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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
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- 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

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CHRIST THE ONLY SAVIOR

By Mike Riley

Christianity differs from all other religions of the world in that it is the only religion that has a **savior**. According to [Matthew 1:21](#), this savior's name is Jesus, "for he shall save his people from their sins." In referring to Jesus, Peter declared, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" ([Acts 4:10,12](#)).

No "Savior" In Judaism

In the first century, the Jews rejected Christ as their savior ([Acts 13:44-46](#)). Jesus had warned them in [John 8:24](#) that unless they repented and accepted Him, they would "die in their sins." Since they refused Jesus and his offer of pardon, they must pay the penalty for their own sins; that penalty is spiritual death ([Romans 6:23](#); cf. [Isaiah 59:1-2](#)).

No "Savior" In Islam

The Koran nowhere claims that their prophet, [Mohammad](#), was sinless. Mohammad could not die for your sins or mine, because like all men, he sinned ([Romans 3:23](#); [1 John 1:8-10](#)). Since he sinned, any death that he suffered could only be regarded

as a penalty for his own sins.

No "Savior" In Buddhism

Buddha's real name was [Siddhartha Gautama](#). He lived from about 566 B.C. to 483 B.C. As far as history tells us, Siddhartha Gautama never claimed to be a savior; only a mere man. As a man who sinned, any death that he suffered can only be reckoned as penalty for his own sins.

Conclusion

In contrast to the above sinful men, Christ lived an entirely sinless life ([John 8:46](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Hebrews 4:15](#); [Hebrews 7:26](#); [1 Peter 2:22,24](#); [1 John 3:5](#); cf. [Isaiah 53:9](#)). Every other human who has ever lived has at some point in their life sinned. This is why that only our Savior's death upon the cross can be applied to you and me. Jesus did not deserve the death that he died, because He never sinned.

Because He was sinless, only He could die in our place. Because He died in our place, His death can be applied to our account before God. **"For he hath**

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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, Tommy Boggess and Katie Boylan.

2023 DIRECTORY: If you find any corrections that need to be made in the new directory please let us know so that we can announce it in the bulletin. Thanks.

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 ,meet at our building to begin this study.

“Worship is not an option for one who would please God. It is an expression of one’s personal faith, thanksgiving and love for our Creator and Savior.”

<p>Lost – without Christ (Ephesians 2:12)</p> <p>Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)</p> <p>Believe the Gospel (John 8:24)</p> <p>Repent of your Sins (Acts 17:30)</p> <p>Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10)</p> <p>Baptism (Acts 22:16)</p> <p>Saved – in Christ (Galatians 3:27)</p> <p>Access Steps to Christ</p>	<p>GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES</p> <p>Each Consecutive Monday Night 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.</p> <p>April 17—May 8, 2023</p> <p>2 Corinthians (Part 2) Jack Phillips</p> <p>The Miracles of Jesus John Sales</p>
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made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

As Christians, let us praise God for the wonderful provision of His sinless Son, and our “only Savior” ([2 Timothy 1:10](#); [Titus 1:4](#); [Titus 2:13](#); [Titus 3:6](#); [2 Peter](#)

WHY IS BIBLE DOCTRINE SO IMPORTANT? By Kevin Cauley

The word “doctrine” in the Bible simply means “teaching.” Today we generally use the word “doctrine” to refer to a precise teaching or set of teachings while the word “teaching” itself refers more loosely to overall general concepts. Too, doctrine seems to have a religious connotation while teaching may connote the religious or secular. So while in our modern day language “teaching” and “doctrine” have distinct nuances, there is only one word in the language in which the apostles wrote and both English words “doctrine” and “teaching” are translated from it. So when we speak about the doctrine of the Bible we are speaking about the teaching of the Bible. **Why is teaching so important?**

Bible doctrine is important because Jesus thought it was important. Jesus said in John 7:17, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.” In this context Jesus is saying that the one who truly seeks after God will come to an understanding that Jesus’ teaching is from God and that it is important to understand this because that is the way to life. Notice also John 8:31, 32 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The words that Jesus taught are often used to represent within the scriptures the whole of Jesus teaching. The words in which Jesus was instructing others to abide is His teaching—His doctrine.

Bible doctrine is important because faith is based upon hearing doctrine. Romans 10:17 states, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Our very faith, the things that we believe, are the result of hearing the word of God which is the source of all of our teaching. The teaching, the doctrine, is that in which we place our direct faith and our trust because it is through the words that are taught that we come to know

about our relationship with God. No man can come to know God under the New Covenant without having been taught and without having learned. John 6:45 states, “It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.” We come to the Father through the teaching, through the doctrine.

Bible doctrine is important because we must believe the right doctrine. The Bible teaches that to believe the wrong doctrine will lead one astray. In 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 we read, “And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” When we believe a doctrinal lie, it will lead to the condemnation of our soul if we don’t recognize that lie and correct it. Someone once said, “Jesus did not come to this earth to make people religious; He came to make people religiously right!” We must believe the right doctrine if we are going to have hope for salvation.

Bible doctrine is important because ultimately the decisions that we make and the actions that we perform will be based upon what we believe. When it all boils down to it, we act based upon how we believe. Jesus said, “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man?.” Jesus said it is based upon what is in our heart that we act, whether for good or evil. There is not a single action that we do that was not first

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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

conceived within the mind. And it is within the mind—the heart—where faith resides. Based upon the things that we believe we make decisions in our life every day. And so it is with confidence that when others act inappropriately, we can confidently say that their beliefs are inappropriate as well. So we preach the doctrine of Christ in an effort to get all who are in sin to repent and to fashion their minds anew around the blessed freedom that results in believing the truth.

What do you believe, dear friend? Do you believe the words of the Bible or do you believe the opinions and traditions of men. Believing a lie will lead you astray. But believing the truth and acting thereon will bring one to eternity. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

—[Why is Bible Doctrine So Important? | Bible Lesson - PF \(gewatkins.net\)](http://www.gewatkins.net)

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
Book of Acts

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
Ron Hutchison
Guest Speaker

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
5th Sunday Singing

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Book of Matthew



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