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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

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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- India—Dale Foster
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WHAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING By Jonnie Hutchison

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:9, *“That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.”* All of us can relate to this statement because we experience it in our lives. Events that have occurred in our past are repeated each year. Earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters will occur in this New Year as they have in past years. Illness, disease, accidents and crime are going to occur in 2019 just as they did in 2018. Yes, *“that which has been is what will be...there is nothing new under the sun.”*

If God allows this world to continue through 2019 there are some things that we can be certain to experience.

DEATH will be a part of our experience in 2019. We know that death is an appointment that all must keep (Hebrews 9:27). In the New Year, it is possible that someone reading this article will die. Are you ready for that experience should it happen to you? Knowing that life is *like “a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away”* should en-

courage us to do what is necessary to be ready to face death when it comes (James 4:14). That means obtaining a right relationship with God in receiving the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus which is granted by obeying what He has commanded for our salvation (Matthew 7:21; Romans 5:8-9; Hebrews 5:8-9). Again, are you spiritually ready, dear reader, should death come to you in 2019?

SIN will continue to enslave millions in 2019. The devil will continue to be actively seeking the destruction of precious souls just as in previous years (1 Peter 5:8). The Bible teaches, *“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived”* (2 Timothy 3:13). Just as in times past, millions of precious souls will die in their sins, lost and without hope (John 8:24; Ephesians 2:12). Young people, who have reached an age of accountability, will experience the relentless efforts of the originator of lies to deceive them in making sin attractive by hiding its true ugliness and its immediate and eternal consequences. Sadly, the majority will yield to the devil and

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NEWS AND NOTES

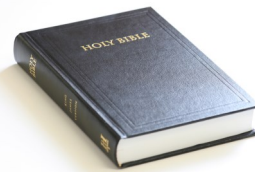
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes, Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Carolyn Bryars, Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Mary Vincent, Jesse Vincent, Larry Enoch and Jim Fielder.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Anna Arrant, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Brandon Wiggins, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew and Dale Foster. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please write down their names and hand it to Jonnie.
- **Pantry items for January:** 6—Apple sauce; 13—Green Beans; 20—Green Peas; 27—Pinto 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>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance and Mike Kiser in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **January 2019 Anniversaries:** Carolyn & Walter Byars 1-27; **Birthdays:** Marjorie Grady 1-26; Ruthie Sales 1-10; Shane Smith 1-14; Karen Workman 1-18. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **Why do people disobey God?** Why do Christians sometimes give in willingly to temptation? Jesus said, “If you love me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Since obeying Jesus expresses love for Him, what does disobedience indicate? The answer is a lack of love. Until one loves Jesus sincerely and without reservation, he or she will not continue in obedience. Do you love Him? - JH.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: From whom were the Edomites descendants?

Last Week: What were the four principal offerings required under the Law of Moses as revealed in the book of Leviticus? *The burnt offering (Leviticus 1); the sin offering (Leviticus 4); the trespass offering (Leviticus 5:1-7:7); and the peace offering (Leviticus 3).*



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
“Why We Need the Bible in 2019”

Sunday PM
To Be Announced

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begin a lifetime of spiritual bondage to the one who seeks their everlasting destruction. Our hearts ache when we see so many of our youth choosing to love the world rather than God (1 John 2:15-16).

God and His Word will be ignored and rejected by the majority in 2019. This has always been true in every generation. In spite of God's warnings most will choose to follow a multitude to do evil (Exodus 23:2). Jesus spoke of two different paths one may take in life—the strait and narrow way which leads to life, and the broad way that leads to destruction. Of the broad way Jesus said, “there are many who go in by it” and of the strait and narrow way, “few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). Which path will you choose in 2019? Will you reject God and His Word or submit to His will in loving obedience?

A few will be “born again” in 2019. We hope and pray for this number to be multiplied many times. The “new birth” is essential to entering into the Kingdom of God (John 3:3-5). This spiritual birth takes place when a penitent believer confesses faith in Christ and is baptized into the death of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Peter 1:22-23). Having received the washing away of sins by contacting the blood of Jesus, one is born into the spiritual family of God being a “new creation” in Christ (Acts 2:38-47; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4). 2019 can be the start of a new life for you, dear reader, if you will make the choice to obey the Lord.

A few will continue their faithful service to the Lord in 2019. These will continue to use their abilities and opportunities, seeking the lost, helping those in need, assembling for worship, studying the Bible and looking with great anticipation to receiving the promised reward of eternal life. Like the

apostle Paul, they are actively engaged in fighting the good fight of faith, finishing the race, keeping the faith and doing what they can do to reach the lost with the message of salvation (2 Timothy 4:7-8). They are not ashamed of the gospel recognizing it as God's power to save (Romans 1:16-17). In 2019 these faithful brothers and sisters will continue to let their lights shine bringing glory to God (Matthew 5:16). Will you be among that number, dear friend? Will you be God's faithful servant in 2019?

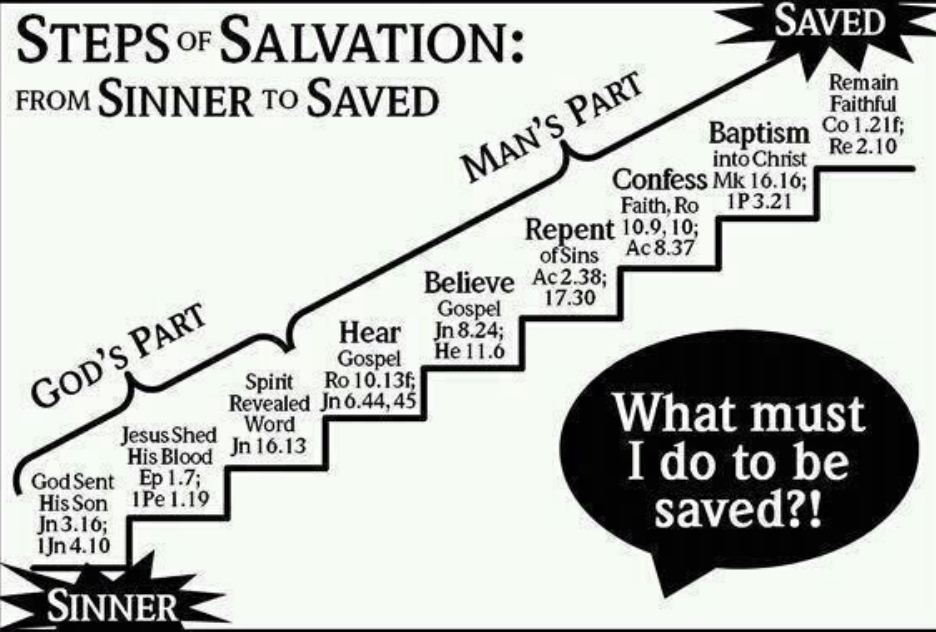
The New Year is recognized as the time when resolutions are made. The greatest resolution that YOU or anyone else may make for 2019 is to resolve to accept and obey the will of God. Resolve to be a faithful child of God actively involved in loving and serving Him with your whole heart, mind and soul (Matthew 22:37). Resolve to seek the things that are above (Colossians 3:1-2). Resolve not to be distracted by the things of this world, all of which will perish (1 John 2:15-17).

One final thing that will not change in 2019 is God's love for you and His desire for your salvation. God does not want you to be lost. He has done all He can do consistent with His divine nature to save you from your sins and to give you the hope of heaven. He has been long suffering to us because He “*is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9). Even now He continues to plead for those who are lost to accept His offer of salvation. This side of the judgment, our Lord's plea will not change. In 2019 He will still be offering His gracious invitation, “*Come unto me all ye that labor and are heaven laden. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls, For my yoke is easy and my burden is light*” (Matthew 11:28-30). Will you accept it?



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! A warm and friendly welcome awaits!



Happy New Year

As the New Year begins Gail and I would like to thank each member of the Green Plain congregation for your continued encouragement and support as we work together for the cause of Christ.

Your thoughtfulness, understanding and love are most appreciated. Your love for the Lord, His church and His word are especially uplifting. Your love and concern for the lost both here and abroad continues to glorify God and save souls. In this New Year, let us each endeavor to grow in faith and knowledge and resolve to continue faithful to the Lord putting aside those things that would hinder our efforts. May God continue to bless each of you with health and may your soul continue to prosper.

In Christian Love—Gail and Jonnie

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

January 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bobby Hall
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
 AM: Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg
 Substitute: Jim Lowrie

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
 AM: Dave Thompson & Perry Jarvis
 Substitute: Chad Canter

Sunday PM

- 6—Mike
- 13—James
- 20—Mike
- 27—James

OPENING PRAYER:

- 6—Bobby Hall
- 13—Jonnie Hutchison
- 20—Hayes Grady
- 27—Jim Lowrie

CLOSING PRAYER:

- 6—Chad Canter
- 13—Roy Wyatt
- 20—Preston Barrett
- 27—Dave Thompson

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Dave Thompson & Charles Enoch

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

London & Peyton

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: /Charles Enoch
 Sunday Evening: Perry Jarvis
 Wednesday: Mike Ernstberger
 Substitute: Chad Canter

USHER: Chad Canter

Lawn Care: N/A

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!