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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am
and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm

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WILD HORSES COULDN'T DRAG ME AWAY

BY TODD HOUSTON

Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not. Jeremiah 20:9

Some things we do require all sorts of poking and prodding to keep us engaged and motivated. If our hearts are not fully invested, it is quite difficult to follow through and complete the task at hand, especially if any outside pressure is applied to try to dissuade us. Conversely, when we are tasked with doing things about which we are passionate, then the old saying "wild horses couldn't drag us away" becomes reality. If we have zeal for someone or something, no amount of pressure or inherent difficulty will keep us from following through. Therefore, it is so important to foster a deep, abiding love for the Lord if we are to stand in the day of trial for our service to Him.

In John 2:13-22, we read of a scene where Jesus confronted a group of traders and moneychangers who had perverted the temple of God and used it for their own

profit. This was the first of two occasions where this had to be done (cf. Matthew 21:12; Mark 11:17). Not only were they profiting from that which belonged to the service and glory of God, but they were sorely mistreating the people who came to worship God. The livestock vendors charged exorbitant prices for the animals the people had to offer in worship, and the moneychangers collected inflated fees to exchange currency for those who traveled from foreign lands to worship. As He said in Mark 11:17 while quoting Isaiah 56:7, "**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.**" The moneychangers were making worship for those of other nations unnecessarily burdensome. "Jesus' response is an impressive display of righteous indignation as he made a whip of cords, drove out the livestock, dumped the moneychangers' money, and overturned the tables.

When the Jews confronted Him and asked what authority He had for running them out, He offered up His resurrection as the proof of His power and position.

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, and Vickie Canter.

Family and Friends: Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt.

- Some may be wondering about our Spring **School of Biblical Studies** and our **Spring Gospel Meeting**. Both of these events have been **cancelled** due to the increase in Covid cases in our area. Let's pray that we will be able to have these events in the fall.
- **PANTRY ITEMS January 2022:** 2—Peaches; 9—Peanut Butter; 16—Carrots; 23—Peas; 30—Canned Potatoes. Please bring any additional items you wish for the "blessing box" which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **January 2022 Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 14—Shane Smith; 18—Karen (Hall) Elkins; 26—Marjorie Grady; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org
- Watch **A BIBLE ANSWER** each Sunday at 8:00 am locally on the CW WQQW TV in Paducah, KY.
- *"The road to hell is paved with good intentions." But be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).*

THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 2021

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Preside at Lord's Table AM: Larry & Junior

Preside at Lord's Table PM: 2—Larry; 9—Bobby;
16—Larry; 23—Bobby; 30—Larry

Opening Prayer AM

2—Jonnie; 9—Chad; 16—James; 23—Jim;
30—Mike

Closing Prayer PM

2—Jesse; 9—David; 16—Roy; 23—Bobby; 30—Perry

Song Leaders: AM Perry-; PM Mike-; WED Chad

Count Contribution: Larry & James

Usher: Chad

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— *"What Happened on Pentecost?"*

6 pm—*"Book of Mormon—1, A Review"*

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

7:00 PM

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Interestingly, the very statement He made about destroying and raising the temple of His own body was twisted at His trial to claim He threatened to destroy the temple (Matthew 26:59-61). No doubt He knew this action would set the leaders who profited from these practices on a path to try and destroy Him, but as John pointed out in John 2:17, zeal had consumed Him. As the King James renders it, zeal for God's house had eaten Him up. Wild horses couldn't drag Him away.

This is not to say we have a right to go throwing people's tables over and driving

them out of their misguided religious efforts. The reason for that is we do not possess Jesus' ability to judge the hearts of men (cf. John 2:25). This passage does not give cover for us to abandon tact in defending the truth (cf. Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15). Nevertheless, Jesus died to purify a people "zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14), so we who understand the tremendous gift of God and the task He has given us (Matthew 28:18-20) must develop an intense zeal that says of our God-given work, "wild horses couldn't drag me away."

—Wild Horses Couldn't Drag Me Away — Elizabethon Church of Christ (elizabethoncoc.org)

OVERCOMING WORLDLINESS By Jonnie Hutchison

As Christians, we are no doubt impacted by worldliness to a much greater degree than we might think. The media has played an indisputable role in spreading filth of all kinds. A majority of television programming includes sexual innuendoes if not outright depictions of sexual activity. The majority of movies available for viewing are rated "R" and include foul language, nudity and a host of worldly material. Both on T.V. and in the movies, marriage is devalued and sex before marriage is glorified. Homosexuality is touted as "an alternate lifestyle" and is now more widely accepted than ever. Pornography is readily available on the internet and many have become addicted to viewing it. Marriages have been destroyed and some have lost their jobs because of this addiction. Violence is ever increasing in our world—murders (including abortions), war, terrorist acts, gang violence, robberies, and break-ins are the headlines we hear and read each and every day. We live in a time when worldliness has become the norm in the lives of the majority and spirituality has taken a back seat—and is being pushed further and further back. How do we, as Christians, survive this ever increasing onslaught of worldliness? How do we maintain our faithfulness to God?

In the days of Noah the condition of the mankind is described in these words: "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with vio-

lence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth" (Genesis 6:11-12). This is the atmosphere in which Noah and his family lived, and yet, the Bible says that "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9). How did Noah maintain his relationship with God in a world where evil permeated every aspect of the society in which he lived? The answer is found in Noah's response to God's instructions to build an ark in which he and his family would be saved from the destruction of an universal flood.

How Noah was able to overcome worldliness can be summed up in one word—FAITH! "By *faith* Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became the heir of the righteousness which is by *faith*" (Hebrews 11:7). One who truly believes that God exists and that the Bible is the revelation of His will to man has the necessary tools to live faithful to God even if every other person around him/her chooses to live a corrupt life. Worldliness is our enemy! Faith is the weapon to defeat this enemy!

Noah exercised his faith in God by submitting in obedience to what God commanded him. "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did" (Genesis 6:22). If you have the strength of faith to obey God, you have the power to overcome all worldliness, and live a holy life in an evil world!



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THE DEVIL *By Jerry Joseph*

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour” – 1 Peter 5:8.

The devil is our enemy and wants to deceive and destroy us. What are his desires? He desires that we...

- ⇒ Attack Bible Authority – Col. 3:17
- ⇒ Approve of Sin – 2 John 9-11
- ⇒ Abuse God’s Word – 2 Peter 3:16
- ⇒ Avoid obedience – 2 Thess. 1:7-9
- ⇒ Abandon the Truth – James 5:19-20

As we understand his desires this

should help us to be more determined to defeat him. What will help in defeating the devil?

- ⇒ Acknowledge his reality – 1 Peter 5:8
- ⇒ Abstain from evil – 1 Thessalonians 5:22
- ⇒ Avoid his wiles – Ephesians 6:10-17
- ⇒ Adhere to God’s Word – Psalm 119:11
- ⇒ Approach God in prayer – Matt. 26:41
- ⇒ Anchor our hope in God – James 4:7

“Submit ourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” – James 4:7.

—*St. Peter’s Church of Christ—MO.*

FOLLOW
GOD'S →
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1. Hear the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. Believe Jesus is the Son of God—John 8:24.
3. Repent of Sin—Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess faith in Christ—Rom. 10:9-10
5. Be Baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21.
6. Faithfully serve the Lord—1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 4:7-8.



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