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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
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

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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WHAT PEOPLE DID TO BE SAVED By Jonnie Hutchison

This writer recently heard a preacher claim that one who desires to be saved should “pray this prayer.” “Blessed Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sake. I open the door of my heart and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my trespasses and for giving me eternal life. Take control of the wheel of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.” If you believe that praying this prayer will allow you to receive the forgiveness of your sins, please answer the following question.

Where is the example in the New Testament of any person desiring salvation being told to pray this prayer? In Acts 2 Jews from out of every nation under heaven who had gathered for the Pentecost Feast heard the gospel preached by the apostles. It is obvious from their response that at least some of them believed they were responsible for crucifying the Son of God. This conviction prompted them to ask the question, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” This would have been the perfect time for the in-

spired Peter to answer “pray this prayer.” However, Peter did not answer with such directions. Instead, he told his listeners to “... Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

When Philip had preached Jesus to the Ethiopian the Bible says they came to a certain water and the Ethiopian asked Philip, “see here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” (Acts 8:35-36). What a perfect time for Philip to tell the Eunuch that one is saved before and without baptism by “praying this prayer.” However, that was not Philip’s answer to the Ethiopians request. Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The Ethiopian confessed his faith in Christ and then Philip baptized the Ethiopian (Acts 8:7-39).

In every case of conversion found in the New Testament the so-called “sinner’s prayer” is conspicuously absent. A careful study of these conversions shows a pattern that includes the hearing of the Word of God (Acts 2:37),

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

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, Tish Clarke and Shawn & Rhonda Culver and their family. . Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

THANK YOU! The elders would like to express their gratitude for all who assisted in feeding the Enoch family after the celebration of life for our brother Larry. The members of this congregation are always willing to step up as needed. How thankful we are to God for each and every member of the Green Plain congregation.

PANTRY ITEMS August 2022: 2—Peaches; 9—Corn; 16—Soups; 23—Syrup; 30—Kool-Aid.

October 2022 Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 8-Jim Fielder; 18- Perry Jarvis; 29- Bobby Hall; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

AREA EVENTS: GOSPEL MEETING October 17-20 with the theme “Jesus Is The Way” at the downtown Martin Public Library Stage, 89 Central St. in Martin, TN. Services are at 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Speakers: Brent Arnold “Finding Jesus The Way”, Robert Hatfield “Jesus The Way Out of Religious Confusion”, B.J. Clark “Jesus, The Way to Forgiveness” and Lowell Hayes “Following Jesus, The Way”. More info on the bulletin board.

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THOSE TO SERVE OCTOBER 2022

Announcements—James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table—Bobby & Mike

Lord’s Table PM: 2-Bobby; 9-Mike; 16-Bobby;

23-Mike; 30-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM

2-Jonnie; 9-Chad; 16-James; 23-Jim L.; 30-Mike

Closing Prayer AM

2-Perry; 9-Dave; 16-Junior; 23-Roy; 30-Jesse

Song Leaders

AM- Perry; PM-Chad; Wed-Mike

Count Contribution: Bobby and Mike

Thanks for Serving!

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Eight consecutive
Mondays**

Sept. 19-Nov. 7, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM

(Meet in the Annex)

Larry Powers

“Church History”

Jack Philips

“2 Corinthians”

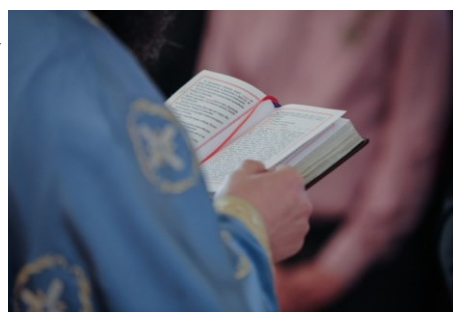
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faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Acts 8:37), repentance of sin (Acts 2:38), confession of faith in Christ (Acts 8:37), and immersion in water for the remission of sins

(Acts 2:38, 41; 8:38). Why would one believe that this pattern is any different for those desiring salvation today? God has given the pattern for salvation, not man. Have you followed God's pattern?

HOW DO YOU READ THE BIBLE? By Jerry Joseph

- Do you read simply out of **curiosity**, not really looking for Truth?
- Do you read with a **critical mind**, thinking that it really doesn't matter anyway?
- Do you read with a **closed mind**, thinking that you already know enough?



HOW SHOULD ONE READ THE BIBLE?

- We should read **carefully**, remembering that this is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

- To read **candidly** with an open mind, free from prejudice (Acts 17:11) is essential to understanding the Bible.

- **Constant** readers we must be. Plan our time with the "book" and do not let other things interfere (Psalms 1:1-2).

- As we read, we must be **committed** to the Truth

that we learn to the extent that whatever that "Truth" is, it is going to be a part of our life. **THINK ABOUT IT!**

—St. Peter's church of Christ, MO.

GROWING CONDITIONS

About 12 years ago a close friend gave my wife some saw tooth oak seedlings he brought back from Arkansas. We took them and planted them all over our place. One particular tree was planted out back near where we had burned brush while cleaning the place up after we bought the property. Another was planted out front near where the old railroad line used to run. The tree planted out back where the soil was rich with ashes and plant material immediately began to grow while the tree in the front didn't seem to grow at all. Now, after all these years the tree in the back is over 30 feet tall while the tree in the front planted in the rocks and clay struggles to top 12 feet even though the trees were planted at the same time.

Jesus told a similar story about growing in Matthew 13. There He told of seeds being planted in different growing conditions and the results there of. Our spiritual growth is dependent upon the conditions we allow ourselves to live in and the everyday things we do. We must ask ourselves, "Am I feeding my spirit with God's word? Am I doing things which will grow my faith?" or "Am I slowing my spiritual growth by neglect and over exposure to things of the world?" By reading the bible daily, regular worship, and living a life full of love and good works will provide the necessary growing conditions for a healthy spiritual life.—Jay Launius – 2020 Maud church of Christ Maud, Texa



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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6).

Bible Study



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

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“At Your Word I Will”

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
“Sitting Your Worried Mind At Ease”

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
“A Study of the Minor Prophets”

MONDAY 7-9 PM
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Presented by the Coldwater & Dexter churches of Christ Host: Luke Puckett

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