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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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CURSING—A MISUSE OF THE TONGUE By Jonnie Hutchison

Is it really all that important as to what words come out of our mouths? Jesus said it was. Listen carefully to the words of the Son of God: *“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned”* (Matthew 12:37). That suggests the seriousness with which we should view what we say and how we say it.

Cursing and using the name of God in vain is so common in our day that even very small children do it. Worldly minded parents care not that their small children imitate their use of words that condemn even considering it to be “cute.” How sad! The media—television, movies, and print—often contain profanity— even movies and books directed toward children. Sadly our society seems to be permeated by use of profanity.

We may expect those who are not Christians to use words that cause condemnation. But those of us who are Christians should never use curse words, profanity, or their equivalent euphemisms (a milder form of the word

with the same meaning). For example, while many Christians would never use the phrase “my God” as an exclamation of surprise they will instead use the equivalent euphemisms such as “gosh” or “by golly.” Just as is true with the common curse words, the use of these milder forms becomes a habit and most seem to be unaware just how often they use them. It is a hard habit to break but it can be done. It is a matter of thinking about what we say before we say it and being aware of how the words we speak will impact ourselves and others.

The Christian who curses men and then praises God is a hypocrite. Inspiration declares concerning the improper use of the tongue, *“With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so”* (James 3:9-10). No Christian should be using profanity under any circumstance! It is foreign to the very spirit of Christ and will result in one's condemnation unless there is genuine repentance.

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVERTS By Gary Colley

We have long believed that if anyone is ever saved it will be by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit operates upon the heart of the sinner in conversion, but it also declares that He exercises His influence through the written word. The

Holy Spirit and the Word are not the same any more than God and His Word are the same, but the Word is the instrument through which these operate on man's heart today. The same Truth is used in every conversion of the first

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Mary Lowrie, Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Alex Barrett, Rex Enoch, Margret Enoch, Peggy Jarvis, Mary Vincent and Oneta Morris. **Nursing Homes:** Marguerite Stubblefield, , Nancy Meacham, and Binitta Irvan. **Family and Friends:** Hugh Bolton, Stacy Hedrick, Harold and Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Naomi Pigg, Janie Suiter, Betty Jeffcoat, Virgil Hale, Kim Thomas, Kenneth Mizell, Cynthia Kearbey, Will and Nancy Winchester, Eva Darnell, , Donna Boyd , Kenneth Starks, Les Kiser, Betty Enoch, Debbie Galloway, Charlotte McClure, Haskell Smith and James Phillips. Please remember these with visits, cards and in your prayers. If you know of those who have improved please let us know.
- This week \$1,000 was sent to a faithful congregation of the Lord's church near Baton Rouge, LA to help the flood victims in that area. Let's continue to pray for those impacted by this disaster.
- **Pantry items for August:** 7—Canned Carrots; 14—canned fruits; 21—Mixed Vegetables; 28—Paper Plates.
- **UJPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS: Gospel Meeting** with Randall Evans is scheduled for the week of September 11-15, 2016. Handouts for the meeting are available in the lobby. Please pick up as many handouts as you need. Send them to individuals. Post them in public places,. Mail them to those you would like to see attend. **School of Biblical Studies** is scheduled to being on Monday, September 18, 2016. The class will run for twelve consecutive Monday evenings. Teachers and subjects are Luke Puckett—Leviticus; Jonnie Hutchison—Worship and David Gullledge—Calvinism. Please mark your calendar for these important events and make your plans to attend.
- **AREA EVENTS: Ladies Day** at the Coldwater church of Christ, September 17, 2016. theme is *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.* Speakers are Marjorie Grady and Teri Hale Mercer. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.
- Please remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby. Thanks for supporting this program.
- Continue to pray for Dean Crutchfield and the Lord's work in India and brother Adam Evans and the Lord's work in Tanzania. See the mission board for the latest reports from these respective works including letters from some of the Indian preachers supported by this congregation.
- **PASS IT ON!!** Please pass this bulletin on to a friend, relative, neighbor or fellow employee when you have finished reading it. Use it as a means to evangelize. Pick up some extra copies and distribute them to others.

Lessons Today

Morning: "Feelings, the god of this world and salvation"

Evening: ""Studies from James #16"—5:7-11



RESEARCH QUESTION

What were the names of the three sons of Noah who were with him in the ark?

Last Week What did God say was the purpose of the rainbow He placed in the sky after the universal flood had subsided in the days of Noah?

Answer: It was a sign of a covenant God made that He would never again destroy all flesh by means of a universal

Green Plain

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Each consecutive Monday 7:00—9:00 pm

September 19—December 5, 2016

Instructors and Subjects

Luke Puckett—Leviticus

Jonnie Hutchison—Worship

David Gullledge—Calvinism

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century in the New Testament, as well as every conversion today (Mk. 16:15-16; Heb. 4:12).

While there is no conversion without the Holy Spirit, there is no operation of the Holy Spirit in conversion independent of God's Word. Often the same things are ascribed to the Word in conversion that are attributed to the Holy Spirit's work in conversion. Notice several things that are said to be done by the Holy Spirit and the Word in conversion:

1. ENLIGHTENS. "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psa. 19:8).

2. CONVERTS. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psa. 19:7).

3. GIVES LIGHT. "The entrance of thy words giveth light" (Psa. 119:130).

4. GIVES UNDERSTANDING. "Through thy precepts I get understanding" (Psa. 119:104).

5. SAVES. "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (Jas. 1:21).

6. PURIFIES. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit" (I Pet. 1:22).

7. PRODUCES FAITH. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

8. IS SPIRIT AND LIFE. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (Jn. 6:63).

9. JUDGES US. "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (Jn. 12:48).

From these and other verses of the New Testament, we conclude that the Holy Spirit uses His Word to convert the souls of men today.

—Getwell church of Christ Memphis, TN.

LEFT BEHIND

What is the greatest thing you could leave behind when you die? Some will say it is the gift of love. Showing your family members what it means to love and encourage them to show that love to one another. Others might say that the greatest thing we can leave behind is faith. Demonstrating to your family what it means to trust in God and encouraging them to also live by faith also.

Love and faith are certainly important things to leave behind but I think there is something else of equal perhaps greater value that we can leave behind and that is hope.

When you depart from this life you will be separated from those you love. You will not see them anymore in this life and they will not see you. During that period of absence brought on by death is there anything more wonderful to give your love ones than hope? The hope to see each other again. The expectation that because you live your life by faith and love in God you will see those you left behind again.

This was the point of Paul's message to the Thessalonians in 1 Thess 4:13-18, "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain

until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

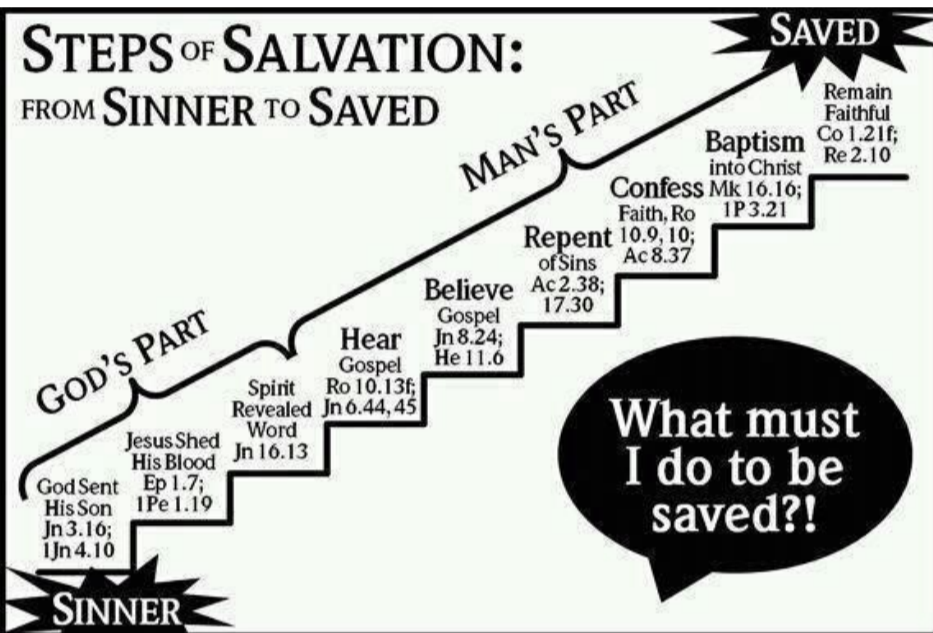
Paul tells the saints of Thessalonica that they don't have to leave with the absence of hope. But with the expectation that we will see those who have died and went on before us again. That we will be united in eternal spiritual bodies and never be separated again.

Can you think of people you have lost wherein you anticipate that great day of reunion with hope? I sure can.

"I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. 16 This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men." (Acts 24:15-16).

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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Cable Channels:

- KENTUCKY (Calloway, Carlsile, Graves, Henry & Marshall Counties)- West TN & KY Cable. (ch. 46)
- Preaching the Gospel: Sunday morning (6:30 a.m. Central Time)
- Dish Network (Channel 276) and DirecTV (Channel 376)

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
August 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE

AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:

AM: Charles Enoch & Cody canter

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Sunday PM

8-7—Bobby Hall

8-14—Jim Lowrie

8-21—Bobby Hall

8-28—Jim Lowrie

OPENING PRAYER:

8-7—James Pigg

8-14—Mike Ernstberger

8-21—Hayes Grady

8-24—Perry Jarvis

CLOSING PRAYER:

8-7—Jesse Vincent

8-14—Larry Enoch

8-21—David Thompson

8-24—Charles Enoch

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Chad Canter & James Pigg

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London & Peyton

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis

Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday: Larry Enoch

Substitute: Cody Canter

GREETERS: Jim & Mary Lowrie

USHER: Larry Enoch

Greet the Elder: Chad Canter

Lawn Care: Shane Smith

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!