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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

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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THERE IS NO “ALONE” IN SALVATION

By Steve Higginbotham

When someone begins a sentence by saying, “The only thing necessary to be saved is...” you can know that they are in error and will eventually employ double-talk. There is no “alone” in the salvation process. It takes a combination of things, on man’s part as well as God’s part, to accomplish this wonderful event. We are not saved by “grace alone,” but we are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:5). If we were saved by “grace alone,” all men would be saved, for Paul wrote that the “grace of God which brings salvation has appeared to all men” (Titus 2:11). Yet, the Bible teaches that some, in fact, many, will be lost (Matthew 7:13-14). We are not saved by “faith alone,” but we are saved by faith (John 3:16). However, what efficacy would faith have if it were not for God’s grace? If “faith alone” could save, it would eliminate the need for God’s grace. We are not saved by “baptism alone,” but we are saved by baptism (1 Peter 3:21). However, baptism without faith or without God’s grace would only result in one being wet. Baptism requires faith in the working of God for it to be

effective (Colossians 2:12). According to the Bible, our salvation does not “arise” from any work that we have done (Titus 3:4-5; Romans 5:8). However, while salvation does not arise from any meritorious human effort, it must be appropriated by our cooperation (Ephesians 2:8-9). Without responding to God’s grace with a living faith (James 2:26), God’s grace will profit us nothing (2 Corinthians 6:1). Brethren, be careful not to hold a position that requires double-talk. If we say we are saved by [anything] “alone,” we will have to back up and deny our position if questioned. Salvation requires two parties – God and man. The scheme of redemption had its beginnings in the gracious, compassionate love of God without our help or contribution. But having said that, our salvation is not completed until we respond to the divine conditions of pardon set forth in Scripture. There is just no “alone” in the accomplishment of our salvation.

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Marie Wyatt and Jim Lowrie.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison and Mike Smith.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com.

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. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

PANTRY ITEMS November 2023: 5—Apple Sauce; 12-Peanut Butter; 19-Peas; 26-Corn.All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

November 2023; Anniversaries: 1st– Ann & Dave Thompson (71); 13-Jane & Brent Morris; 17-Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. **Birthdays:** 15-Jonnie Hutchison.. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.



**TUNE IN TO WATCH AND HEAR
THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED 24/7
ON THE GOSPEL BROADCASTING
NETWORK GBNTV.ORG**

THSE TO SERVE November 2023

Announcements: Chad Canter

Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Table PM: 5-Roy; 12-Junior; 9-Junior; 26-Roy

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Jonnie; 12-Bobby
119-James; 26-Jim

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Mike; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse
26-Chad

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Chad; Wed-Mike

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

If you cannot serve contact Chad Canter

**ORNAMENT
PARTY**

**DECEMBER
9TH**



**5:00
PM**

**At the Home of
Jane Morris**

- ◆ **“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.”**
- ◆ **“God’s love is the anchor that steadies us amidst life’s storms.”**
- ◆ **“Aspire to be a reflection of God’s love in the world.”**

THE BEST LIFE YOU CAN LIVE

By Jonnie Hutchison

Consider these words inspired by the Holy Spirit— *“For He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”* (1 Peter 3:10-12). This passage speaks to what is necessary to the best life that one can live—a life one can truly enjoy and is good. Note that there is no mention of money or material possessions related to the enjoyment of a good life. Living a joyful and good life is not dependent upon what one has but rather upon the kind of life one chooses to live.

A Life Free of Lying and Deceit. No one can successfully deny that lying and deceit produce all kinds of problems in life. Lying is a vicious cycle that results in more lies and leads to additional sins. Lying destroys reputations, negatively impacts relationships and results in many kinds of painful experiences. It should be obvious that no one can truly enjoy a good life while engaged in lying and deceit. God is said to *“hate a lying tongue”* (Proverbs 6:17) and *“lying lips are an abomination to the Lord”* (Proverbs 12:22). Lying and deceit bring neither joy nor good to ones life.

A Life That Turns From Evil to Do Good. Sin has consequences both in this life and that which is to come, *“...the way of*

transgressors is hard” (Prov. 13:15) and *“the wages of sin is death”* (Rom. 6:23). One who chooses to live an evil life, a life of sin, will experience the negative consequences of that choice. On the other hand, choosing to turn away from evil and to do good results in the enjoyment of a good life. Jesus said, *“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10b).

A Life That Seeks and Pursues Peace. Until one obtains peace with God through the forgiveness of sin he or she will not experience the most joyful and best part of life. This peace with God comes through the precious blood of Christ which He shed on the cross for us (Rom. 5:8-9; Col. 1:20). It is the *“peace that surpasses all understanding”* (Phil. 4:7). It is a peace which, for one who has accepted it, endures through every struggle and trial of life *“guarding our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* In addition, the peace one has with God impacts our relationships with others as we are to be *“endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Eph. 4:3) and, *“to live peaceably with all men”* (Rom. 12:18). When one seeks and pursues peace it will contribute to a joyful and good life.

A Life That Recognizes the Presence and Goodness of God. God knows and sees everything that goes on in our lives (Hebrews 4:13). His eyes are open and His

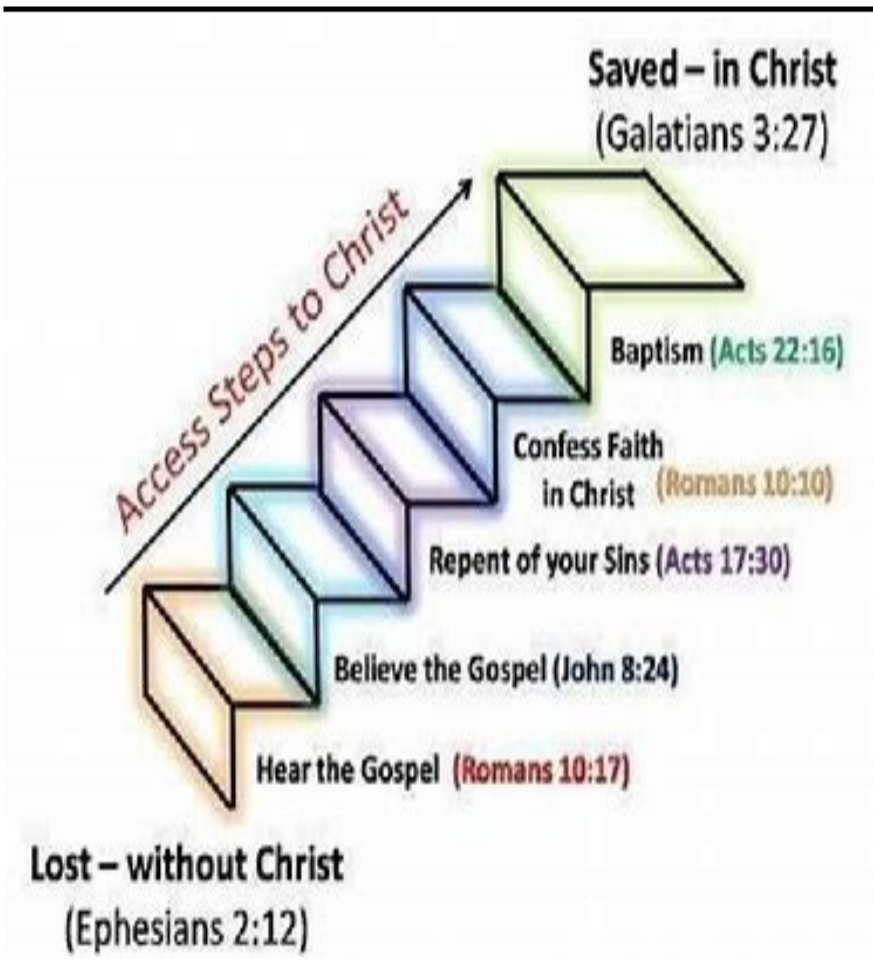
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ears are listening to the righteous. He loves and cares for us and wants what is best for us now and in eternity (John 3:16). *“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you”* (1 Pet. 5:7). Every good and perfect gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Knowing there is someone who is there when we need Him, who loves and cares so much for us, is why we can enjoy life and see good days while we sojourn on this earth.

As we apply these truths to our lives we can live the best life possible now and enjoy an eternity with God in heaven at the end of our journey.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7-8).



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
Study of Matthew

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“A Study of John 1:1-5”
Ron Hutchison

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
“UFO’s, ET’s & the Bible”
Ron Hutchison

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Premillennialism



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