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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am
and 2:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm

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WHERE ARE YOUR AFFECTIONS?

By Jonnie Hutchison

The word “affection” is a beautiful word. It brings to mind a warm attachment, love and fondness for someone or something. The New Testament tells Christians to “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Colossians 3:2). It would do well for each of us to ask, where do my affections lie? Am I more fond of the spiritual or the material? Do I love things below more, or those things which are above?

One cannot truly set his affection on things above until he has been “*risen with Christ*.” (Colossians 3:1). What does it mean to be “risen with Christ?” The New Testament declares, “*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life*” (Romans 6:4). When a believing, penitent person is baptized “into Christ” (Galatians 3:27), he is then “raised” from the watery grave **WITH CHRIST**. From that point on he should have his affections set on those things

which are **ABOVE**. He will love and respect the Word of Christ, the church of Christ, and will recognize that his own life is “*hid with Christ in God*” (Colossians 3:3). This means the necessity of putting to death all that is contrary to the will of Christ in ones life. Or, as inspiration states, “*put off the old man with his deeds,*” and “*put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*” (Colossians 3:5-10).

We plead with our readers to truly “set your affections on things above.” The things below will perish (2 Peter 3:9ff). Only genuine love and submission to the will of Christ will bring eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9). Dear reader, where are your affections?

WHOEVER YOU ARE...

There is some younger person who thinks you are perfect.
There is some work that won't get done unless you do it.
There is someone who would miss you if you were gone.
There is a reason for becoming better than you are.
There is a place to be filled that you alone can fill.
“Let **YOUR** light shine” (Matt. 5:16).

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Joan Lathrop, Wanda Barrett (Charter (Spring Creek Rehab), Roy and Marie Wyatt, Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry Wyatt, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Janice Canter, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy and Darren Mays.

PANTRY ITEMS February 2026: 1-Pears; 8-Peaches; 15-Fruit Salad; 22-Apple Sauce. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

January 2026; Anniversaries: 2-Tina and Chad Canter; Karen and Martin Elkins **BIRTH-DAYS:** 19-Maxine Pool; 25-Jan Pigg. Congratulations!

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. This study can be conducted in your home or in our building. You may call 270-978-7569 or write us at Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049.

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Time Change: Beginning Sunday **March 8th** our afternoon service will change to **6:00 pm**.

THOSE TO SERVE February 2026

Announcements: Chad Canter

Lord's Table AM: Perry & Bobby

Lord's Table PM: 1-Chad; 11-Russell 18-Chad;
25-JRussell

Opening Prayer AM: 4-Bobby; 11-Jimmy; 18-Jonnie;
25-Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Don; 11-Roy; 18-Jesse
25-Chad

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

Count Contribution: Perry & Bobby

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GUARD YOUR OAK TREE *By Clyde H. Slimp*

My grandma has always meant a lot to me. She could always find something for us kids to do when we went down to her house. She made great chicken-fried steak and mashed potatoes. She always had a smile and a piece of Dentyne for us at church, and if we ever needed some paper to write on, we knew she had it somewhere in her purse.

Of course, I love my grandparents for the people they are, their love, and the example they have handed down to us youngsters. One lesson I still remember came while Grandma was telling me about the time her house burned down when she was a small child. Her parents and older siblings were desperately trying to carry things out while the house was burning. Fearful that she would get hurt someone wisely charged grandma, "Child, you go guard our oak tree; stand by it and don't let go of it for anything!" Grandma told me with a chuckle, "Wild horses couldn't have moved me away from that oak tree! I really felt important and I guarded it with my life."

Everybody needs an oak tree to guard! We all need to feel like our lives matter and our efforts count for something. Without a



sense of purpose, life is meaningless. That is why the Bible assures us and encourages us in the work we are trying to do for the Lord and His cause. Consider these passages:

- *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, know that YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN in the Lord"* (1 Cor. 15:58).

- *"And let us not grow weary in well doing, for IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP IF WE FAITH NOT. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially they of the household of faith"* (Gal. 6:9-10).

Whatever tasks and opportunities God has given you, meet them with enthusiasm and commitment. May our ceaseless prayer be, "God give me an oak tree, and help me stand my post!" There is no higher purpose in life than doing what you can for God, and there is no work that will be more richly rewarded. Guard your oak tree!

—House to House, Heart to Heart

A PERSON MAY GO TO HEAVEN

- Without Health
- Without Wealth
- Without Fame
- Without a Great Name
- Without Learning
- Without Big Earning
- Without Beauty
- Without Friends
- Without Ten Thousand Other Things
- But One Can Never Go To Heaven

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

TIRED OF THE FILTHY MOUTHS

By Brad Harrub

One of the clearest indicators of cultural decline is not found in court rulings or political debates, but in everyday speech. Profanity has exploded in our culture—not only in conversations, but emblazoned across clothing, plastered on car decals, and casually promoted as humor or “being real.” It’s everywhere!! What once shocked the conscience is now worn proudly in public, even around children. Through constant exposure, our culture has normalized what Scripture has long identified as corrupt and unbecoming.

The Bible never treats language as morally neutral. James spends a great amount of time focusing on the power of the tongue (James 3:1-13). Solomon warned that “death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21), and Jesus made it clear that careless words will be brought into judgment (Matthew 12:36). Paul’s instruction to the church was unmistakable: “But now you yourselves are to put off all these filthy language out of your mouth” (Colossians 3:8). Profanity reflects more than poor vocabulary—it exposes a heart increasingly shaped by a godless culture rather than by reverence for the Creator.

For Christians, the issue is not whether profanity is socially acceptable, but whether it honors God. “As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” (1 Peter 1:15). It’s wrong. Period. In an age where vulgarity is celebrated and broadcast without shame, God’s people must resist the drift. Our speech should point upward, not downward—serving as quiet evidence that we belong to a different kingdom, one where words are chosen carefully because they are spoken in the presence of a holy God.

—From Sharon church of Christ, TN.



“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”

I Corinthians 11:26

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
“A Study of Luke”

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
“What Worship Does For You”
#1

SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM
“What Worship Does For You”
#2

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of I Kings”

SALVATION

BAPTISM - 1 Peter 3:21

CONFESS - Matthew 10:32

REPENT - Luke 13:3, 5

BELIEVE - Hebrews 11:6

HEAR - John 5:24