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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
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Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

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Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS?

By Jonnie Hutchison

“What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.” These words from a song teach a vital truth in the matter of receiving the forgiveness of sins. A truth expressed in scripture in the words of the inspired John who wrote, *“unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood....”* (Rev. 1:5a). A truth emphasized by the apostle Peter when he wrote, *“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* (1 Peter 1:18-19). Yes, it is the blood of Christ and only the blood of Christ that has the power to wash away one’s sins.

Jesus shed His precious blood on a Roman cross over two thousand years ago. The question then arises, how is it possible to be cleansed by His blood all these years later? Certainly the physical blood of Jesus is no longer accessible. However, the cleansing of sin is not a physical cleansing but

a spiritual cleansing. Contact with the blood of Jesus takes place when one spiritually contacts His blood. It is the spirit, the inward man that is cleansed, not the physical outward man. That cleansing of the inward man takes place at the point of contact which God has specified. That point of contact is not when one believes in Jesus, repents of sin or confesses faith in Jesus. All of these acts of obedience are necessary before one actually contacts the blood of Jesus. The point of contact with the blood is in water baptism. Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:33-34). Inspiration tells us that one reaches the death and thus the blood of Jesus in water baptism. Romans 6:3-4 reads, *“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”* Note that walking in “newness of life” does not take place before baptism, but only af-

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, and Tommy Boggess. .

SPRING SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES continues on Monday, at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy these in-depth studies of God's Word. These studies are open to everyone who desires to increase their knowledge of God's Holy Word.

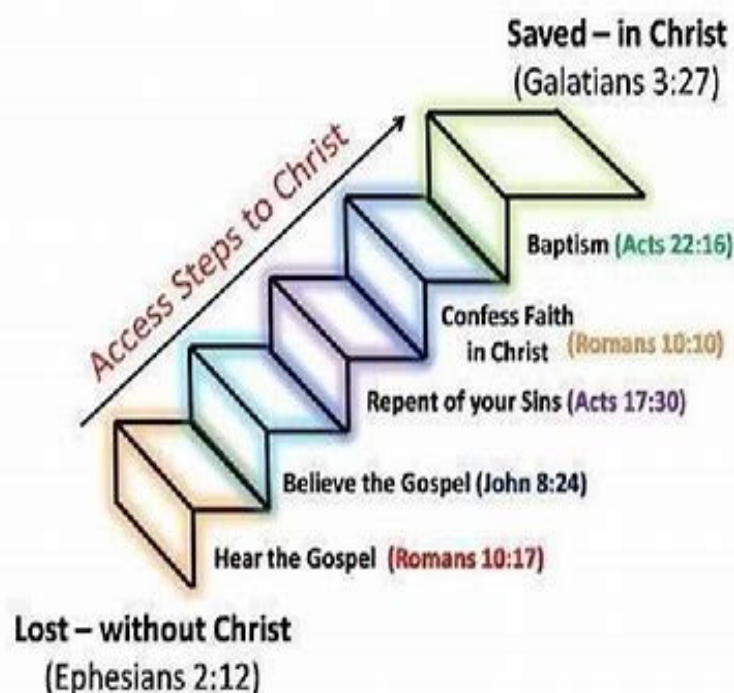
PANTRY ITEMS April 2023: 2—Paper Towels; 9-Peaches; 16—Peas; 23-Baked Beans; 30-Soups. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

April 2023; Anniversaries: 13-Jackie & Don Spiceland;. **Birthdays:** 1-Tina Wyatt; 3-Mary Lowrie; 8-Katelyn Canter; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall..

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.

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. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home pr ,eet at pou building to begin this study.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO today if you knew that tomorrow would be your last day to live? That is a very serious and sobering question and it could be your reality. Another question: what would you do if you knew that tomorrow you would stand before the judgment seat of Christ? All of us eventually will (2 Corinthians 5:10). Can you honestly say you are prepared for either of these possibilities?



GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



Each Consecutive Monday Night
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

April 17—May 8, 2023

2 Corinthians (Part 2)
Jack Phillips

The Miracles of Jesus
John Sales

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ter baptism. Since one is baptized into Christ it follows that before baptism one is still outside of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, “Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” It is impossible to be a “new creation” outside of Christ because until one is baptized (immersed in water) into the death of Christ he has not yet reached the blood of Jesus and his sins have not yet been cleansed by that blood. This is the very reason why Saul was told by Ananias, “*And now why are you*

waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sin, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

Friends, **scriptural baptism** is **not** simply immersion in water. It is immersion in water with the understanding that the blood of Jesus is washing away the sins of the penitent believer as he or she is immersed into the death of Jesus thus spiritually contacting His blood. It is impossible for one to be baptized scripturally without understanding this truth.

Yes, “*what can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*”

AS WE WORK *By Jerry Joseph*

W-O-R-K with...

W-atchfulness. One must be always watching and looking for those doors of opportunity for good. “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, but especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10).

O-ne another. “For we are laborers together with God...” (1 Corinthians 3:9). As children of God we must remember that we are working for the same cause. We are not in competition with one another. It is not an “I, me, or my” thing, but an attitude of “our” work.

R-espect for Bible Authority. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” (Colossians 3:17). We do not choose what we can do in our work for the Lord, He has already determined in His Word what we can and must do.

K-eeing our minds centered on the goal of Heaven. This mindset will help us to not give up in our work for the Lord even when disappointments and discouragement comes. “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). – St. Peter’s church of Christ.

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” James 4:13-15





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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!

THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 2023

Announcements: James Pigg

Lord's Table AM: Bobby Hall & Don Spiceland

Lord's Table PM: 2-Bobby; 9-Chad; 16-Bobby; 23-Chad; 30-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM

2-Jonnie; 9-Chad; 16-James; 23-Jim L.; 30-Mike

Closing Prayer PM

2-Dave; 9-Perry; 16-Junior; 23-Roy; 30-Jesse

Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Bobby & Don



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
Book of Acts

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Precious Memories"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
"The Triumphal Entry"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Book of Matthew



WISDOM QUOTES:

"My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you. ² Keep "my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. ³ Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin, ⁵ That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words." - Proverbs 7:1-5



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