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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

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
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Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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THE LIVING WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

Some seem to have the idea that the Bible (the written Word of God) is lifeless and out of touch with the realities of our present times. The view is that modern society has “out-grown” the Word of God, and thus God’s Word is irrelevant and unnecessary. What such thinking fails to take into consideration is the purpose of the Bible.

The Bible was never intended by God to be anything other than the revelation of God’s plan to save man from sin through Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us what sin is, what the eternal consequence of sin is and gives us divine instructions to follow to receive the forgiveness of our sins and prepare ourselves to enter into heaven at the second coming of our Lord (Matthew 25:46; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). Any person who will admit that people are continuing to commit sin by violating the spiritual law of God revealed in the Bible will also of necessity recognize the continued relevancy of the Bible.

(1 John 3:4). Since the Bible reveals the necessity of receiving the forgiveness of sin and how that forgiveness may be received, then as long as men and women continue to sin the Bible will continue to be absolutely essential to our needs.

The inspired writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews describes the Word of God as being “...*living and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (Heb. 4:12). A careful study of this passage reveals six great characteristics of God’s Word: It is living, active or powerful, sharp or accurate, piercing and discerning. None of these terms describe something that is dead, weak or ineffective. On the contrary, these terms describe just how powerful an impact the Word of God may have on those who need to benefit from it. On the Day of Pentecost when Peter and the other

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Junior Morris.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Tommy Boggess and Tish Clarke. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS January 2023: 1—Carrots; 8—Canned Meats; 15—Green Peas; 22—Paper Towels; 29—Black-eyed Peas.

January 2023; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 18—Karen 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.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.



Watch “A Bible Answer” each Sunday morning on WQQW The Heartland’s CW (Paducah, Ky) at 8 AM (Sundays).

Watch on YouTube—[Bible Answer - YouTube](#)

Watch on GBN Sundays at 10 AM, Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 PM,

THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 2023

Announcements—James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table—Bobby & Mike

Lord’s Table PM: 1—Bobby; 8—Mike; 15—Bobby; 22—Mike;
29—Bobby

Opening Prayer AM

1—Jonnie; 8—Chad; 15—James; 22—Jim L.; 29—Mike

Closing Prayer AM

1—Perry; 8—Dave; 15—Junior; 22—Roy; 29—Jesse

Song Leaders

AM— Perry; PM—Mike; Wed—Chad

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike



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apostles preached the Word of God to those gathered for the feast the reaction was, "Now when they **heard this**, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?'" When they were told what to do (Vs. 38) "those who **gladly received his word** were baptized..." (Vs: 41). It was the powerful Word of God heard and believed that prompted obedience to God's commands

that resulted in the salvation of some 3,000 souls on that day. That very same gospel proclaimed, believed and obeyed today retains its power to save. It has not lost one iota of its living, active power to save! It still pierces the heart and discerns the very intent of it. It will save your soul dear reader, if you will accept it for what it says and obey its teaching. May God grant each one a desire to know His powerful Word and obey it .

IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU *By Gary L. Hutchins*

As a very young child it seemed as though a year was almost an interminable period of time. The school year, especially, seemed as though it would never end. Through my teen years time continued to drag. At eighteen or nineteen it seemed as though I would never get to be twenty one, a full fledged legal adult. That was something of a contradiction to me since, by the time I turned twenty one, I had already been married for two and one half years, been working and operating in an adult world for three years and had been in military service for over two years. But once I became legal the years seemed to click off ever more quickly.

Anymore, the expression "time flies" seems like an understatement. Some of that sense may be due to the continuing emphasis that our culture places upon speed. We're always seeking ways to do things faster. However, as we cut down production time, we simply fill the time we save with more tasks. As we accomplish more, we're always seeking ways to accomplish more yet, a never ending cycle that seems to wind itself around our necks in an ever tightening noose.

But time is moving quickly, and each

passing year brings each of us closer to the day when our personal time on this earth will be over. More important, each day brings us closer to that day of reckoning when God will hold all mankind accountable for the way they have lived their lives and bring time, as this world knows it, to an abrupt end.

With the passing of time I've come to realize that the real basis of life does not consist in how many jobs we get done, how many promotions we accumulate, how much money we save or how many things we possess. What gives life meaning is our spiritual identity. We're created in God's image. He has an eternal home with Him prepared for us. Getting there, and hopefully taking others with us, is what life is all about. Serving God here is tied to our getting there. Teaching others this truth is part of serving God here. The devil has been very good at getting people to focus only on this life and away from God.

As the Lord's church, if we're not careful we can also get caught up in the material side of life. Our facilities are important, but they're only a means to an end,

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providing a comfortable and convenient setting in which to worship God, study His word and teach others the gospel. We need to focus on getting souls in the seats, people who need to hear the gospel. We need to reach out to them in effective, purposeful ways. We need to focus on our own need to be at services and on the importance of our children to be in Bible classes. We need to pray for, and seriously talk to, our brothers and sisters in Christ who either no longer attend or who attend sporadically.

Here we are at the beginning of another new year. Time is passing, getting shorter. We have work to do. Souls are at stake. Our souls may be at stake. There is precious little time left. Let us use this year wisely, squeeze out of it as much good as we can for the cause of Christ. Let us use our times in such a way as to be able, when our time is up, to feel good about the way we used it. Let us use this year and every year, first and foremost, to God's glory.

—Edited from the Sunny Slope church of Christ

Proverbs 1:5: “A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel”

Bible Study



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
 CLASS 10:00 AM
 “The Book of Acts”**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
 “The New Year Before Us”**

**SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
 “Jesus and the Woman at the Well” John 4:3ff**

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
 “A Study of the
 Book of Matthew”**



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