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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; CCSOP-
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CAN AN ERRING AND LOST CHRISTIAN BE RESTORED TO CHRIST? By Kevin Cauley

“One of your articles discussed that a person who leaves the church and rejects God has no more sacrifice for sin. Can these people be brought back into the fold?”

Yes, provided they sincerely desire to come back. The book of Hebrews deals more with this issue of falling away than does any other book in the New Testament because so many Jewish Christians were falling away from the church to go back to Judaism. In Hebrews 6:4-6 we read, *“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”* Please understand what this passage is saying. Here are people who were Christians. They were “once enlightened.” They had “tasted of the heavenly gift.” They partook of the Holy Spirit. They experienced the “good word of God.” They partook of the “powers of

the world to come.” Yet, they made a conscious choice to refuse these things, forsake Christianity and go back into Judaism. The Hebrew writer says that it is “impossible to renew them again unto repentance.” I take this to mean that no outside force is going to be able to bring them back to faithfulness to the Lord.

Now, can they come back? There is no doubt that they can repent and turn back to God again. The story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 illustrates this very point. God is always willing to accept those who, in repentance, turn to Him and declare their love for Him. The Prodigal Son is an illustration of the very point that we need to make in this regard, so let’s look at that. Notice that the Prodigal Son left his father of his own will. He was in a good and blessed situation, but he decided that he knew what was best and left his father’s house. As a result, he squandered his inheritance living a sinful life. He eventually ran out of money and friends, and ended up in the lowest situation imaginable in that day—feeding

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Charlotte and Johnny Parker, Roger Rhoades,, Joel White, Mary Lou Joseph, Jennie Pool. Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **PANTRY ITEMS October 2021:** 3—Paper Towels; 10—Baked Beans; 17—Pickles; 24—Jelly; 31—Peanut Butter. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **October 2021 Anniversaries:** 21-Vickie & Chad Canter . **Birthdays:** 8-Jim Fielder; 18—Perry Jarvis; 29-Bobby Hall. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to the address on the first page of this bulletin.



Our Annual Chili supper is scheduled for November 5th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

- **5TH SUNDAY SINGING—October 31st at 6:00 pm.** “Sing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” Col.3:16.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 7th It is suggested that we set our clocks back one hour before we retire Saturday night.

Those to Serve October 2021

Announcements—Mike Ernstberger

Preside at Lord’s Table—Bobby Hall & Larry Enoch

Lord’s Table PM: 3rd-Bobby Hall; 10th-Larry Enoch; 17th-Bobby Hall; 24th-Larry Enoch; 31st-Bobby Hall

Opening Prayer AM: 3rd-Jonnie Hutchison; 10th-Chad Canter; 17th-James Pigg; 24th-Jim Lowrie; 31st-Mike Ernstberger

Closing Prayer AM: 3rd-Perry Jarvis; 10th-Mike Ernstberger; 17th-Junior Morris; 24th-Roy Wyatt; 31st-Jesse Vincent

Song Leaders: AM-Perry Jarvis; PM-Mike Ernstberger; Wed: Chad Canter

Counter Contribution: Bobby & Larry Usher: Chad

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts
Worship

AM— *Jim Lowrie*

PM— *5th Sunday Singing*

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

7:00 PM

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pigs. When he himself realized the depravity of his situation, he decided to make a change. He came home and was restored to his father. His father forgave him and received him back into his house. The one thing that you don't read about in the story of the prodigal son is people going out to check on him to make sure he was well. The father didn't go looking for him; the servants didn't go looking for him and the brother didn't go looking for him. They didn't look for him because in his situation there would be nothing that could be said to bring him back.

Now, there are situations where we should look for those who are lost. This is illustrated in the parable of the lost sheep and lost coin that are told immediately before the parable of the Prodigal Son. The lost sheep illustrates those who are lost through igno-

rance. The lost coin illustrates those who are lost through neglect. However, when one deliberately chooses to leave that which he knows is a place of rest and safety, then the only way that person can be restored is through their own personal decision. No amount of reasoning from us is going to persuade someone to come back who has purposefully chosen to be lost. So as the Hebrew writer said in Hebrews 6:4-6, it is impossible for us to renew them again to repentance. That is a choice that only that person can make. What must one do to come back? He needs to acknowledge his lost state. And since this question is addressing Christians, this means making a public confession of fault and recommitting oneself to the cause which was publicly abandoned.

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THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE WORLD *By Mike Riley*

Our Lord said, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus promised to build a church — it was to be His church. In Mark 9:1, Christ said this kingdom (church) would come with power. After His resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came on the first Pentecost day following the resurrection of Christ and His church was established on that day, according to Acts 2. Jesus is both the founder and the foundation of the church one reads about in the New Testament. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). Any church established by any person other than

Christ, in any place other than Jerusalem, at any time other than the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection, is not the New Testament church. The church of Christ is over 1900 years old!

The church Jesus built exists in the world today. It exists anywhere people abandon human opinions about religion and submit entirely and completely to the teaching of the New Testament. You can identify Christ's church in the world today! Read what the Bible says on the name we are to wear, the worship we are to offer God, the work of Christians, the organization and gov-

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ernment of the church, and compare Scriptural teaching to what men are doing in the religious world. Where you find people who are "Christians only," worshipping and working in exact conformity to the Word of God, without human creeds or catechisms, without additions, subtractions or substitutions to the teachings taught in the Scripture, you will

have found the Lord's church. It is in the world today!

We encourage all people to come back to the Bible, back to Christ, back to His teachings as revealed in the New Testament, and back to Christ's church (Revelation 22:17).

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