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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
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- James Pigg
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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IS THE LIFE YOU ARE LIVING MEANINGLESS? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

I suppose that each of us would like to believe that the life we are each living has real meaning. That whatever we accomplish in life is beneficial to others and that others see and appreciate our contribution to society no matter how large or small it may be.

When God created man and placed him in the garden of Eden he commanded him to “dress it and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). God

expected man to accomplish something worthwhile and meaningful with his life. He also gave man instructions regarding a certain tree in the garden—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—commanding him not to partake of its fruit (Gen. 2:16-17). It’s obvious that God desired man to use his life to follow God’s will for man’s own good. Sadly, man chose not to obey God’s command and suffered the consequences. Whatever man had accomplished to that point in dressing and keeping the garden was meaningless because part of his

punishment for choosing to disobey God was separation from the garden (Gen. 3:23-24).

Does a life lived without God have any lasting meaning? Consider the record of the rich man in Luke 16:19ff. Here was a man

who wore the best and most expensive clothing and who “faired sumptuously every day.” He had everything he needed and more but he lived his life without God. We

are not told of all his accomplishments in life. We do not know all that he contributed to his society. He may have accomplished many great things in the eyes of his fellowman. What we do know is that he died and was buried and found himself in torments in hades. At that point what did his previous life mean to him? Of what value to him was his wealth and accomplishments in his life? There are only two things mentioned that greatly concerned this rich man in hades. First, he asked for Abraham to send the beggar

“Of what value to him was his wealth and accomplishments in his life?”

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Roy Wyatt., and Joan Lathrop.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess (Murray Hospital being treated for blood clots), Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison,, Ted Clark, and Karen Puckett.

James 5:16b “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

PANTRY ITEMS May 2024: 5—Apple Sauce; 12-Peaches; 19-Pears; 26-Fruit Salad. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

May 2024; Anniversaries: None; **Birthdays:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

WEBPAGE: The webpage for the church continues to receive visits from all over the world. If you haven’t visited lately, please take a few minutes to do so. The webpage URL is <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

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 or meet at our building to begin this study.

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.

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2024

announcements: Chad Canter

Lord’s Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

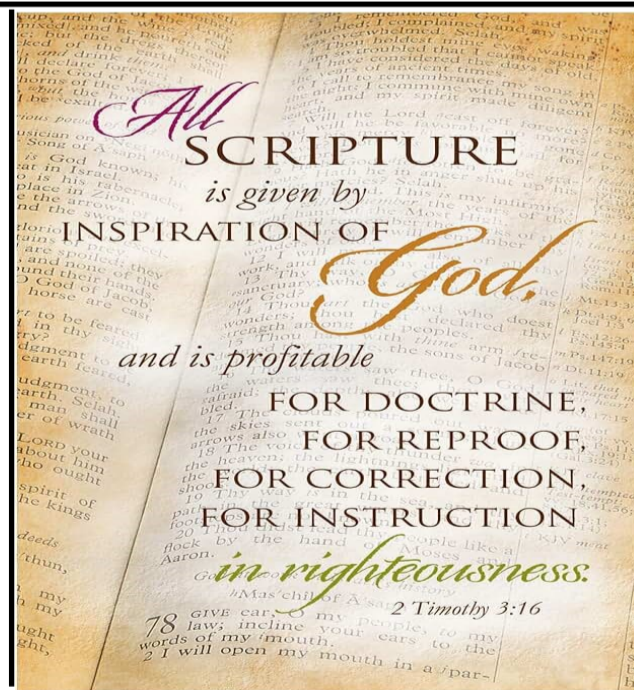
Lord’s Table PM: 5-Roy; 12-Junior; 19-Roy; 26-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Jonnie; 12-Bobby; 19-James; 26-Jim L.

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Russell; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse; 26-Mike

Song Leaders: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Mike; Wednesday-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior



Lazarus to dip his finger in water so that he could cool his tormented tongue. Second, he expressed his concern for his brothers who were still living asking Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn them to change their lives so that they might not come to where the rich man was. Neither of these requests could be fulfilled. The fact is that without God the rich man's life and accomplishments were ultimately meaningless for he lived his life without God.

What about your life dear reader? Are you living your life without God? If so, then

whatever you may be accomplishing in your life is ultimately meaningless for you will find yourself in the same position as the rich man who lifted up his eyes being in torment.

Only submission to God will give your life real and lasting meaning. The Bible puts it this way in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all, For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil."*

IN THE MORNING OF JOY By Dan Jenkins

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be raised." Are there any words more comforting than these? We sing about it, and our hearts are filled with comfort. If there is no resurrection, we are of all men most miserable; our lives have been wasted, and we should have lived our lives by the philosophy of "let us eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we shall die." Many have heard the following words and have been blessed every time they sang them.

*When the trumpet shall sound,
And the dead shall arise,
And the splendors immortal
Shall envelop the skies;
When the Angel of Death
Shall no longer destroy,
And the dead shall awaken
In the morning of joy.*

Think of what a great day of joy that will be!

The Joy of Seeing God

The Lord made a remarkable promise in the opening words of the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). Obviously, we all shall see the Son of man who, coming in His glo-

ry, will separate the sheep from the goats (Matt. 25:31-32). This is true because God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world by the One He raised from the dead (Acts 17:31). We will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). However, the promise of seeing God is reserved for those who are pure in heart. Is it possible that the wicked will never be allowed to see God in all of His majesty?

The Joy of Seeing All the Redeemed

Jesus may have been speaking of the entrance of Gentiles into the kingdom of God when He said, "Many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 8:11), but is there any doubt that all the redeemed will share eternity together? Imagine sitting with those heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter eleven and thousands of other like them. Add to this sitting again with those who shaped our own lives in our journey on this earth.

The Joy of Seeing Jesus

Can you imagine seeing the One who loved us before we ever lived; the One who

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loved us and gave Himself for us while we were sinners! Perhaps we might see those beautiful marks of love in His hands and in His side. We are His bride, and He awaits our coming.

O the bliss of that morn, in the morning of joy!



ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND VIDEOS

The Gospel Broadcasting Network—

gbntv.org—Live & on demand studies on a variety of Bible subjects. Video/Audio.

[Apologetics Press—apologeticspress.org](http://apologeticspress.org)—

Articles/Videos related to the subject of apologetics and other Bible subjects.

[A Bible Answer—abibleanswer.com](http://abibleanswer.com)—

Answers to your Bible questions. Watch on WQQW The Heartland's CW (Paducah, Ky)

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
Study of Matthew

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Questions About the Lord's Supper"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6 pm
"One God, One Lord, One Plan"

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Classes



A Bi-Weekly Podcast Available wherever you get your Podcasts