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Schedule of Services

- Sunday
Bible Classes
10:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:45 AM
Evening Worship
6:00 PM
- Wednesday
Bible Classes 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
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

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

Location

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WHERE WILL YOUR CHILDREN EXIST IN ETERNITY? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The question that is the title of this article is one that should be the constant concern of every parent. It is one with which this writer struggles on a daily basis knowing that one of our adult children is no longer faithful to her Lord but has chosen instead to follow a path which will ultimately lead to her eternal separation from God. Her only hope (and ours for her) is genuine repentance. Knowing that our God is “ready and willing to forgive” our constant prayer is that she will see the need of returning to her Lord before it is everlasting too late. Psalms 86:5 tells us, *“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”*

As parents, we have a huge impact upon our children both in the secular and the spiritual realms. This is especially true during their formative years when they are the most impressionable. Children learn both from what their parents say and what they see their parents do and they ARE HEARING and WATCHING! They see both the

mistakes and inconsistencies. They witness both the positives and the negatives in their parents' lives and form many of their views of life from what they hear and see.

The greatest responsibility of parents to their children is the most neglected in the majority of families. Parents are responsible for teaching God's Word to their children and bringing them up in the “training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). This is by far the most important and vital responsibility of every parent! Parents who fail in fulfilling this obligation fail their children and will suffer eternal regret for their failure. None of us as parents would hesitate to rush into a burning building to save our children from a horrible death. Yet, what will we do to save them from the eternal fires of a Devil's hell? (Read Matthew 18:6-9).

It is natural for faithful Christian parents whose adult children have left the Lord to blame themselves. However, parents are not always to blame.

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarete Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, and Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook and Larry Wyatt.
- **Local Events:** This evening will be our 5th Sunday singing. Come and praise our God in song at 6:00 pm.
- **Pantry items December: 1—Popcorn; 8 —Soups; 15—Pears; 22—Green Beans; 29—Toilet Tissue. All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.**
- 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, Arnold Gerson 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.
- **December 2019 Anniversaries:** 17th Jesse & Mary Vincent; 22nd Hayes & Marjorie Grady Birthdays: 5th Nathan Hale; 7th Mike Ernstberger; 9th Debbie Ernstberger; 12th—Wanda Barrett; 12th Jesse Vincent; 14th Faye Travis; 16th Cody Canter; 17th Marie Wyatt; 18th Wanda Barrett (Green Plain RD); 18th rex Enoch; 21st Larry Enoch; Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will include them next week.
- **If you are able to receive the MyTV channel (WDKA Channel 49 in Paduka and on WK&T and other providers), tune in to the “Good News” program with Jim Dearman each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.**
- **“Be aware! Satan is busy seeking your spiritual destruction (1 Peter 5:8).**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: According to Jesus, what is the “the first and great commandment”?

Last Week: *What is required of those who would love life and see good days?*

Answer "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" (1 Peter 3:10-11).

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
Guest Speaker

Sunday PM
5th Sunday Singing

“Preach the Word”
2 Timothy 4:2

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Every person is accountable to God for his or her choices in life and not every person makes the right choices. The Devil is active, the pull of sinful pleasure is often strong and some, who have been brought up to know right from wrong, yield, stumble and fall away in spite of the effort of loving parents to train them during childhood. We

sorrow and grieve daily, our hearts are broken, but with prayer and patience we must continue to faithfully put our trust in our gracious God.

Where will your children exist in eternity? Every loving parent will put forth every effort to lead their children to an eternal existence in the joys and bliss of heaven!

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS *By Aaron Veyon*

“I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your laws” (Psalm 119:30).

The term “resolution” (as we often think of it) basically means “firm determination to take a course of action.” With each new year people all around the nation make their new year’s resolutions. With some it is to quit smoking; with others its to go on a diet or to get more exercise (etc.). Though intentions are usually very good, for many it seems that their determination loses steam in just a short while.

The same kind of frustration can be seen

in our spiritual lives. It’s not good enough to just talk the talk, we must also walk the walk. There is little good in making noble plans if we will not put those plans into action and see them through.

God (our most perfect example) says of Himself, *“...Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it”* (Isaiah 46:11). Let me encourage you to follow God’s example. And let us not only resolve to do the Lord’s will, let us actually do it.

—<http://www.churchofchristarticles.com>

BE A BARNABAS *By Roger Johnson*

Barnabas was a person anyone would love to be around. Why? He was a tremendous encourager of others; he made others feel good about themselves and their work. And his encouragement was not an artificial slap on the back, but a sincere and genuine response. The apostles were so impressed with this quality that they changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas which means, “Son of exhortation” (Acts 4:36).

On several occasions Barnabas used his great ability to advance the cause of Christ when many early converts were without physical sustenance, Barnabas sold a

field he had owned and brought the profits to the apostles who distributed it to the needy (Acts 4:37). After Paul’s conversion, many brethren questioned his genuineness. They had heard about the many things Paul had done against the church and were afraid of him. Barnabas took Paul to the apostles and convinced them that Paul was now a true disciple of Jesus and had risked his life for Christ (Acts 9:26-29). The gospel of Christ has been greatly served because Barnabas was willing to support and encourage a man like Paul. A few years later, when he and

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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!



**TUNE INTO WATCH AND HEAR
THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED 24/7
ON THE**

**GOSPEL BROADCASTING
NETWORK
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Paul were about to embark on their second evangelistic tour, Barnabas once again manifested his magnanimous quality to encourage. Paul refused to take John Mark with them since he had withdrawn from them on the first tour. Barnabas did not feel they should give up on Mark yet. Their disagreement was so strong that they went their separate ways, Barnabas taking Mark with him (Acts 9:36). History has proven Barnabas to be right. This same Mark was useful to him in ministering (2 Timothy 4:11). Barnabas was contagiously encouraging wherever he went. He had the genius that serves.

Oh, that more people would emulate his great attitude! Brethren, "Give heed to... exhortation..." (2 Timothy 4:13)! "Exhort one another day by day..." (Hebrews 3:13). There is nothing that will brighten the atmosphere like an enthusiastic person who offers a few positive words of genuine encouragement to others.

Barnabas was not known for his great writing skills, persuasive speaking, or flashy personality. That for which he was known was his ability to encourage. If you are looking for a talent or gift to develop, or a ministry in which to serve — try being a "son of encouragement." We've never needed them more.

—Via Pennington Bend church of Christ bulletin

THOSE TO SERVE

December 2019

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Larry Enoch
Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale
Substitute James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

1—Chad

8—Larry

15—Chad

22—Larry

29—Chad

Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Charles Enoch

29—Jonnie Hutchison

Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jesse Vincent

29—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan & Zoey

Usher

Bobby Hall

If unable to serve please call
Chad Canter at 270-873-7509