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Schedule of Services

- Drive-in Worship this Sunday at 10:00 am in the north parking lot of the building.

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
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Being Mothers of Successful Children

Robert R. Taylor, Jr., in his work “Christ in the Home,” speaks of the unique role of motherhood. He says that the child whom a mother brings into the world “will in a few years take his place as a responsible individual in society.” He goes on to say that this child “has both an earthly and eternal role to fill.” Sobering thoughts for all of us. But it is the question he asks that ought to bring us to our knees; the question is, “Will the world be better or worse because this child passes through?”

A mother guides her children. I firmly believe that success in this life will be determined solely upon the eternal destination of the soul. If I do not go to heaven when this life is over, I lose!, and the devil wins. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 26:16). Secondly, I believe success will, in part, be based upon whether or not my children also go to heaven. Now I understand that the “soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the

guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself” (Ezekiel 18:20). However, there are some things a mother can do to improve the odds of success.

Put God First. You cannot ensure spiritual success if you do not put God first in your life! It is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered (Matthew 6:33). You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God is not the top priority in your life. You are either with God or against God (Matthew 12:30). For a fact your children are watching you and will see what is most important to you. You cannot serve both God and physical things (Matthew 6:24). In other words what takes priority in your life? Whatever it is will most likely be what your children will emphasize as well.

Love Your Husband. Your children need to know that you love your husband (Titus 2:4). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarette Enoch (Spring Creek), 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:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, and Ladawn's sister-in-law, Sandra Cook Downs who is suffering from pancreatic cancer. Please continue to pray for each of these and for those tending to their needs as well as the leaders of our nation in this time of crisis.

- **DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICES:** Although we experienced a glitch or two this past Sunday we are hopeful these have been worked out. Thanks to all who participated this past Sunday. The turn-out was great! We will assemble in the north parking lot again this Sunday for worship at 10:00 am. It is important that everyone **remain in their vehicles at all times** in order to conform to the necessary guidelines given by our government. Tune your FM radio to 88.3 Mhz. Let's continue to do our part to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus and at the same time engage in the privilege of worshipping our God.
- **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.
- **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.
- **MAY 2020 Anniversaries:** Betty & Charles Enoch—16th **Birthdays:** 19th—Peyton Smith; 24th—Charles Enoch; 27th—Ann Thompson; 29th—Mary Vincent. Please let us know if we have left anyone out and it will be included in next week's bulletin. Thanks!
- Due to the present situation our VBS and the Youth Rally originally scheduled for this summer have both been cancelled. Our Fall Gospel Meeting with Garland Robinson is still scheduled to begin on September 6th.

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 Coldwater church of Christ
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 In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What Old Testament passage shows that the guilt of sin is not passed from parent to child?

Last Week: Why did God exclude Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden?

Answer: To prevent them from partaking of the "tree of life" and living forever (Genesis 3:22-23).

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at home. When they see their mother disrespect and dishonor their father it will have a profound affect on their understanding of marriage and the home. Show them you love their father!

Love Your Children. It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this (Titus 2:4). But the fact is that society has conditioned us to be so selfish that many young women have no idea how to be the sacrificial Christian mothers, or physically caring mothers, their children need. This means they need nurturing, discipline, and structure. This child is meant to be your BFF. You're a loving Christian mother first and foremost!



Drag Them To Church. If the first three things we have talked about here are in place this will not be an issue. When you became a Christian you made a commitment to God and your desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of your life. So you are faithful to the assembling together of the saints (Hebrews 10:25). Your children grow to understand the importance of Bible Class and worship, they receive supplemental instruction in God's Word, and they build relationships with other Christians of all ages. They will learn to love the church if you love the church!

Teach Them The Word. In the aforementioned suggestion I said that Bible Classes are supplemental. Because it is not the churches primary responsibility to raise your child in the way they should go, spiritually speaking. The instruction of Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19 is worthy of our consideration, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of

them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it lead to their demise. Sadder yet is that we haven't learned from their mistake. None of us are as diligent with this imperative as we need to be!

Pray! Pray with them. They need to see you pray, they need to hear you pray, and they need to know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! Pray for them. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much" (James 5:16).

No mother can guarantee the spiritual success of her children. When the end of time comes each individual will stand before God and give an answer to Him for the way they have lived, for their own individual decisions (Romans 14:10–12). The admonition of Paul to Timothy seems appropriate here: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16).

Are you the kind of mother you need to be, that your children need you to be, that God wants you to be? Will the world be better or worse because your child passes through it? Take honest stock in your relationship with God and your family. Do what you need to do and what they need you to do.

- Tim Dooley <http://churchofchristarticles.com/blog/administrator/mother-children/>



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