

(Continued from page 3)

gion as a denomination.

All Christians are part of the church that belongs to Christ, but no one person is the church. Therefore it is impossible for you to be a “church of Christ.” Those who use denominational terms to describe the Lord’s church do it harm.

What are you religiously?

—Branson church of Christ, MO.

ARE YOU A FIATHFUL CHRISTIAN IF YOU....

1. Willfully forsake the worship of the church? (Hebrews 10:25ff).
2. Fail to bring your children up in the training and admonition of the Lord? (Ephesians 6:4).
3. Yield to fleshly lusts? (1 Peter 2:11).
4. Engage in the “works of the flesh”? (Galatians 5:19-21).
5. Fail to abide in the teaching of Christ? (2 John 9-11).
6. Refuse to be personally involved in the work of the Lord? (1 Cor. 15:58)

COME VISIT WITH US

Sunday Servies

Bible Classes 10:00 am
AM Worship 10:50 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm



SUNDAY BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

“Study of Mark”

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM

“A Moment in Time”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM

Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday 7:00 PM

“A Study of Ruth”

Visit Our Webpage

<http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>

Email: greenplaincoc@gmail.com

Visit Our YouTube page—Search for
Green Plain church of Christ



THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAMER

Volume 43

May 18, 2025

Number 17

WHAT DO YOU THINK? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

God has given us the ability to think, reason and made decisions. This is a part of being made in His image and likeness and being free moral agents (Genesis 1:26). Many different things in life impact the way one thinks. One’s thoughts can be either good or bad. Sin can occupy one’s thoughts or, one’s thoughts can be directed by the teaching of God’s word. We each decide the direction of our thoughts.

The Bible teaches that what one thinks is an indication of his character. Proverbs 23:7a reads, *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”* In other words, one’s thoughts govern one’s actions. Jesus said, *“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the*

heart his mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45). The “heart” in this passage refers to the place where one’s thoughts are generated, not to the organ that pumps blood. One’s mind can generate good thoughts that produce good actions, or evil thoughts that produce evil actions.

The truth is that each of us are ultimately in control of what we think. Consider what Paul wrote to Christians in 2 Corinthians 10:5, *“casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”* The church in Philippi was instructed to think on things that were true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, of virtue and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8). This indicates that one can choose and control his or her thoughts.

(Continued on page 3)

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave and Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Wanda Barrett.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, and Jackie Herndon. Please let us know of others who may need to be added to these lists or the name of those who have improved and may be removed.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES Our final session of the school is tomorrow evening. Time is 7—9 pm in the annex. Thanks to all who attended this session.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2025: 4-Peanut Butter; 11-Green Beans; 18-Pepper; 25-Pork-n-Beans.

May 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: None. **BIRTHDAYS:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2025

Announcements: Chad Canter

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 4-Roy; 11-Junior; 18-Roy; 25-junior

Opening Prayer AM: 4-James ; 11-Jonnie; 18-Jimmy; 25-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Bobby; 11-Dave; 18-Jesse; 25-Russell

Lead Singing: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

(Continued from page 1)

So, what do you think? What occupies your thoughts? Are you constantly thinking of good things or evil things? Is your mind focused upon worldly things or spiritual things? The Holy Spirit inspired

Paul to write to Christians in Colossians 3:1-2, “*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.***” **Yes, what do you think?**

ARE YOU A “CHURCH OF CHRIST?” *By Tim Kidwell*

Here is the scenario: A group of friends are discussing religion and someone asks, “What are you?” To this question some say, “I am a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, etc.” And then you are asked the same question. How would you respond? If you say that you are “Church of Christ,” or some similar phrase, then, you have answered incorrectly.

Some may defend their response by claiming they are only using accommodative language to help their friends understand. Such terminology denominationalizes the Lord’s church. His church is not a denomination. Denomination means there is more than one under consideration. The Bible plainly teaches that there is only one body (Eph. 4:4), and that the body is the same thing as the church (Eph. 1:22-23). Jesus only said He

would build one church (Mat. 16:18).

Then what is the correct answer to the question, “What are you religiously?” You are a Christian. Not a “Church of Christ” Christian, but simply, a New Testament Christian. By becoming a child of God as the Bible teaches you were added to the church that belongs to Christ, or, the church of Christ (Acts 2:47).

Take advantage of these opportunities to use language that sets the true church apart from the rest of the religious world. These moments are great teaching opportunities. Your religious friends believe that one church is as good as another. That is why they have no problem attending a denomination. That is why they have no problem using denominational terms. Most will even refer to their reli-

(Continued on page 4)