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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

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“BE AN EXAMPLE” *By Jonnie Hutchison*

When Paul wrote to his son in the faith Timothy, he admonished him, “*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*” (1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV). What is an example? The dictionary gives this definition of example: “one who serves as a pattern to be imitated or not to be imitated.” When Paul told Timothy to be an “example to the believers” he was telling him to live his life in such a way that others would be able to see and imitate his example. He was to be an example in what he said (in word), in what he did in his life (his conduct), in expressing his compassion (in love), in his zeal for the Lord (in spirit), in abiding faithful to the Lord (in faith) and in living a holy life by keeping himself from the works of the flesh (in purity). This list is comprehensive and includes every area of one's life as a Christian. What Paul wrote to Timothy is the Word of God and applies with equal force to every child of God.

When is the last time you took a good hard look at the example you are setting in life? Are you a good example of a Chris-

tian? The truth is that every person sets an example before others. No, it is not always a good example. Yet, as a child of God cleansed by the blood of Jesus, I have a solemn obligation to make sure that the example I set before others is the kind of example my Lord desires—the very example Timothy was told to set.

Our Lord left us the perfect example to follow. “*For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.*” (1 Peter 2:21).

When we consider the fact that setting a bad example has the potential of causing both oneself and others to lose their souls, will we not desire to be the best example of a Christian we can be?

**“For you were
bought at a
price; therefore
glorify God in
your body and in
your spirit,
which are God's.”
- 1 Cor 6:20-**

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy and Darren Mays. Please let us know those on this list who have improved.

PANTRY ITEMS March 2026: 1-Tooth Paste; 8-Koolaide; 15-Salt; 22-Pepper; 29-Jelly or Jam
All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

March 2026; Anniversaries: 12-Marie & Roy Wyatt; 15-Sue & Bobby Hall.. **BIRTHDAYS:** 9-Gail Hutchison; 14-Roy Wyatt; 20-James 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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What Can wash away your sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus—Revelation 1:5.

THOSE TO SERVE March 2026

Announcements: Mike

Lord's Table AM: James & Chad

Lord's Table PM: 1-Chad; 8-James; 15-Chad; 22-James;
29-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 1-Bobby; 8-Jonnie; 15-Jimmy;
22-Perry; 29-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 1-Roy; 8-Don; 15-Jesse;
22-Russell; 29-Bobby

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

Count Contribution: James & Chad

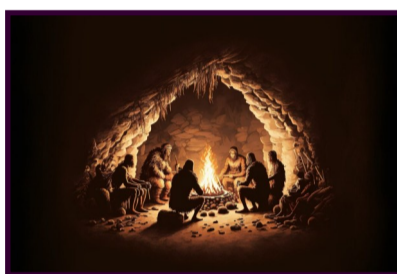
**UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
GREEN PLAIN
Spring Session
Green Plain School
of Biblical Studies
March 23-May 18
A study of the book of
Revelation with Dan Sikes**

**SPRING GOSPEL
MEETING
April 19-23
With Josh Manning
Eastwood church of Christ**

WHAT ABOUT CAVE MEN? *By Wayne Jackson, MA*

Q. Our children's textbooks are filled with references to half-savage "cave men" from whom we supposedly descended. What can we say to our youngsters about such teachings?

A. Evolutionists are quite skilled at distortions, half-truths, and the manipulation of evidence to their theoretical ends. Certainly there have been those of the past (and present!) who lived in caves, but the type of domicile in which a being dwells says nothing about his "humanity." A man who lives in a cave is no more "half-animal" than is a dog "half-human" who happens to live in a house! Consider the following facts:



First, the Bible itself speaks of those who lived in caves. After the destruction of Sodom and the other cities of the Plain, Lot and his daughters "dwelt in a cave" (Genesis 19:30). Caves frequently were used as places of refuge in biblical times (cf. Judges 6:2, 1 Samuel 14:11, 22:1-2, 23:29, 1 Kings 18:4, 19:9; see also other general references, e.g., Numbers 24: 21; Song of Solomon 2:14; Jeremiah 49:16; Obadiah 3).

Second, anthropological evidence from many cave sites reveals a strictly "human" mode of habitation. There is evidence of cooking, sewing, tools, pottery, art work, religious artifacts and even furniture—"a rock-cut divan has been found in the important Caves of Ophel" near Jerusalem (see Miller and Miller, 1944, p. 236).

Third, the more isolated and primitive peoples have continued to live in caves even in modern times. The Pueblo Indians lived in

caves. Were they semi-human? A century ago people still were living in caves in Palestine (see McClintock and Strong, 1969, 1:168). In fact, there are many tribes today, composed of people who are unquestionably and totally "human," yet, who are less civilized than many cultures of the ancient past—thousands of years past! In fact, Carleton S. Coon, an anthropologist with the University of Pennsylvania, has argued that the Neanderthal race had a higher level of culture than some twentieth-century tribes. Neanderthal man was a superior tool maker, skilled as a hunter, employed paint, and had many uses for flint. D.T. Dale of the Smithsonian Institution related that a Neanderthal skeleton found in Iraq had undergone surgical amputation of an arm above the elbow (cited in Culp, 1975, p. 99).

We simply must not be intimidated, therefore, by the "cave men" propaganda in the evolution-dominated textbooks.

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Miller, M.S. and J.L. Miller (1944), *Encyclopedia of Bible Life* (New York: Harper Brothers).

—[What About Cave Men? - Apologetics Press](#)

WHO IS MORE PAOWERFUL THE DEVIL OR GOD?

While it seems perfectly obvious that God is more powerful than Satan, in practice it may seem otherwise because the devil wields so much power today. Since our world is filled with pain and violence, he seems to have far more followers working for him. If Satan is not more powerful, he frequently seems *as* powerful as God, and definitely more *popular*.

The Scriptures warn us to be on guard against Satan. In a warning about false teachers, Paul said that "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14). The devil is so deceptive that he may appear to be as beautiful as an angel. Peter warned, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8). Satan, whose very name means "Accuser," seduced Eve in the Garden, tormented Job, and tried to get Jesus to worship him. John called the devil "that old serpent...which deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9). The devil is powerful, hurtful to God's children, but his power comes only as God has allowed him to have power.

Satan is not deity or a god. He is not omnipotent. When he tested Job, God limited what he could do. First, he could not touch Job's body: "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand" (Job 1:12). Second, he could not take Job's life: "Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life" (Job 2:6). When he is finally cast into hell, he will be powerless to resist. "The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev. 20:10). Our Lord created the world and all things that are in it. "For by him [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Col. 1:16). Satan, God's creation, rebelled against God. "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9).

James commands: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7). This should encourage us to resist the devil and help us to realize that Satan's power is limited. John gives encouragement to Christians concerning this battle: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he [the Lord] that is in you, than he [the devil] that is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4). Our Lord is much more powerful than the devil, and when we rely on Him, we can stand

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
"Learning to Speak"

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
"God Is On Your Side"

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of I Kings"

against Satan. We must be ever watchful, however, because our adversary is on the prowl, hoping to devour us. Although he can make good appear evil, and evil appear good, he will flee from us when we resist him and stand in the Lord.

—Bob Prichard
House to House, Heart to Heart