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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

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Supporting Works

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Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS By Jonnie Hutchison

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first” (1 Thess. 4:16). This obvious reference to the second coming of Christ speaks in context to dead Christians being called forth from the grave by a shout from the Lord—the shout of the same One who called forth Lazarus from the dead “with a loud voice” (John 11:43). This “shout” will be accompanied by the “voice of the archangel.” The Bible teaches that angels will accompany Jesus at His coming as they have a part in this final event (Matthew 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7). What the “voice of the archangel” will say is not revealed. However, what he says will obviously be significant and meaningful to those to whom it is addressed. Along with the shout of the Lord and the voice of the archangel there will be the sounding of the “trumpet of God”. Each of these is directly connected to the resurrection of the dead. And friend, it is not “if” the trumpet sounds, but “when” the trumpet sounds. Each of us is going to hear it. Consider this from 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, *“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

Let me ask a sobering question: If today you were to hear the sounding of

the trumpet of God would it bring you joy or fear? Would it be a cause for rejoicing or regret? How you answer these questions depends upon whether or not you have made the necessary preparation to receive the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life. This life is the only opportunity that you have to accept and obey God’s plan for your salvation from sin. When the trumpet sounds, it will be too late! When the trumpet sounds your eternal destiny will be sealed. When the trumpet sounds the unsaved will be forever separated from God in the place of everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

On the other hand, those who have submitted themselves in obedience to the will of God (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9), having received the forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus (Rev. 1:5b Rom. 5:8-9) will be filled with the greatest joy at hearing the trumpet of God. For when the trumpet sounds they will know that the trials and tribulations of life are over and, as good and faithful servants, will enter into the joy of their Lord (Matthew 25:21).

If you are reading this you know that the trumpet of God has not yet sounded. At this point in time you still have the opportunity to make the necessary changes in your life so that **when the trumpet sounds** you will be able to rejoice with the saved. *“And*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes Grady is at Raymond's home. Marjorie Grady is in Spring Creek. Jim Lowrie is in the Hospice House in Murray. Continue to pray for Marie Wyatt, Jackie Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Peggy Jarvis, and Joan Lathrop.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Gina Hutchison, Donald Cook and Teri Mercer.

PANTRY ITEMS October 2024: 6-Apple Sauce; 13-Peaches; 20-Pears; 27-Pineapple slices. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

October 2024; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 18-Perry Jarvis; 18-Russell Lathrop; 29-Bibby Hall.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; Request a **FREE** home Bible study—"Back to the Bible" for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS at the *Coldwater church of Christ* with Kevin Rutherford, instructor at the Memphis School of Preaching, October 27-30, 2024. Sunday Services are at 9:30 am for Bible class; 10:15 for morning worship and 1:00 pm for afternoon services. Monday through Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm. **Gospel Meeting** at the **Maple Hill church of Christ** in Benton, KY November 11-14, 2024 with Glenn Colley. Monday-Thursday services are at 7:00 pm.

THOSE TO SERVE October 2024

announcements: James Pigg

Lord's Table AM: Bobby H. & Russell L.

Lord's Table PM: 6-Chad; 13-Bobby; 20-Chad;
27-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM: 6-Chad; 10-Jonnie; 20-Perry; 27-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 6-Roy; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse;
27-Brent Jr.

Song Leaders: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Mike; Wednesday-Chad

Count Contribution: Bobby & Russell

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Continues Each Consecutive
Monday through Nov. 4th
7-9 pm**

**"A Study of Parables"
Larry Powers**

**"A Study of Hebrews" Part 1
Jonnie Hutchison**

Everyone is Invited!!

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the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts

come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." (Revelation 22:17).

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT GROWING OLD

As people, we sometimes have funny concepts about growing old. We don't want to become old, but neither do we want to die young. Douglas MacArthur is quoted as saying, "Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest in life and living wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair – these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust." As we grow older, we need to consider that "how" we grow old is far more important than how "old" we grow. In this article, let's ask what does the Bible say about growing old:

GOD WANTS US TO GROW OLD WISELY

Job said, "Wisdom is with aged men, with long life is understanding" (Job 12:12). The lessons of hardship, success and failure we learn in life should be passed on to the younger generation (Psalm 71:17-18) and hopefully the younger generation will have enough wisdom to listen (Proverbs 2:1-2).

GOD WANTS US TO GROW OLD RIGHTEOUSLY

The Proverb writer tells us, "The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31 – NKJV). May God bless the older man or woman who, day by day, grows more closely into the likeness of Christ (2 Corinthians

5:15; Gal. 2:20).

GOD WANTS US TO GROW OLD IN SERVING HIM

Luke tells us of the prophetess Anna who, at the age of 84 "...did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting's and prayers night and day" (Luke 2:37 – NKJV). A member of the Lord's church was heard saying, "All I can do is pray." All I can do? My, how we underestimate the power of prayer in our lives! (Ephesians 6:18; cf. Luke 18:1-8; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2).

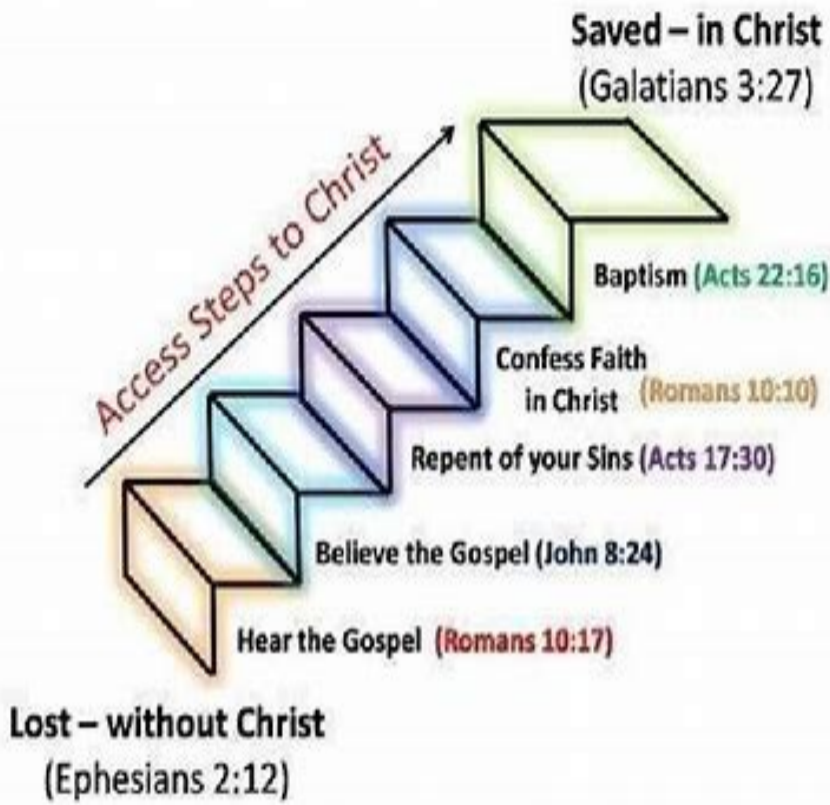
GOD WANTS US TO GROW OLD TRUSTING HIM.

God promised to His people, "Even to your old age I shall be the same, And even to your gray-ing years I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; And I shall bear you and I shall deliver you" (Isaiah 46:4 – NASV).

CONCLUSION

There is no doubt that we will grow old if we continue living upon this earth (Ecclesiastes 12:1-6). However, as we stated in the beginning of this article, "how" we grow old is far more important than how "old" we grow. Let us have the same attitude toward serving the Lord in our later years as Caleb, never quitting (or retiring), but asking the Lord to continue giving him more challenges ("mountains") to conquer and overcome with the Lord's help (Joshua 14:12).





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!

Bible Study Opportunities

- SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM**
"A Study of Matthew"
- SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM**
"What The Kingdom Is and Is Not"
- SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM**
"Three Judgments You Cannot Avoid"
- Wednesday 7:00 PM**

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"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." - 2 Timothy 4:3



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