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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
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- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH

By Jonnie Hutchison

In John 3 Nicodemus comes to Jesus acknowledging Him as a teacher from God in recognition of the miracles Jesus had done. The answer Jesus gave Nicodemus obviously surprised him. Jesus said, *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man **be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God”* (Vrs. 3). At first Nicodemus concluded that Jesus was talking about physical birth for he asked Jesus, *“How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?”* (Vrs. 4). Jesus explained that he was not speaking of physical birth but a spiritual birth when He said, *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born **of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”* (Vrs. 5). The elements of the spiritual birth are two – water and the Spirit. Some mistakenly believe that the water of which Jesus spoke refers to physical birth and the Spirit to spiritual birth. However, that argument fails when one considers that Jesus used the coordinating conjunction “and” to tie both water and the Spirit to the spiritual birth making both conditions to enter-

ing the Kingdom of God. In addition, Jesus was contrasting being born of the water and the Spirit with the misunderstanding expressed by Nicodemus of entering the second time into his mother's womb to be born.

What is the water in the spiritual birth? To answer that question allow me to ask another – what is the only command in the New Testament associated with the conversion of sinners that requires water? In every single case of conversion recorded in the book of Acts, water baptism was commanded of penitent believers as a condition to receiving the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12-13, 36, 38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:15, 33; 19:5; 22:16). No wonder the Bible declares, *“The like figure whereunto baptism doth also now save us”* (1 Peter 3:21). Understand that it is not the water that washes away one's sins. (see Revelation 1:5; 1 Peter 1:18-19). But one spiritually reaches the cleansing blood of Jesus in being immersed in water into the death of Christ (John 19:32-33; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27).

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Marjorie Grady,

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, Tish Clarke, and Bobby Ward. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS March 2023: 5—Canned Carrots; 12-Apple Sauce; 19—Green Beans; 26—Corn.

March 2023; Anniversaries: 12-Marie & Roy Wyatt; 15-Sue & Bobby Hall. **Birthdays:** 9-Gail Hutchison; 14-Roy Wyatt; 20-James Pigg.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Spring session of our School of Biblical Studies begins on Monday, March 13, 2023 and continues each consecutive Monday at 7:00 pm through May 8th. Jack Philips will continue his study on 2 Corinthians which he began last fall and John Sales will present a study on the miracles of Jesus. Our Spring Gospel Meeting is scheduled for April 9-13, 2023 with Larry Powers.

THOSE TO SERVE MARCH 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mike

SERVE AT LORD’S TABLE—James & Chad

SERVE AT LORD’S TABLE PM

2/5 Chad; 2/12 James; 2/19 Chad; 2/26 James

OPENING PRAYER AM

2/5 Jim L. 2/12 Mike; 2/19; Jonnie 2/26 Bobby.

CLOSING PRAYER AM

2/5 Roy; 2/12 Dave; 2/19 Junior; 2/26 Perry

SONG LEADERS

Sunday AM—Perry; PM—Mike; Wed—Chad

Count contribution: James & Chad



**THE GOSPEL 24/7
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What does it mean to be born of the Spirit? In 1 Peter 1:22-23 Peter wrote to those who had purified their souls in "obeying the truth through the Spirit." He went on to describe this obedience to the truth as "having been **born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, **through the word of God** which lives and abides forever." When as a penitent confessing believer, one obeys what God requires for salva-

tion and thus spiritually contacts the blood of Jesus, that one has been born of the water and of the Spirit.

We urge each reader to study the scripture references given in this article. If you find that you have not yet been "born again" we encourage you to act upon what you have learned is true before it is everlasting too late. The salvation of your soul is more important than anything else in your life.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

By Jerry Joseph

We have the **BIBLE** to guide us and direct us in this life as we prepare for the hereafter (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:3).

- We have **BLESSINGS** we enjoy because of where we are spiritually, that is, "in Christ". As a child of God we have every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3; Philippians 4:7, 19; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 1:8; 2 Peter 1:3-11; Colossians 2:10).

- We have been **BOUGHT** by the blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 6:16-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-16).

- We have become a part of the **BLOOD-BOUGHT** Church, the Church that you read about in the Bible (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:16; 3:10-11; 4:4-6; 5:23-27).

- We have **BRETHREN** to encourage us, edify us, and exhort us (Acts 28:15; Romans 1:8; 16:3-4; Ephesians 1:16; Philippians 1:3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3).

-From St. Peter's church of Christ weekly bulletin

GROUNDING IN TRUTH

Truth is constant. Truth does not vary from one person to the next and it does not change with the circumstance. Truth is like a tree with deep roots. The winds of change may blow strong against it but that tree does not move an inch and when the storm passes by the tree is still there. The Lord's great desire for the church is that we "no longer be children tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine;" but that we would be so grounded in the truth that we would remain steadfast when the winds of change pass by. How do we get those deep roots? There are two ways the truth of God's word takes root in the believer.

First, God "gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors

and teachers. . .that we should no longer be tossed to and fro..." (Ephesians 4:11-15). In other words God set up a teaching program for the church so each member could be grounded in truth.

Second, God commands each member to study for ourselves. We must study to show ourselves approved unto God (2 Timothy 2:15).

Spiritual roots grow deep when personal desire drives us to study and when we spend time with godly teachers of His word (Psalm 1:1-6). We hope to see you in Bible class each week.

—Alton Norman Owingsville church of Christ -Owingsville, KY

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



Each Monday Night
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

March 13—May 8, 2023

2 Corinthians (Part 2)—Jack Phillips

The Miracles of Jesus—John Sales

Come join us for these in-depth studies from God's Word

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
"The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"How to Magnify Christ"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
"Jesus, The Light of the World"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
"A Study of the Book of Matthew"

GOSPEL MEETING

April 9-13, 2023

with

Larry Powers



at the

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Services

Sunday 10 & 10:45 am; 7:30 pm

Monday—Thursday -7:00 pm



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