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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

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- Mike Ernstberger
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- Jesse Vincent

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SUCCESS IN LIFE *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Most people desire to be successful in life. Yet, how does one determine success? To some success means advancing up the career ladder. To others success means being able to afford the “luxuries” of life – an expensive automobile, a large home, shopping at the most expensive shops and stores, wearing the latest fashions, sporting expensive jewelry, etc. The great American dream is to become “independently wealthy.” Though the bible does not condemn the possession of wealth or material things, it does warn against the misuse of them. Riches may choke out the desire for the things of God (Luke 8:14). Jesus said, *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God”* (Matthew 19:24). Paul warns that *“they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil....”* (1 Timothy 6:9-10). He then declared, *“Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high-minded, nor trust*

in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy” (1 Timothy 6:17).

In the parable of the “rich fool” is a warning against covetousness and trusting in the material rather than the spiritual. The man certainly prospered, but God called him a fool for he laid up treasures upon the earth when he should have been laying up treasures in heaven. In the words of inspiration, *“Riches profit not in the day of wrath....”* (Proverbs 1:4).

In our day, one does not have to look far to see whole religious systems built upon the false premise that God desires those who follow Him to be materially wealthy, to enjoy the luxuries of life and that all one needs do to enjoy this kind of “success” is to “plant a seed of faith” (which means, make a substantial contribution to their: ministry”). It is certainly true that Jesus promises the necessities of life to those who “seek first the kingdom” (Matthew 6:33), but the New Testament also says, *“But godliness with contentment is*

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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.

- **OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Griselda Adams who passed from this life last week. Griselda was a member of this congregation for many years and will be missed by all of us. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord....”*
- **THANKS** to all who provided food and served the Adam’s family following the funeral of our sister Griselda this past week.
- **PANTRY ITEMS November 2021:** 7—**Green Beans**; 14—**Canned Corn**; 21—**Canned Peaches**; 28—**Canned Soups**. 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.
- **November 2021 Anniversaries:** 1—Ann & David Thompson; 13—Jane & Brent Jr. Morris.; 17-Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; **Birthdays:** 15-Jonnie Hutchison; 23– Vickie Canter 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.***
- **“Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” (Romans 13:7).**

Those to Serve November 2021

Announcements—Bobby Hall

Preside at Lord’s Table—Chad Canter & Mike Ernstberger

Lord’s Table PM: 7-Chad; 14-Mike; 21-Chad; 28-Mike

Opening Prayer AM: 7-James Pigg; 14-Larry Enoch; 21-Jim Lowrie; 28-Bobby Hall

Closing Prayer AM: 7-Jesse Vincent; 14-Junior Morris; 21-Roy Wyatt; 28-David Thompson

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

Counter Contribution: Mike & Chad Usher: Jesse

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM

The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— *Who Switched the Price Tags?*

6 pm— *Sanctification Is Not Sinless Perfection*

Wednesday Bible Class

A Study of 1 John

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great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8). The emphasis in the life of one who would please God must be upon the spiritual, not the material. Our souls are at stake. *"Beware of false prophets.... who through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of*

you...." (2 Peter 2:1-3). This aptly describes the purveyors of the "gospel of health and wealth" of our day.

True success in life comes when men and women forsake sin and submit themselves in obedience to divine truth and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in their lives. This is the success that reaches into eternity.

"AND SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU" By Clifton Angel

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

We see it happening all around us. And we see it so much so that we may be tempted to become contempt and avoid anyone who is involved in such and refuse to help them. We may be tempted to become complacent and do not see the need to help anyone who is involved in such. And we may be tempted to become corrupt and be involved again with these ourselves. I say "again" because of the words in the next verse: such were some of you (1 Corinthians 6:11). *"But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God"* (1 Corinthians 6:11).

If we have been washed in the blood of Jesus, let us realize the great mercy, love, and graciousness that God has shown toward us through Him. Let us never become corrupt again. Let us never become complacent to where we do not do not see the need to help anyone who is involved in such. Let us never become contempt so that we avoid anyone who is involved in such and refuse to help them.

Maybe you've yet to be washed in the blood. Jesus washes our sins in his blood (Revelation 1:5). Jesus washes away our sins when we submit to baptism (Acts 22:16). But baptism must be preceded by, hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17), believing that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), repenting of your past life of sin (2 Corinthians 7:10), and confessing your faith in Jesus (Romans 10:10).

-Via bulletin Gold



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