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Schedule of Services

- Sunday
Bible Classes
10:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:45 AM
Evening Worship
6:00 PM
- Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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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THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT *By Jon Mitchell*

There are two basic human needs we all have: forgiveness and comfort. Only God can completely meet both needs. We all sin (Romans 3:23), and so we all need God's grace. We all suffer, and so we all need the peace only He can provide (Philippians 4:6-7).

We all need encouragement throughout our lives. We suffer due to family problems, health concerns, natural disasters, spiritual weakness, emotional trials, problems at work, and even difficulties in the church. This is nothing new, for there were problems in the church even during biblical times. At the church in Corinth, there was division, immorality, lawsuits between brethren, incorrect worship practices, abuse of miraculous gifts, lack of love for one another, and misunderstandings about the resurrection of the dead. This church, like every church of God's people, was filled with people who hurt. That's why God inspired Paul to give them lots of encouragement (2 Corinthians 1:3-5). They needed to grow stronger and remain stronger and more

faithful. Encouragement would help with that.

There are people around you who hurt. We live in a broken, fallen world. No life is free from hardship (Job 5:7). Yet what we see in life is not determined by our own vantage point. Rather, it's determined by how we view life. Sometimes the hardships of life beat us down. It is then that we need encouragement (2 Corinthians 1:5; John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12-13).

Look at that last passage from Peter especially. Why rejoice when fiery trials come upon us? Because opportunities to receive God's comfort come with these hardships. We think we can do it all ourselves. We think we're invincible and self-reliant. We think that we don't need God if we have enough stuff. We think we can educate ourselves enough so we can determine our own morality and be our own guide so we have no need of the Bible. We think we don't need the church if we are busy with enough programs and activities. Yet God knows differently (John 15:5; 2

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarett Enoch (Murray Hospital), Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder,, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, Carolyn Byars and Dave & Ann Thompson. **Family and Friends:** Pat Hocking, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook & those injured and the families of those who lost their lives in the storms in the Nashville area this past week.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** Our spring session of the Green Plain School of Biblical Studies continues tomorrow evenings at 7:00 pm in the annex.
- **Pantry items March 1—Corn;** 8—Canned Meats; 15—Chili; 22—Tomatoes; 29—Pickles. All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.
- **AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting** at the Eastwood church of Christ in Paris, TN. March 8-11, 2020 with Wayne Jones preaching. **Gospel Meeting** at the Coldwater Church of Christ March 22-25, 2020 with Jonnie Hutchison preaching.
- 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, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **March 2020 Anniversaries:** 12th-Roy & Marie Wyatt; Sue & Bobby Hall; **Birthdays:** 9th-Gail Hutchison; 14th-Roy Wyatt; 20th-James Pigg; 22nd-Preston Barrett; 23rd-London Smith; -Please let us know if we have left anyone and we will include them next week.



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SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

April 12-16, 2020

*Speaker
Garland Robinson*

Sunday Services
Bible Classes 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 7:30 pm
Monday-Thursday
7:00 pm

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



March 2-April 27
*7:00-9:00 pm Each
Consecutive Monday*

SUBJECTS

*Personal Evangelism
Luke Puckett*

*Bible Preservation
Dan Sikes*

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Corinthians 1:9).

Is finding comfort in hardship possible? Consider this. Hardship equips us to bring comfort to others. Think of how comforting it is when someone else who has been through the same or very similar situation puts their arm around you. God says they're using the comfort He Himself gave them to comfort you (2 Corinthians 1:4). Until we have experienced pain, we cannot really sympathize with the hurting. The one who has lost a child, parent, sibling, or close friend better understands people who have lost the same. The cancer patient better understands other cancer patients. Going through tough times enables you to identify with those with similar experiences. This is why support groups are very popular. No one understands the agony of divorce like someone who has been divorced. No one understands the pain of having a loved one in prison like someone else with a loved one in prison. Encouragement and comfort happens when people with common experiences get together.

God is "the Father of compassion and God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). There's a difference between

compassion and comfort. Compassion has more to do with understanding. Comfort relates with putting that understanding into action to help others. The Greek term for "comfort" in the New Testament means "to come alongside." That's what comforters do. They listen, encourage, and assist (James 2:15-16). They work to make the situation better. They take the initiative to visit, call, cook, or tap you on the shoulder and say, "I've been there. I'm here now." (2 Corinthians 1:6-7)

It's possible to find comfort during trials from others, the ones who've experienced same or similar sufferings. That's why we can rejoice during trials, knowing that now we are better equipped to be God's instrument to be a more comforting blessing to more people. We bring others to Him and grow closer to Him ourselves.

Hardships have a way of bringing us to our knees and reminding us that we need God's comfort (Hebrews 12:7-11). So let's run towards Him instead of away from Him (Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:7). It starts with being born again through penitent faith and baptism into His Son's church (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13; cf. Colossians 1:18). If you need comfort, and if you need God to save you, contact us.

A Moments Wisdom

- ◆ Be patient with the faults of others; they have to be patient with yours.
- ◆ The length of one's life is of less importance than its breath and depth.
- ◆ Any dead fish can float down stream, but it takes a live one to swim up stream.
- ◆ Too many people study their neighbor's faults more closely than their Bibles.
- ◆ Hammering hardens steel, but it crumbles putty – can you take it?
- ◆ When a little bird tells you something, make sure that bird was not a cuckoo.
- ◆ God put the church in the world, but it is Satan who puts the world in the church.

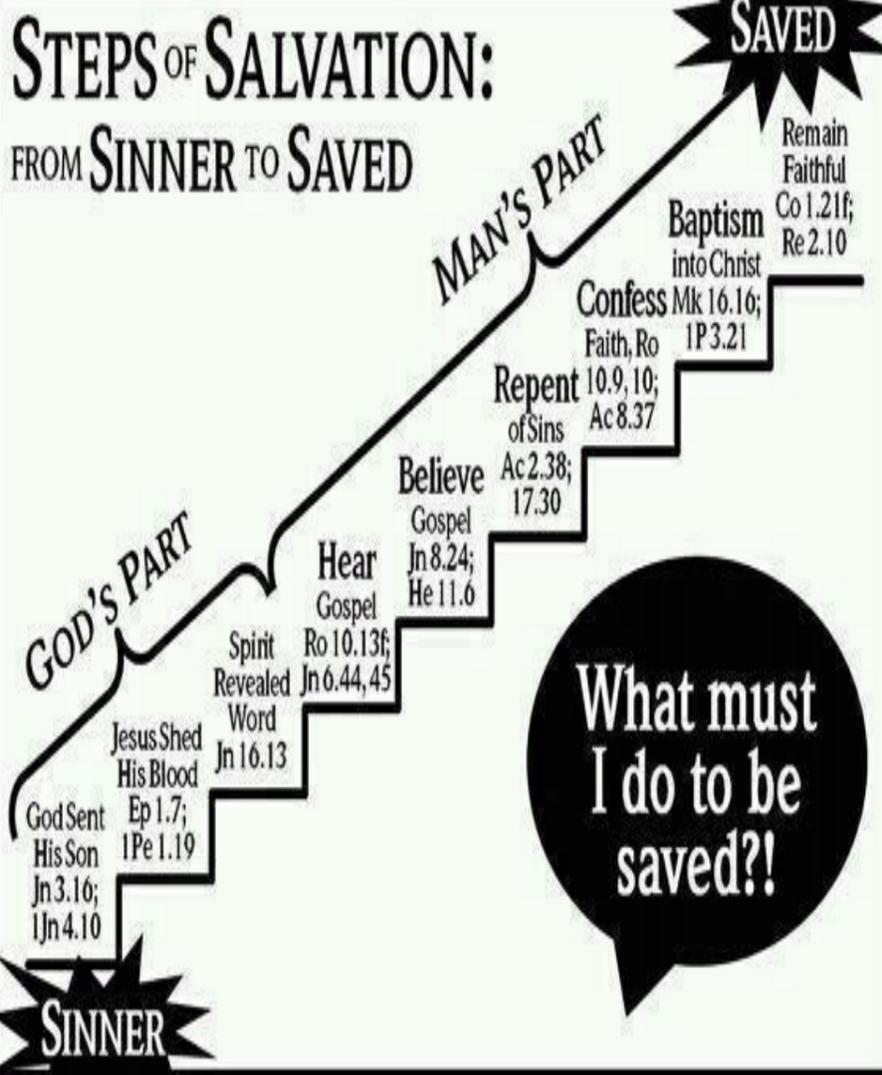
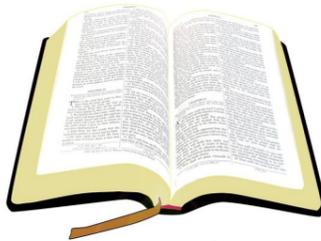


COME VISIT WITH US

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!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

Lessons Today

Sunday Morning
“Growing the Church Through Evangelism”
Sunday Evening
“Loving Life #2”



THOSE TO SERVE

March 2020

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Larry Enoch

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

1—Chad

8—Larry

15—Chad

22—Larry

29—Chad

Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Charles Enoch

29—Jonnie Hutchison

Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jesse Vincent

29—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Chad Canter

Wednesday—Perry Jarvis

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Bobby Hall

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509