eat, sleep, and change our clothes. Families seldom eat together or interact with each other in any meaningful way. Sixty percent of all children will spend a significant part of their lives in a home shattered by divorce or other family crisis.

2. A REALISTIC VIEW OF MONEY. Today's kids have too much: \$60.00 dollar jeans; \$100.00 dollar sneakers; \$50.00 dollar shirts. What are we really teaching our kids about life?

3. A GENUINE FAITH IN GOD. How sad for a child to grow up in a home where the Bible is not read, where daily prayers are not heard, where life is not shaped by deep commitment to God.

**IF WE SUCCEED IN GIVING OUR CHILDREN
THESE THINGS, NOT MUCH ELSE IS NEEDED.**

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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