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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

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
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

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

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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Hazel, KY 42049
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NO GOD, NO WORRIES?

By Steve Higginbotham

A few years ago, The British Humanist Association began a “Bus Campaign” in which they printed the following on the sides of British buses, “There’s Probably No God. Now Stop Worrying And Enjoy Life.”

Well, there are many things I might say about this, but I will confine my remarks to just this thought. Convincing one there is no God is not reason to stop worrying, but rather gives one reason to worry! Without God, ethics and morals are independent and autonomous. “Right” and “wrong” are determined in the mind of every individual. What right would one have to impose his ethics on another person? If there is no objective, Godgiven standard, then logically, one could do as he pleased. Now that’s the kind of world in which I would worry about living in!

The British Humanist Association claims to represent people who have ethical concerns but are non-religious. But that is the “Achilles heel” of atheism. I am not saying that every atheist is a

moral or immoral, but what I am saying is that atheism provides no values, no code of ethics, no standard by which to measure any human conduct. If there is no God; if one is nothing more than a biological accident; if one is accountable to no one; if one is here today and gone tomorrow; then why shouldn’t one live as he chooses? What possible reason would one have to deny himself gratification in order to demonstrate love, patience, and compassion for others?

Contrary to the campaign slogan, we better start worrying if there is no God!

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FRIDAY NOV. 1ST
5:00 PM

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, 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 WQQW 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.*
- **“Sinners Jesus will receive. Sound this word of grace to all; Who the heavenly pathway leave, All who linger, all who fall.” Yes, it is MY responsibility (Mark 16:15-16).**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What does the name Barnabas mean as stated in the New Testament?

last Week: *What was the sin of Simon the Sorcerer?*

Answer: Simon tried to purchase from the apostles the power to lay his hands on others and impart the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:18-24). However, only the apostles of Jesus possessed this ability.

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

STUDY AND PRACTICE *By Jonathan McAnulty*

There are very few areas of expertise achieved by men apart from diligent study and practice.

Olympic athletes and other individuals considered to be at the peak of physical human ability are not born that way. They have a regime they have followed, and most of them practice, and practice, and practice, devoting hours a day to improving themselves. Our physicians and surgeons are not considered competent to take us apart and put us back together again without first undergoing years of study and training. There are many more examples that could be given.

There are not many activities where constant practice does not improve ability. And there are few activities where, with enough practice, most people can not achieve some competence. Generally, when an individual says, "I could never do that," what they really mean is that they don't want to spend the time and energy to learn how to do a thing. Sometimes such thinking is borne out of fear, but if we were to be honest with ourselves, frequently it's just laziness or a lack of proper motivation on our part.

Why should we think that it is any different in matters of spiritual achievement?

The Bible reminds us concerning spiritual ability, maturity, and our ability to understand the Bible: "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:13-14; NKJV)."

Let us first notice that it is possible to be "unskilled" in God's word; implying that it is fully possible to be "skilled." This skill is achieved, not through the passage of time, but through, "reason of use," and,

"exercising" the senses to discern good and evil. In other words, spiritual ability and spiritual talents get better with practice and exercise, just like any other skill.

Have you considered the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, made like us in every way, and partaking of the full human experience, had to study to get better with God's word? We find Him engaged in a Bible study at the age of 12, and when found doing so, He identified the study as His Father's will (cf. Luke 2:46-49). Thereafter we read that Jesus, "increased in Wisdom and Stature (Luke 2:52)." Jesus grew to be a wise man, because, from a very young age, He applied Himself to obtaining that wisdom. He became good at doing the right thing because he practiced constantly doing the right thing, so that He could say of His relationship with God, "I always do those things that please Him." (John 8:29)

But someone will say, "Well Jesus was God in the flesh, I could never be like Him." As in so many other things, however, such a statement is more of an excuse not to try than it is a valid argument.

God wants us to try to be more like Jesus. The term "Christian" means, "Christ-like." The Scriptures encourage us, telling us that we should look to the example of Jesus as our model for love, forgiveness and many other things (cf. Ephesians 5:2; 1 Peter 2:21; etc.) In fact, God very clearly tells us in His word that the goal is to grow spiritually, to reach the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). You might want to declare that you can't grow spiritually, but God says you can, and that you should, even if such an endeavor is going to take effort on your part.

Sure, chances are pretty good that if you

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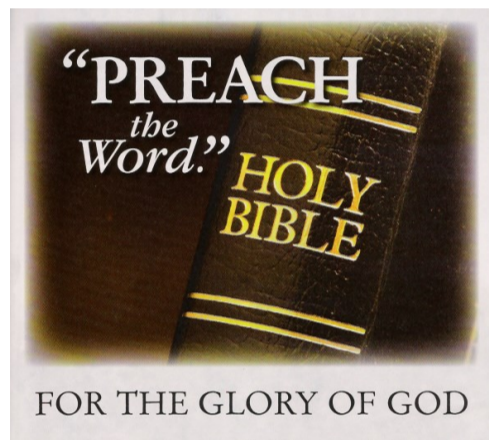
COME VISIT WITH US

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
*Christianity Vrs
Secularism*

Sunday PM
Paul Jones



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begin the process of spiritual growth, at some point you are going to falter. But it is only when we stop practicing that we stop improving. Don't sell yourself short. God sees great potential in you. Don't let laziness, fear, or indifference prevent you from achieving that potential. It takes practice, but the more you practice, the easier it gets.

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"speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," Eph. 5:19

AREA WIDE SINGING

GREENPLAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019
7:00 PM

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!