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Schedule of Services

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For over a year we have been meeting on a reduced schedule due to the Covid-19 virus. With the reduction of new cases statewide and many in the congregation having received the vaccine our elders have decided that now is the time to return to our regular schedule of worship services. Next Sunday, **May 9th**, we will have our regular Sunday morning Bible classes at 10:00

am, morning worship at 10:45 am and evening worship at 6:00 pm.

We will continue to wear masks and practice social distancing until these restrictions are lifted by our government.

God continues to bless us in so many ways. We look forward to seeing each of you as we return to our regular Bible classes and worship services.

DO YOU NEED A “DO-OVER”? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

All of us have heard of “do-overs” and “second chances.” Most likely all of us have made mistakes and wrong decisions that we wish we had never made. It is readily apparent that we do not have a time machine which will allow us to go back to the past and change these mistakes and decisions before they happen. However, there is a sense in which we can have a “do-over”, a “second chance.”

God, through His plan for our salvation, has made it possible for us to have a new beginning. Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ we can be forgiven of those mistakes and decisions which have violated the will of God. In

other words, God is ready and willing to forgive us of our sins, thus giving us a DO-OVER, if we are willing to obey His plan to save us (Psa. 86:5; Acts 17:30; 2:38; Rom. 5:8-9; Heb. 5:8-9). The New Testament describes this in the words of 2 Corinthians 5:17, “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*” Note that making all things “become new” is found only “in Christ.” The only way for one to get “into Christ” is to be “*baptized into Christ.*” (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27), preceded by faith, repentance and confession of faith in

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, and Mary and Jim Lowrie.

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Janice Canter, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Dale Pentecost, Jaime Aguavo, Jr., and Brett Wyatt. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **RETURN TO REGULAR SERVICES SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021.**
- **PANTRY ITEMS May 2021:** 2—Paper Towels; 9—Sweet Pickles 16—Canned Beets; 23—Creamed Corn; 30— Spaghetti. 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.
- **May 2021 Anniversaries:** 16-Charles & Betty Enoch **Birthdays:** 19-Peyton Smith; 24-Charles Enoch; 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **Study the Bible in Your Own Home.** Enroll in a Completely **Free Bible Correspondence Course.** Send your name, complete mailing address and phone number to: Green Plain church of Christ—3980 Murray Paris Road—Hazel, KY 42049 or enroll online at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org> or email greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.
- **HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK!** Habits can be developed over a relatively short period of time, and, if we are not careful, we may allow ourselves to hold on to those habits that ought to be laid aside. As we return to our normal worship services, let’s not allow the “habit” of meeting only once on Sunday to prevail. Our worship to God is too important to allow that to happen. Let us be thankful for every opportunity God gives us to worship and serve Him.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

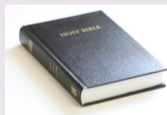
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TODAY’S SERMON

“The Value of Your Soul”

“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” Matt. 16:26

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Christ (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9-10). One who completes these steps of obedience is washed from his or her sins in the blood of Jesus (Acts 22:16) and is a “new creation” with a new direction and purpose in life, a new way of thinking and acting, and a new hope. This person has been granted a “do-over” by our gracious and loving heavenly Father!

But what if one has been baptized into Christ but then sins? Does God simply not hold that person accountable? No. The New Testament clearly teaches that once one is saved, he or she can sin so as to be lost. (Read the case of Simon—Acts 8:14ff). In addressing Christians, the inspired John wrote, “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*” (1 John 1:8-9). Yes, God grants “do-overs” to Christians who sin if they are willing to repent of their sins,

confess them to God and ask for His forgiveness.

Do you need a “do-over” dear reader? You do if you are outside of Christ for you are yet in your sins, separated from God and spiritually lost. You do if you are a Christian who has sinned and thereby returned to that old way of thinking and acting.

Consider this sobering truth—the Lord is coming again at a time unknown by any human (2 Thess.5:2-3). When He comes you and I and every other person will stand before Him to be judged and sentenced based upon “*the things done in the body... whether good or bad*” (2 Corinthians 5:10). At that point the eternal destiny of each of us will be permanently sealed and there will no longer be any “do-overs” for any of us.

We beg you, dear reader, do not let your present opportunity for a “do-over” pass you by. Act now while time and opportunity are on your side (2 Corinthians 6:2).

THE “ORACLES OF GOD” By Garland Robinson

First Peter 4:11 says, “*If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*”

The word “oracles” in this verse appears three other times in the New Testament. In Acts 7:38, “the lively (living) oracles” refers to the Mosaic law. “The oracles of God” in Romans 3:2 speaks of all the written utterances of God through Old Testament writers. “The first principles of the oracles of God” is used to indicate the entire substance of Bible doctrine in Hebrews 5:12. The thought in 1 Peter 4:11 is that if any man (neuter: anyone, whomsoever) speaks, let

him speak as the oracles (utterances, word) of God.

The most powerful influence in all the world is the Word of God. It is God’s power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Therefore, when we speak, we are commanded to speak the Word of God. We read in Titus 2:1, “*But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.*”

The Old Testament prophet Micaiah said, “*As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak*” (1 Kings 22:14). Paul instructed Timothy to “*preach the word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort...*” (2 Tim. 4:2). We have no authority but the word of God and

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when we speak, it must be from the Scriptures which are inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Even in the common daily conversation of any and all Christians (men and women), we are to be governed by what God has said and as He has commanded.

To “speak as the oracles of God” also means that we respect what God did not say, i.e. the silence of the Scriptures. What God has not said is very important. Nadab and Abihu were destroyed by fire for their disrespect of the silence of God’s Word (Lev. 10:1-2). God instructed them as to which fire to use, thus eliminating any other fire (Lev. 6:1-2). When God says something, it is final. And, when God does not say something that is final! Everything else is eliminated! We

cannot speak where God has not spoken. We respect silence every day of our lives. For example: When we go out to eat we tell the waiter what we want, not what we do not want. By specifying what we want, we eliminate everything we do not want. The Bible is no different, God has given us exactly what He wants, no more and no less. That is why God’s people say: “We will do only what the Bible authorizes” (commands), while denominations say: “We will do everything the Bible does not specifically condemn.” There’s a world of difference between the two!

God said to Jeremiah, “*Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak*” (Jer. 1:7). He commands the same of us in 1 Peter 4:11.

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

By David Hayes Prophater

It is absolutely remarkable that the courses of human events have been so dramatically affected by ignorance. At the Twenty-Third of Luke, as the Savior’s life slipped from His body, He asked His Father to forgive those who crucified Him, for they knew not what they did. Peter acknowledged much the same in his sermon on Solomon’s Porch at the Third of Acts, noting that it was in ignorance that the people and their rulers had killed the Prince of Life. At the Seventeenth of Acts, Paul told the Athenians that they ignorantly worshiped a God that was unknown to them and that their devotions were resultingly no more than superstitious. A supersti-

tion is any belief based on fear or ignorance, with no basis in fact, and which is inconsistent with what can be or is known to be true. While superstition springs from ignorance, the Words of Truth are the Words of Life, and the Truth shall make you free.

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