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# Schedule of Services

- Sunday
   Bible Classes
   10:00 Amma
   Morning Worship
   10:45 am
   Evening Worship
   6:00 pm
- <u>Wednesday</u> Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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# LET GOD BE TRUE By Jonnie Hutchison

Romans 3:4 reads, "let God be true, but every man a liar." Does this statement mean that it is God's desire that men tell lies? No. Revelation 21:8 places liars among those who will have "their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone." Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote to Christians, "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him" (Colossians 3:9 -10). It is obvious that God does not want anyone to tell a lie. The phrase then must mean something else entirely. The idea expressed in Romans 3:4 is simply this: when God and men conflict God is always right, and man is always wrong. One of the reasons why there is so much religious division among those who claim to be following the same God is because men have refused to let God be TRUE. Far too many have forgotten that "the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man that walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). The book of Proverbs tells us that "there is a way that seems right to

a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12).

The reason given as to why we must "let God be true, but every man a liar" is stated as "That You may be justified in Your Words And may overcome when You are judged." One denominational creed book states, "That we are justified by faith **only** is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort." Yet, the Word of God teaches, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and **not by faith** only" (James 2:24). Here is an obvious conflict between what men teach and what God teaches. Both cannot be true. One is right, the other is wrong. If one will "let God be true and every man a liar" which of the two teachings will he accept as true? Is it possible for one who teaches justification by "faith only" to be "justified in his words"? Will that person "overcome" when he is judged by God? Friends, one is not going to be judged by any denominational creed book, church manual or confession of faith. All of us will be judged by the Word of God. Jesus taught, "He who re-

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# **NEWS AND NOTES**

- REMEMBER IN PRAYER: <u>Green Plain members</u>: Paul Brandon Lori Brandon, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Mary and Jesse Vincent, Jim Fielder. And Larry Enoch.
- Family and Friends: Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Brandon Wiggins, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster and Thomas Cooper. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please write down their names and hand it to Jonnie.
- LOCAL EVENTS: The Spring session of the Green Plain School of Biblical Studies begins Monday, March 4th and continues through May 27th. The first six weeks Larry Powers will continue the study of 1 Corinthians; Glenn Head will teach 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John. The second six weeks Chris Kemp will teach the book of James and Jack Philipps will teach the book of Colossians. Our Spring Gospel Meeting is scheduled for April 7-11 with Larry Powers preaching.
- Pantry items for <u>February:</u> 3—Peanut Butter; 10—Jelly; 17—Shampoo; 24—Soups.
- Please 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 and Mike Kiser in their respective works.
- Watch "A Bible Answer" each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **February 2019 Anniversaries:** John and Laura Sales—1st; **Birthdays:** Krista Smith—8th; John Sales—12th; Maxine Pool—19th; Jan Pigg—25th; If we have left anyone out please let us know so we may put it in next weeks bulletin.
- Satan will continue to have his way with you unless you resist him (James 4:7).



# BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Which of the prophets of the Old Testament is often called "the weeping prophet"?

<u>Last Week</u>: What book in the Bible never mentions God by name? The book of Esther is filled with internal evidence of God's providence in the life of Esther. Yet the book contains no references directly to God.



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
"Paul in Athens"

Sunday PM
"Using the Tongue
for Good"

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jects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Our plea to each reader is to search

the Bible for yourself as to whether what you believe and practice in religion is from God (Acts 17:11). If you find there is conflict between what the Bible teaches and what you have always believed and practiced, "Let God be true, but every man a liar."

# **HIGHWAY TO HELL** By Gary L. Hutchens

The way we live our lives is often referred to by various terms that indicate a particular direction taken. We'll speak of the course of a person's life, or what path he's taking in his life, or what road he's traveling through life. Our Lord Himself used this very frame of reference: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matt. 7:13-14).

He spoke of two gates- one "narrow" and one "wide"- through which a person's life's walk will ultimately lead him. He also stated that there are two ways down which people choose to live their lives as they journey toward one of those gates. One wayvariously translated being as "difficult" (NKJV), "hard" (RSV), "strait" (ASV) and "narrow" (KJV)- leads to the "narrow" gate. The other way- described as "broad"- leads to the "wide" gate.

It should be noted that there are only two ways and two gates. The understanding conveyed in the text is that everybody will choose one of those ways as the direction his life will take, and the ultimate destination of his life will be through one of those gates. The gate through which a person will ultimately pass at the end of his life is fixed by his own choice of which way he takes in life. The narrow way leads to the narrow gate through which is eternal life- Heaven! The broad way leads to the wide gate beyond which is eternal destruction- Hell!

If Heaven is at the end of the narrow way, on the other side of the narrow gate, why would anyone choose any other way to travel through life? Perhaps because of what is conveyed in some of those other translations. Some people see it as a way that is "difficult," and "hard." But, really, the meaning of the text does not imply that traveling the narrow way through life is arduous or grueling. It is simply the way of truth, and living by truth requires consistent commitment.

Going down the broad way, on the other hand, requires no commitment at all. It is truly the path of least resistance. The way of truth is straight, narrow, direct, perhaps more a path than a road. On the broad way there are no restrictions, anything goes. It's not just a road, it's a superhighway. A great many people like having no hard and fast rules, being able to do anything they want at any time. They take pleasure in the idea of not having to exercise any more self discipline than strikes their fancy at any given moment.

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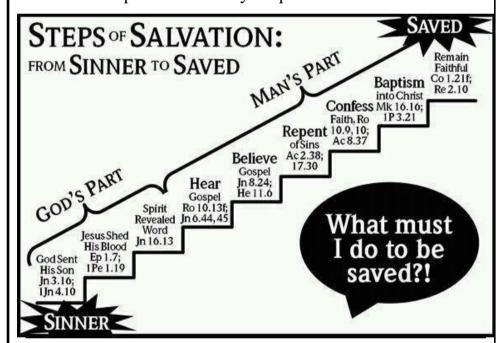
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and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you! A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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But a careless, frivolous lifestyle, from a general perspective, is self-destructive. There are standards in life that have to be met, rules that have to be followed in order for one's life to be productive and fulfilling. That principle is all the more true on the spiritual side of life. The narrow way, the pathway of truth, leads to all of the blessings and joys and enrichment of eternity in Heaven. The broad way leads to absolute, total, everlasting destruction. The broad way is truly a Highway To Hell!

—Copied from Sunny Slope church of Christ website





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# THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

#### February 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie Substitute: James Pigg

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE: AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris Substitute: Jesse Vincent

#### **Sunday PM**

3—Bobby

110—Jim

17—Bobby

24—Jim

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

3—James Pigg

10—Mike Ernstberger

17—Hayes Grady

24—Preston Barrett

#### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

3—Jesse Vincent

10—Junior Morris

17—Dave Thompson 24—Charles Enoch

# COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
Nathan

# SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger Wednesday: Chad Canter Substitute: Chad Canter

> USHER: Jesse Vincent Lawn Care: N/A

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thank YOU For Serving!!