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Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM
Sunday
Worship
- 7:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study

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

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“**NOT**-DENOMINATIONAL” CHRISTIANITY

By Jonnie Hutchison

The term “undenominational Christianity” means different things to different people. To some it means the unconditional acceptance of anyone regardless of their religious persuasion. To others it may mean being independent of a denominational hierarchy, synod, convention, or other organization. The actual meaning of the term is much more limited. It simply means “**not denominational.**” Christianity that is not denominational has no connection in any sense with denominational concepts or institutions.

Original Christianity (that which is revealed in the New Testament) is **not denominational.** The fact is that no organized religious denominations as we know them today existed in the first century. There was no Roman Catholic Church or Protestant denominations. Neither Peter, Paul or John were members of different denominations or different kinds of churches. . They were all members of the one church which Jesus built (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47). The

church we read about in the New Testament has no earthly headquarters nor organization larger than the local congregation. Jesus is **the HEAD** of **HIS church** which is His spiritual body (Ephesians 1:22-23). The New Testament church has no denominational creed book, confession of faith, church manual or catechism. It has only the New Testament of Jesus Christ as its rule of faith and practice and which constitutes the final authority in all religious matters (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 4:11). Each congregation of the New Testament church is self-governing. Its congregations answer to no earthly central headquarters, synod or convention or the like. A plurality of qualified men called elders (also called pastors, presbyters and bishops – Acts 14:23; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 4:14; 3:1; Titus 1:5-7) have the oversight and responsibility in each local congregation to see that the Lord’s work is carried out (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17). They are assisted by qualified men called deacons (servants-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Mary and Jesse Vincent and Steve Enoch.

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, , Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Dale Pentecost Jaime Aguavo, Jr., Steve Ernestberger (has improved), and Brett Wyatt (some improvement but is still critical).

- **PANTRY ITEMS** **February 2021:** 7—SpaghettiOs; 14—Jello; 21—Apple Sauce; 28—Tuna. 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.
- **February 2021 Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 8-Krysta Smith; 19-Maxine Pool; 25-Jan Pigg. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

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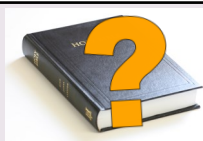
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<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: On what day of the week was Jesus raised from the dead?

Last Week: according to the Bible, how long were the “days” of creation?

Answer: The phrase “the evening and the morning” would indicate a 24 hour day (Gen. 1:5). Exodus 20:11 says it took six days for God to complete the creation.

GOD'S INSPIRED WORD *By Josh Manning*

“And so, we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:19-21). Consider the words that Peter was guided to employ when speaking about God’s holy word: it is the prophetic word, prophecy of Scripture, and prophecy according to these verses. To appreciate what the Bible means when it speaks about a prophet or prophecy, think back to when God sent Moses to deliver God’s message to the arrogant Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

As we know, Moses was far from excited to be given the commission to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. Part of his chain of excuses for why he was not the right man for the job was that *“I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue”* (Exodus 4:10). As one might expect, this excuse did not work with the LORD God.

“So, the Lord said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say’” (Exodus 4:11-12). As we contemplate the nature of prophecy, and ultimately the idea of inspiration, take note of how God said, *“I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”* That sentence is God interpreting 2 Peter 1:21 for us. Moses was not going to stand before Pharaoh with his own speech; rather, as a prophet he was going to deliver God’s words. And the Spirit

would deliver those words to him.

When Moses persisted in his complaints of inadequacies, God provided the fearful deliverer with a helper, his brother Aaron. In so doing He provided us with an additional illustration to help us appreciate the role of a prophet. *“So, the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: ‘Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. So, he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God’* (Exodus 4:14-16). God said, *“he himself shall be as a mouth for you.”* A prophet was one employed by God to speak the LORD's divine words. They served as the mouth of God.

God revealed His words to the prophets so that they could, in turn, faithfully relay those words to mankind. Peter teaches us that this was accomplished through the agency of the Holy Spirit: *“holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”* Those words were spoken directly to people or they were preserved in writing (Moses did both). One author wrote, *“Inspiration is the process by which God’s self-disclosure was committed to writing so that the resulting product can be accurately designated the Word of God.”* Today we can confidently know God’s will because of the work of inspiration accomplished by God’s Spirit.

—Eastwood Church of Christ
Paris, TN



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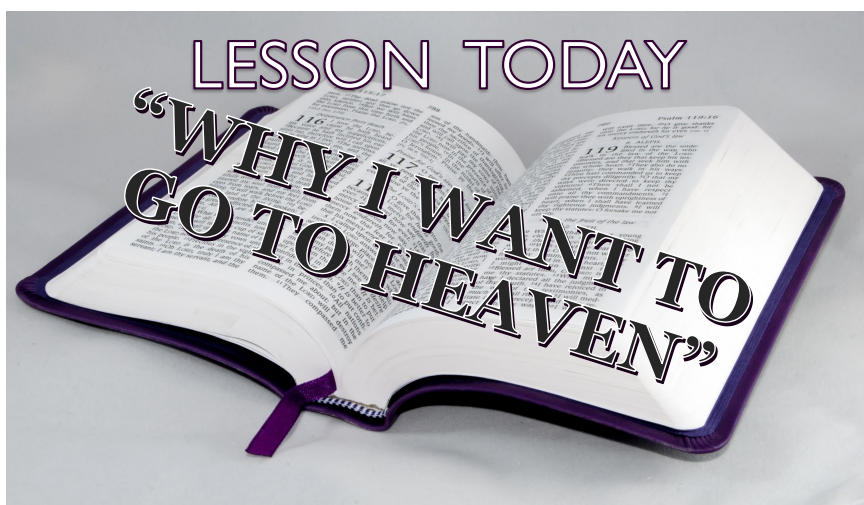
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Phil 1:1; Titus 3:8ff)..

Not-denominational Christianity is as distinct from modern denominationalism as light is from darkness. Faithful churches of Christ are making every effort to practice original Christianity. We plead with men and women everywhere to return to the Word of God and reject anything for which there is no Bible authority (that which God has not given us permission to do). Whatever we do in religious matters, whether it be the mission, the organization or the worship of the church, must be done with the authority of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches *“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in*

the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Colossians 3:17). If **“not denominational Christianity”** appeals to you, we invite you to come and worship with us at the Green Plain church of Christ and see original New Testament Christianity in action. May God bless you consistent with His divine will.. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to email: greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org or call 270-492- 8206. Write us at Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049.

—The Sure Word at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org/articles>



Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 pm