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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
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270-293-2319 Cell

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- 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
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hati/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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CREATION?

The natural world offers us compelling proof that it was made by a Supreme Intelligence with foresight and purposeful intentionality. In the beginning of the natural world and beginning of time, space, and matter can be not only proven by the Creator, Roman 1:20; but, scientific proof is evidence of what it clearly reveals. Darwinism collapses as creation evidence builds.

Throughout the academia world brainwashing has been in the Darwin theory. But

it's grip is weakening as its falsehoods are exposed.

Don't fall for the lies of materialist pseudoscience anymore. God, the Creator has a plan for your life. Jeremiah 29:11 Your soul is very important to God, and He has plans for your ultimate future with Him if you will accept it. Salvation is in Christ, not in science. Our hope is in God through His Son!

- *The Encourager* Fort Royal, VA

WHAT IF JESUS HAD RETURNED YESTERDAY?

By Milton Smith

The title of this article is a question of no little importance. And when we reflect upon Jesus' own words that "many" will choose to walk the way of eternal destruction and that "few" will ultimately make it to the gates of Heaven (cf. Matthew 7:13-14), this question becomes even richer in significance. While our busy schedules might often prevent us from doing so, we should actually reflect upon His return every day! Could it be that the Lord has chosen tomorrow as

the day of His return? If that be the case, in what condition will you find yourself to be in the day after tomorrow? Only the wise will bother to seriously ponder this thought.

We all need to live every day as if we actually had access to information that told us that Jesus' return was imminent; that it could occur at any moment "in the twinkling of an eye." But it is most interesting to consider the fact that in a

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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, Larry Enoch, and Mary and Jim Lowrie. Jesse and Mary Vincent are both home recovering from their respective surgeries.

Family and Friends: Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, 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.

- **ANNUAL ORNAMENT PARTY:** All the ladies are invited to an ornament party at the home of Jane Morris, Saturday December 11th at 5:00 pm.
- **PANTRY ITEMS November 2021:** 5—Stewed Tomatoes; 12—Spaghetti Sauce; 19—Tuna; 26—Apple Sauce. 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.
- **December 2021 Anniversaries:** 17—Mary & Jesse Vincent; 22—Marjorie & Hayes Grady; 17-Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; **Birthdays:** 7-Mike Ernstberger; 9—Debbie Ernestberger; 12—Wanda Barrett (Murray Paris Rd); 12—Jesse Vincent; 17—Marie Wyatt; 18-Wanda Barrett (Green Plain RD); 16—Cody Canter; 21—Larry Enoch; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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THINK ABOUT IT: *If God wanted His church to celebrate “Christmas” as a religious holy day celebrating the birth of Christ, would He not have told us? “If any man speak, let Him speak as the oracles of God.....” (1 Peter 4:11a). The first day of the week is the only religious holy day authorized to be observed by the church (Acts 20:7).*



This **FREE** video is available to watch online at www.wvbs.org

What is heaven? Is it a real place? Who lives in heaven? While Christians talk much about heaven, many have unanswered questions about it. In this video Don Blackwell presents an faith building study of what the Bible says about heaven.

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts
Worship

10:45 am— **“God’s Open Door Policy”**

6 pm— **To Be Announced**

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

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very real way, that is actually true. We know that Jesus promised us that He would return, and we know that we are closer to that day than any day that has yet dawned upon this earth; but we also know that this very day could be that day!

The world is nearly 2000 years closer to His return than it was during His earthly walk when He often spoke of that fateful day involving His impending return. "Watch" was the word of caution that Jesus often used when He spoke of

that inevitable day of His assured return. Later today, we will close out another day on earth (Lord willing!). Each of us will then welcome the dawning of a new day. May we all be living our lives as if we knew for a guaranteed fact that tomorrow would be that final day of mankind's existence in this rapidly passing world.

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:13).

—Hooker church of Christ, Hooker, Oklahoma via *Bulletin Digest*

THE TRUTH IS BOTH SWEET & BITTER By Chris Steele

God commissioned Ezekiel to preach to the children of Israel in the camps of the captives in Babylon. The prophet recorded what God told him (Ezekiel 2:1ff). The Lord described how rebellious the nation of Israel had been. They were "impudent and stubborn children." Ezekiel was not to be afraid of them or their words, even though they were like briars, thorns, and scorpions (Ezekiel 2:6).

Then Ezekiel saw a hand appear, holding a scroll of a book. In the book, the prophet could see lamentations, mourning, and woe written all over it. Then God told him to eat the book. Ezekiel ate the scroll, which was full of God's truths & His message to Israel. At first, it was sweet to the taste. Anyone with an open, discerning mind would know how sweet and satisfying His words are. But as with Ezekiel, once we see the harsher side of God's condemnation and punishment of rebellious sinners, these words are a bitter pill to swallow (cf. Ezekiel 3:3, 14). They will not satisfy their souls, nor fill their stomachs because it became their stumbling block of iniquity (7:9).

John received this same imagery in Revelation 10:8–10. He said, "Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, 'Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.' So, I went to the angel and said to him, 'Give me the little book.' And he said to me, 'Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.'" Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter."

This sweet and bitter response is still valid today. We consume God's truths written in scripture (Matthew 5:6). Jesus quoted an ongoing truth, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

When we understand the power these words have in saving our soul, we rejoice and are glad for the blessings the Savior brings. Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live

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forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

When we present these sweet, beautiful truths to others, and they reject the salvation they bring, it fills our hearts and souls with sadness and grief. But even though we know most will not believe the truth, we still must go and tell

them.

We should never let the bitterness of truth keep us from savoring the sweetness of God's word day by day. "How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103). "For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9).



I've learned....
 That when you harbor
 bitterness, happiness
 will dock elsewhere.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Punspirations>

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- ◇ **HEAR** the good news of salvation—Romans 10:17.
- ◇ **BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for your sins—John 8:24; MK 16:16
- ◇ **REPENT** of your sins—Acts 17:30-31.
- ◇ **CONFESS** your faith in Jesus Christ—Matthew 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10.
- ◇ **BE BAPTIZED** for the remission of your sins—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27
- ◇ **Live FAITHFUL** as a Christian—Rev. 2:10.

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