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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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IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED! By Jonnie Hutchison

The Bible is filled with passages which encourage an immediate response to God's offer of salvation both by example and direct statement. In every case of conversion recorded in the book of Acts those who responded in obedience to the gospel did so without delay. The account of Acts chapter two shows that those who heard the gospel preached and who gladly received the instructions given them were baptized "and the **same day** there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:37-41). When Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian Eunuch, the Eunuch was baptized as soon as they came to a "certain water" (Acts 8:36-39). The infamous persecutor of the church Saul came face to face with Jesus as he traveled from Jerusalem to Damascus and was instructed by the Lord to go into the city and wait for one to come and tell him what he must do. As soon as the penitent Saul received the instructions for which he waited he was baptized into Christ (Acts 9:1-18; 22:16). After Paul and Silas had taught the jailor and his family "the Word of the Lord" the Bible tells us, "And he took them the same hour of the night and

washed their stripes. And **immediately** he and all his family were **baptized**" (Acts 16:33).

Each of these examples show an immediate response to the gospel. There was no hesitation, no postponement, and no waiting. These people were lost in sin. Each recognized that without an immediate response they would remain lost and without hope.

When Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote to the church in Corinth, he admonished them not to receive the grace of God in vain, "*For He says: 'In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, **now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation***" (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). The principle taught in this passage applies with equal force to both non-Christians and erring Christians. No one should put off taking the steps necessary to receiving God's forgiveness.

It is extremely sad when someone waits too long to respond to God's offer of salvation. None of us have a lease on life. Death can come and it can come quickly. None are assured of tomorrow. "*Whereas you do not*

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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, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Anna Arrant, Walter Bryars, and Ann Workman, 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 Greenfield church of Christ in Greenfield, TN August 5-10 with Wade Webster preaching. See the bulletin board for details and additional announcements.
- **Pantry items for August:** 5-Green Beans; 12-Spinach; 19-Carrots; 26-Kleenex.
- 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.
- “Give God your weakness and He will give you His strength” (See 2 Corinthians 12:10 and Ephesians 6:10).
- “You’re always one decision away from a totally different life.” (See Joshua 24:15).
- “Start each day with a grateful heart.” (Read Colossians 3:15).
- “If the devil is knocking at your front door, let Jesus answer it!”
- “God expects spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.”
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“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 10:45 AM

“Is Sincerity Alone Sufficient For Salvation?”

Sunday 6:00 PM

Brother Gootan from India will give us a report on his work

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know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Dear friend, God loves

you. His great desire is your salvation (2 Peter 3:9). However, your immediate response is required! *“today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts”* (Hebrews 4:7).

WHAT SHOULD WE CALL THE CHURCH? *By David Spoule*

- In a recent religious blog, the author (a prominent member of a large denomination himself) reviewed what he called “Contemporary Trends in Church Names.” Space will not allow a listing of all the common church names that he found but notice what is making the top of the list today:

- **“Point” has become ubiquitous:** LifePoint; CrossPoint. Add an “e” to be fancy: GracePointe.

- **“Life” has a new life:** Life Church; Real Life; New Life; LifePoint or LifePointe.

- **Five biggies the past ten years:** Journey; Bridge; Foundry; Mosaic; and Generation.

- **“Cross” has made a surge:** Cross Church; Cross Fellowship; Cross Roads; CrossPoint.

- **Meaningful names:** Impact; Potential; Epic; Transformation; Renovation; Innovate.

- **“Fellowship” can be found in almost any town.** It usually has other words, but sometimes just Fellowship Church.

- **“Grace.”** Especially in the Reformed churches.

- **Many churches like the “New” factor:** New Life; New Hope; New Song; NewPoint; New Pointe.

- **Moving on up:** Elevate; Vertical; Summit.

What do you notice about these names

being used for various groups today? In short, not a single one of them is found in the Bible. But, is that really a big deal?

Do you realize that without the Bible, we do not know a single thing about the church—its origin, its establishment, its organization and even its name—is found in the Bible! So, if we wanted to know what the Lord wanted us to call the church, there is one source to which we must look! To use a name that is not found in the Bible is to use a designation created by man rather than by God! Why would we do that?

The church of the Bible wears the name of its Founder, its Owner, its Savior, its Bridegroom. There are various designations for the church in the New Testament: “the church” (Col. 1:18); “the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12); “the church of God” (1 Cor. 1:2); “the church of the living God” (1 Tim. 3:15); “churches of Christ” (Rom. 16:16); “the kingdom of God” (Mark 9:1); “the kingdom of the Son of His love” (Col. 1:13); “the house of God” (1 Tim. 3:15). Compare these Scriptural designations for the church with the ones that are popular today. The designations in Scripture are given as marks of ownership, for the church does not belong to man but to Christ!

If a “church” today wears a name different than one found in the Bible, can it be the church of the Bible?

--Via Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Website



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!

THE GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK GBNTV.ORG



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For a programming schedule go to

http://gbntv.org/whats_on_tonight/

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

August 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE

AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie
Substitute: James Pigg

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:

AM: Roy Wyatt & Shaun Fuqua
Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Sunday PM

5—Bobby
12—Jim
19—Bobby
26—Jim

OPENING PRAYER:

5—James Pigg
12—Mike Ernstberger
19—Hayes Grady
26—Preston Barrett

CLOSING PRAYER:

5—Jesse Vincent
12—Larry Enoch
19—Dave Thompson
26—Charles Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy & Shaun

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

London & Peyton

SONG LEADERS:

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

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Lawn Care: Shane Smith

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!