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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
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LOOK AT THE CROSS *By Robert Johnson*

“See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?” (“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” Isaac Watts).

Sin is such a commonplace element of the world in which we live that it’s easy to take it for granted. We see it in the world in general



and in society. How sad the way people treat one another! It’s something we can experience in our own families, and we see the effects of it in ruined lives of people we dearly love. We also know what it can do in our own lives, in how we can struggle against yielding to the demands it makes in our own lives and the frustrations it brings to our efforts to live faithful and godly lives in Christ.

We agree with Paul, who said of himself, *“For I delight in*

the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I a

Who will deliver me from this body of death?” (Rom. 7:22-24).

So, how do we break out of the bondage to sin to live in the light of

God’s will, to know fully His love for us and the beauty of life in Christ? Paul went on to say, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:1-).* How do we find God’s grace and mercy to overcome sin, when sin returns so many times to tempt us,

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jim Lowrie. Marie Wyatt is at Spring reek for rehab. Mike Ernstberger is at home but has suffered some complications since his surgery. Roy Wyatt was admitted to Murray Hospital this past week suffering from congestive heart failure.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, and Ted Clark.

Spring Gospel Meeting. Our meeting is now history. Bradley Smith did an outstanding job in presenting lessons centered around the theme “Your Questions About the church of Christ.” Thanks to all for attending and supporting this effort. Thanks to those who fed the preachers and a special thanks to Kenny Stubblefield, Chad Canter and Dustin Pool who did such a good job leading our singing. Pray that fruit may continue to abound from this effort.

OUR EVENING SERVICE TODAY RETURNS TO 6:00 PM

AREA EVENT: The Coldwater church of Christ will conduct a special series of meetings with Eric Lyons April 19-21 concerning “A Closer Look at Christ.” Friday services are at 7:00 pm. Saturday at 10:00 am; 11:00 am; 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Sunday services are at 9:30 and 10:15 am.

PANTRY ITEMS April 2024: 7—Mixed Vegetables; 14-Toliet Tissue; 21-Jelly; 28-Great Northern Beans. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

April 2024; Anniversaries: 13-Jackie & Don Spiceland; **Birthdays:** 1-Tina Canter; 3-Mary Lowrie; 8-Katelyn Canter; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall.

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THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 2024A

announcements: James Pigg

Lord’s Table AM: Bobby H. & Mike E

Lord’s Table PM: 7-Chad; 14-Bobby; 21-Cha
28-Bobby.

Opening Prayer AM: 7-Jonnie; 14-Perry;
21-James; 28-Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer AM: 7-Roy; 14-Dave; 21-Junior;
28-Jesse

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

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

SPRING 2024

March 7—April 29

Each Monday Evening

7:00—9:00 pm

In depth studies on

Romans—Josh Manning

2 Corinthians—Jack Phillips

Meet in the Annex

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to trap us, to destroy us? Perhaps, we need a renewed perspective of what God in Christ has done for us, to drive us to our knees and to realize just how ugly and vicious sin is to our lives.

Isaac Watts' words above, at least for me, tap into a realization of the depth of God's love, of the pain and suffering Christ endured in the flesh for us. It should cause us to take a deeper look at what the cross

means to us. We've become so familiar with the story of the cross, it's easy to forget what happened there for us. The eternal Son of God had to become flesh and blood on our behalf

“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Gal. 6:14).

(Luke 1:31). Not only that, but He had to be tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15). Showing Himself to be the spotless, sinless Lamb of God, He suffered the shame of the cross, the torture of the pain of the cross, the separation from the Father on the cross and poured out His blood for our atonement from sin (Heb. 12:2). The cross had nothing to do with any failings of the Son of God, but rather our failings – our sins (1 Pet. 1:18-20)!

Maybe sin wouldn't be quite as appealing to us if we would, through our mind's eye, go back to the cross and focus on all Christ endured to die for us there. He did it freely for our sake, but what a price He paid! See, from His head, His hands, His feet, that sorrow and love flow mingled down for us through His spilt blood. Satan

doesn't love us, but he uses sin to destroy us. Where else does sorrow and love come together than in Christ being pierced in death, that His blood can cleanse us of our sins? What greater crown could be worn than that which was mockingly placed upon Him, which, however, truly revealed Him as our Lord and Savior, the King of kings and Lord of lords?

When you are tempted with sin, just step back and remember the perspective of

the cross. Satan is a liar, a deceiver and a destroyer. Christ is deity become flesh who reveals truth to us. His love is genuine, observable by His offering of life, salvation and eternity for us. Does that

image not touch your heart? Can it not renew your resolve for holy living in Him? Will it not motivate one to find life and eternity in such an image?

Go back to the cross. No, it isn't a pleasant image to consider or about which to read, but it is the depth of God's love revealed. It will humble and break our hearts. It will draw us out of sin to a better, nobler, unending resolve to honor the love revealed there. Let's go to Calvary and look upon the Christ, dying for us to have life. Make it a daily part of your routine. What a difference it can make in our lives. *“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”* (Gal. 6:14).

—Gospel Gazette Online, Jan. 2022

DO YOU HAVE HOPE?

By Jonnie Hutchison

Hope has been defined as desire plus expectation. The Bible uses the word hope to describe the Christian's desire and expectation of eternal life in heaven. The Hebrew writer describes this hope as "*an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast*" (Hebrews 6:19). Such a description expresses the certainty of the hope one may have in our Lord. The Psalmist wrote, "*For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God*" (Ps 38:15).

The hope of heaven is based upon the promises of God. Since it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18), His promise of eternal life will be fulfilled for those who accept His plan of salvation. That plan is revealed in the Bible, the Word of God. No wonder the Psalmist wrote, "*...I hope in Your Word*" (Psalm 119:114). Paul expressed a similar assurance when he wrote in Romans 5:5, "*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*"

Dear reader, do you have the hope of eternal life? Not all hope is genuine. Hope based upon anything other than the Word of God is a false hope. Proverbs 10:28 reads, "*The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.*" To have genuine hope one must obey what God requires for salvation and live faithful as a servant of the Lord. Salvation is only found "in Christ" (2 Timothy 2:10). Genuine hope is granted to those who hear, believe in Jesus as the Son of God, repent of sins, confess faith in Christ and are immersed in water for the remission of sins (Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 2:38). Those who obey these commands receive the forgiveness of sin and are granted the hope of eternal life in heaven. 1 Peter 1:3-4 reads, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.*" Do you possess this blessed hope? You can. May we help you to obtain it?

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
Study of 1 Timothy

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm
"Have Patience #1"

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study pf Matthew



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