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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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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

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

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

By Mike Riley

Practice what you preach! Christ as the master teacher (John 3:2) taught his disciples not only by word but by example (John 13:15). He demonstrated by His living how they should live before their heavenly Father. After washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-5), Christ explained to them the spiritual "benefits" of serving others (John 13:14-17). In fact, true happiness cannot be attained in any other way. What will bring true happiness in time will also bring it into eternity (Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:17-19). The principle of helping those who are spiritually weak (Romans 14:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14), of weeping with those that weep (Romans 12:15), of encouraging the lowly (Luke 6:20; Gal. 2:10) and encouraging the sinful to sin no more (John 8:11), is the essential and fundamental spirit of our Lord. To cultivate the spirit and practice of doing good to others (Matthew 5:44; Acts

10:38) is the work that fits mortals for that eternal heavenly home (Colossians 1:4-5; 1 Peter 1:4).

To understand the importance of learning to practice what you preach, British-born American writer Edgar A. Guest wrote the following words:

*"I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day,
I'd rather one should walk
with me than merely
show the way.
The eye's a better pupil
and more willing than the
ear;
Fine counsel is confusing,
but example's always
clear;
And the best of all
preachers are the men
who live their creeds,
For to see the good in ac-
tion is what everybody
needs.*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis spent several days in the hospital but has improved. , Marie Wyatt is now home from the hospital. Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, Bobby and Sue Hall all need our prayers.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Nancy Rhodes, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly and Kenny Arrington. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine

PANTRY ITEMS April 2022: 3—Paper Towels; 10—Kleenex; 17—Toilet Paper; 24—Vienna Sausages. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.

April 2022 Birthdays: 1-Tina Wyatt; 3-Mary Lowrie; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall. We wish all a happy birthday!

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” or anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Monday’s. The time will be from

THOSE TO SERVE April 2022

Announcements: Bobby Hall

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Larry & Chad

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 3—Chat; 10—Larry;
17—Chad. 24—Larry

Opening Prayer AM

3—Mike; 10—Bobby; 17—James; 24—Jim

Closing Prayer AM

3—Perry; 10—Dave; 17—Junior; 24—Roy

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

Count Contribution: Larry & Chad

Usher: Jesse

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— *“The Sin of Standing on the Other Side”*

6 pm— *“A Study of the Godhead”*

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

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*I can soon learn how to do it if you'll
let me see it done.*

*I can watch your hands in action, but
your tongue too fast may run.*

*And the lectures you deliver may be
very wise and true;*

*But I'd rather get my lesson by ob-
serving what you do.*

*For I may misunderstand you and the
high advice you give,*

*But there's no misunderstanding how
you act and how you live."*

As the master teacher, Jesus not only

"told" but provided the perfect example (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21-22; 1 John 2:6) of how we as God's children should live before our heavenly Father and fellow man. This same principle of "practice what you preach" was demonstrated in Paul's and Peter's life (2 Corinthians 5:15; Gal. 2:20; 1 Peter 4:1-2). Faithful Christians are to provide the proper spiritual "example" before men by the lives they lead (Matthew 5:16; Philipians 2:14-16; 1 Peter 2:12).

In our everyday living, what kind of spiritual "sermon" are we preaching before others?

IS SALVATION BY "FAITH ONLY"? By Jonnie Hutchison

A denominational creed book states, "wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort" (Book of Common Prayer, No. XI). Sometime ago this writer had a man tell him that he did not believe that baptism was essential to salvation. He further stated that he believed one could be saved by simply believing that Jesus is the Christ. He believed in "faith only" salvation. It would do well for us to examine this belief in view of Bible teaching.

It may surprise some to learn that the only time the words "faith only" appear in the Bible in the same verse is James 2:24 which reads, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and **NOT by faith only.**" According to this passage is one saved by "faith only?" The obvious answer is NO! The passage clearly states that one is not justified before God by "faith only." It also teaches that there is a kind of works that is neces-

sary on the part of man in order that justification might take place. Are these works of human merit? Do we earn our salvation by human works? No (Ephesians 2:8-9). Are these the works of the Law of Moses? No (Galatians 5:4). Are these works of the flesh? Absolutely not (Galatians 5:19-21). None of these kinds of works lead to justification but neither does "faith only." Could it be possible that the works that the book of James declares are necessary to one's justification is simply obedience to what God requires for one's salvation from sin? Does the Bible not tell us that Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation to all who **obey Him**"? (Hebrews 5:8-9). Whom will God punish with "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord"? The answer is "those who do not know God, and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Whose souls are purified? The Bible answers in 1 Pe-

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ter 1:22, "Since you have purified your souls in **obeying** the truth..." It should be obvious from these passages that without obedience to what Jesus commands, man has no hope of justification before God.

In the great "faith chapter" of the New Testament (Hebrews 11), one may easily see that saving faith is always coupled with obedience to the will of God. Saving faith is an active, energetic, obedient faith. The faith that

saves is the faith that takes God at His word and does what He says do. The only complete faith is an obedient faith. Such faith will not question nor doubt the commands of God but simply yield in obedience to them. This is justification by works of obedience and not by "faith only." To say that one is saved by faith is true. To say that one is saved by "faith only" is a direct contradiction of the plain statement of scripture. (Read Acts 17:11).

IT DOES NOT TAKE A MATH GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS IS NECESSARY TO SALVATION FROM SIN

HEARING (Romans 10:17) + BELIEF IN JESUS (John 8:24) + REPENTANCE (Acts 17:30-31) + CONFESSION OF FAITH (Romans 10:9-10) + BAPTISM INTO CHRIST (Romans 6:3-4) = SALVATION

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.



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