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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

- Larry Enoch
- 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

Location

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THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND By David Sproule

Sometimes those who are followers do not realize that they are blind. They truly and honestly believe that those who are leading them and teaching them are solid, knowledgeable, trustworthy persons. For a variety of reasons, followers often follow without verifying what they are being told. Sometimes that's just easier. But, when it comes to our eternal salvation, do we want to put our trust in a man or in the God of heaven?

In Matthew 15, Jesus had one of His many encounters with the Pharisees—a Jewish sect who were revered for their (supposed) knowledge of and strict adherence to the Law of God. The Pharisees were the largest Jewish sect of Jesus' day, with many followers. However, what the Pharisees adhered themselves to was their own traditions, not the Law of God. (Read the parallel verses in [Mark 7:1-4](#).) Jesus called them, "Blind leaders of the blind."

They were "blind leaders of the blind" because they would "break the commandment of God for the sake of [their] tradi-

tion" (15:3). Any group today who is more focused on their manmade traditions and doctrines than they are on carefully following the doctrine of Christ fall in this same category.

They were "blind leaders of the blind" because they changed the nature, focus and basis of "worship" of God (15:7-9). First of all, the focus of the worship was more on the outward than on the inward. "Their heart" was "far from" God, even though they looked, on the outside, like they were honoring Him. Second, the basis of their worship was "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men," which made their worship "vain." True worship is "in spirit and truth" ([John 4:24](#)). When either or both of these elements is absent or misrepresented, the worship is not acceptable to God.

They were "blind leaders of the blind" because they "were offended" at the teaching of Jesus and His truth, rather than being convicted by it (15:12). When individuals are not concerned with "the whole counsel of

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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, Jack and Michel Phillip, Tommy Boggess and Tish Clarke. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

Our Sympathy is extended to Teresa, Amanda, Allison, Triston, his brother Steve and all the family of our brother Larry Enoch who passed from this life this past Wednesday. Larry served faithfully as a deacon here at Green Plain for a number of years and will be greatly missed by all of us. Though we will all certainly miss Larry we do not sorrow as those who have no hope. Continue to remember this family in prayer.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Joann Barnes who passed from this life this past week. Sister Barnes attended this congregation for a time. Her funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time of this writing.

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** at the Coldwater church of Christ in Murray, October 9-12, 2022 with Jerry Joseph preaching. Monday-Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm. See the bulletin board for more details.

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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God” (Acts 20:27), but only focus on their own wishes and traditions, they will be offended when Jesus’ truth is taught to them.

Look carefully at what Jesus said about those who are blind leaders and those who are their followers. *“Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted,”* and *“both will fall into a ditch”* (15:13-14). Many denominations, hu-

man doctrines and manmade practices have been “planted,” which are “not according to Christ” (Col. 2:8). They may “seem right,” but their “end is the way of death” (Prov. 14:12). May God help us to not be a blind leader or a blind follower! Let us open our eyes to His one truth!

—From [Blind Leaders of the Blind - Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ \(pblcoc.org\)](http://Blind Leaders of the Blind - Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ (pblcoc.org))

“What Will YOU Do in the End Thereof?” By Jonnie Hutchison

In the days of Jeremiah, the nation of Judah had embraced idolatry and rejected God. Their rejection of God would bring them into captivity as their northern neighbor, Israel, had already experienced. Despite Jeremiah’s warnings of their coming captivity, the people of Judah refused to believe him. Instead they are described in Jeremiah 5:31 with these words, *“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?”* Obviously, the false prophets told the people what they wanted to hear rather than what they needed to hear. They spoke lies and the priests agreed with their false prophesies. But Jeremiah asked a very important question. Though the people believed the false prophets and priests *“what will we do in the end thereof?”* In other words, the deception of the people would not save them from captivity in the end. The captivity was certain whether the people believed it or not!

Many today have the idea that God will save everyone regardless of whether they choose to live in harmony with His will or not. However, Jesus taught there are two ways one may walk in this life – the strait and narrow way that leads to life or the broad way that leads to destruction. His conclusion regarding the “broad way” was that

“many go in by it” while *“few”* choose to walk the way that leads to life (Matthew 7:13-14). Yes, one may believe God will save everyone but *“what will you do in the end thereof?”*

Some religious groups reject the idea of eternal punishment in hell for sinners. Their argument is that God is so loving that He would not allow anyone to be punished in hell forever. Yet, Jesus taught concerning the wicked, *“these shall go away into everlasting punishment....”* (Matthew 25:46). The Bible tells us that those who *“know not God”* and *“obey not the gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...”* (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Yes, one may reject the reality of eternal punishment in hell but *“what will we do in the end thereof?”*

The book of Psalms declares, *“Forever O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven”* (Psa 119:89). God’s Word does not change simply because one chooses to reject what it says. What was true in the days of Jeremiah is still true today. The end will be as God has said whether one believes it or not. If you choose to reject God’s plan for your salvation ***“what will YOU do in the end thereof?”***



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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!

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The churches of Christ in Weakley County Tennessee will host a "Community Worship" October 17-20, 2022—7:pm each night. The theme is "Jesus Is The Way." Subjects and speakers are Mon-Finding Jesus, the Way -Brent Arnold; Tues-Jesus, The Way Out of Religious Confusion -Robert Hatfield; Wed-Jesus The Way To Forgiveness -B.J. Clarke; Thurs-Following Jesus the Way -Lovell Hayes. Downtown Martin Public Library State 89 Central St. Martin TN.

Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

"The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

"Salvation: What It Is &

What It Is Not"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00

"Sin—How & Why"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

"A Study of the

Minor Prophets"

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