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Schedule of Services

- Sunday Bible Classes 10:00 AM Morning Worship
- Wednesday Bible Classes
- Thursday Bible Classes
- Friday Bible Classes
- Saturday Bible Classes
- Sunday 10:45 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Elders

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

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

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THE PURPOSE OF DISFELLOWSHIP

By Jonnie Hutchison

The purpose of the withdrawal of fellowship from the impenitent Christian is sadly misunderstood. The inspired Paul gave the main purpose for withdrawing fellowship in the words he wrote to the church in Corinth concerning a man who was involved in the sin of fornication. He told the Corinthians to “*deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus*” (1 Corinthians 5:5). The purpose of exercising corrective discipline upon the fornicator was for the purpose of encouraging repentance so that his soul could be saved at Jesus’ second coming. This must be the ultimate goal of any exercise of either instructive or corrective discipline.

When a Christian becomes involved in sin and after efforts are exhausted to bring that person to repentance, the last step in the process is a formal withdrawal of fellowship. This separation from the spiritual fellowship of the church is designed to help the erring child of God to understand that his or her sin has already separated him or her from God

(Isa. 59:1-2). The sinner is no longer walking in the light, thus no longer in God’s fellowship (1 John 1:7). That fellowship can only be restored upon the erring Christian’s repentance, confession of sin and praying for God’s forgiveness (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). When one is thus restored to God’s fellowship he or she also returns to the fellowship of the church and great joy is produced both in heaven and among brothers and sisters in Christ.

The separation that is a part of the withdrawal of fellowship is designed to help the erring child of God understand the eternal consequences should he or she refuse to repent. Now one has the opportunity to repent but in the eternal separation of hell there will be no avenue of repentance—the separation will be permanent. Jesus said of the lost, “*These shall go away into everlasting punishment....*” (Matthew 25:46a). Never again will the impenitent Christian assemble for worship, enjoy the company of faithful Christians or experience all the spiritual blessings God has

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Ann Workman, Will Winchester, Amie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips and Donald and Dorothy Cook.
- **The Fall session of the *School of Biblical Studies*** continues each Monday from 7-9 pm in annex. Brethren Josh Manning and Brad McNutt are presenting outstanding lessons on the books of 1 Peter and Jonah respectively. If you enjoy in depth Bible study you will not want to miss this opportunity.
- **Pantry items for October: 6—Canned Orange Juice; 13—Sweet Pickles; 20—Toilet Tissue; 27—Canned beans (any kind).**
- 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, Mike Kiser and Paul Jones 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 abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **October 2019 Anniversaries: 21st Chad & Vickie Canter; Birthdays: 8th Jim Fielder and Perry Jarvis; 10th Bobby Hall.** Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:** *Annual Chili Supper Friday November 1st; Annual Area Wide Singing at Green Plain on November 22nd.*
- *Most of are disgusted with the obvious political division in our nation. It is disheartening and discouraging. Yet, most people seem not to be concerned with the religious division that continues to destroy the unity for which Jesus prayed (John 17:20-21). Should that not be of greater concern?*



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What was the sin of Simon the Sorcerer?

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last Week: How many stones did David have left after he killed the Philistine Goliath?

Answer: David selected **five** smooth stones from a brook. He used only one stone in his sling to kill Goliath which left him with **four stones**. (1 Samuel 17:40-50).

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Each consecutive Monday
Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 2019**

⇒ **I Peter—Josh Manning
Eastwood Paris, TN**

⇒ **Jonah—Brad McNutt
Walnut Grove Benton, KY**

Meet in the Annex 7-9 PM

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given to His faithful servants. There will be only eternal regret and the sinful pleasures and relationships the erring Christian thought were so important and satisfying in this life will be but bitter and disgusting memories as one suffers the horrors of a devil's hell. The withdrawal of fellowship by the church is but a preview of the eternal separation that awaits the unfaithful Christian.

Dear Christian, if you are unfaithful to God please consider the seriousness of your present situation. You are lost! You have nothing to which to look forward but an eternal separation from God and your brothers and sisters in Christ. God has given you this time to make things right because He

does not want you to be separated from Him in eternity. He wants you to be saved and to experience the joys of dwelling with Him and the faithful of all ages in heaven. He sent Jesus to die for your sins to make that eternal fellowship possible. You don't have to be lost. You can make things right with your God. You can be restored to His fellowship.

"Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me." (Acts 8:22-24).

"JUST WHERE DO YOU STAND?" By Frank Shepherd (deceased)

In Ephesians 6:10-11 the apostle Paul describes the Christian armor. In 1 Timothy 6:12 he exhorts the reader as he would the Christian soldier, "to fight the good fight of faith." In the line of thought of being a "soldier" the Christian must strive to move forward without retreat and without compromise.

In putting on the whole armor of God we are to "stand therefore," Ephesians 6:14. We stand in various ways: 1) We must stand for something, so we stand "for the righteousness of God," (Romans 10:2); 2) We must stand on something, so we stand on the foundation of Christ for "other founda-

tion can no man lay than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11); 3) We must stand in something, so we stand in the "true grace of God." (1 Peter 5:12); 4) We must also stand apart from sin and error. King David describes the child of God as one "that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." (Psalms 1:1). So the question comes to each of us, "Just where do you stand?"

—Warner's Chapel church of Christ
Clemmons, NC

WHY IS IT? By Jerry Joseph

- Why is it, that we find time to read the newspaper, magazines, etc., but cannot find the time to read, study, and meditate upon God's Word? (1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3)
- Why is it, that we faithfully attend ball games, business related meetings, social gatherings, club

meetings, but are not faithful in attending all the services including Sunday and Wednesday evening? (Heb. 10:24-46; Acts 2:42)

- Why is it, when it comes to politics, we do not mind letting others know what we are politically, but then are afraid and embarrassed to let others

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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!

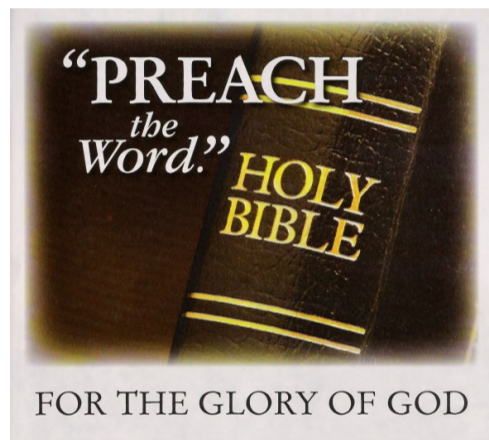
Lessons Today

Sunday AM

Husband & Wife—Dos & Don'ts

Sunday PM

*“Things to Remember—things to Do”
Jude 17-21*



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know that we are Christians, members of the church of Christ? (1 Pet. 4:16).

- Why is it, we are so concerned about the physical things of this world, and we neglect spiritual things? (Mat. 6:33; Col. 3:1-3; 1 John 2:15-17)
- Why is it, we are so concerned about whether or not animals are being mistreated, but are not concerned when unborn babies are being killed every day? (Rom. 12:9-10; 13:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21)
- Why is it, we can sit at a ball game or in front of the TV for two to three hours and not even nod, but the moment we sit down in our place in the worship services, we are gone? (John 4:24; Psa. 122:1)
- Why is it, that we as parents will make sure that our children will be in school every day possible, but then we are not so concerned about their attendance in Bible class? (Eph. 6:1-4) - Why is it wrong to have God and the Bible in our schools, but right to have God and the Bible in our prisons? You can pass out Bibles in prison but not in school. Does that make sense?

Why Is It?

—Church of Christ St. Peters, MO.

THOSE TO SERVE

October 2019

Announcements

Charles Enoch

Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord's Table

Dave Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute: Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table 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—Charles Enoch

13—Roy Wyatt

20—Preston Barrett

27—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Dave & Bobby

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Chad

If unable to serve please call
Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!