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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
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? *By Todd Houston*

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” - Micah 6:8

It seems the answers offered to this question are as numerous as the people asking. Micah posed this question to the children of Israel after declaring the Lord had a case against them (6:1-5). Sadly, Israel had so fully forgotten the law of God that they assumed offering numerous and costly sacrifices would buy His favor (6:6-7). Like their pagan neighbors, they were attempting to appease God with their sacrifices though their lives were far from His will for them. In response to their rhetorical questions, Micah offered a simple three-pronged answer to remind them how to approach the Lord.

Though the will of the Lord contains a wide array of specific principles for human conduct, these three core principles are necessary facilitators of the rest. Micah left them with no excuse for failing to serve God

faithfully. As God’s chosen people, they should have easily understood this, but they were too blinded by sin to see. To guard ourselves against a similar rebellious tendency, we turn our attention to these three basic principles of service to God.

First, God demands His people do justly. This means to act according to God’s divine standard toward God and man. A casual glance at the previous chapters reveals that Israel had abandoned the pursuit and practice of justice in society (Micah 3:10-11). The term for justly here occurs 421 times in the Bible. Such a recurring theme from the inspired penmen must not be downplayed or ignored. Perhaps the simplest definition given for this Hebrew word is “to do no unrighteousness” (Genesis 9:4).

Second, God’s people are to love mercy (*chesed*). This Hebrew term has a wide range of meaning. It is translated variously as mercy, loving-kindness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Hosea 6:6, a similar passage to Micah 6:8 par-

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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, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison,, Ted Clark and Tonya Morris.

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

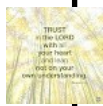
Lord’s Table PM: 5-Roy; 12-Junior; 19-Roy; 26-Junior

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



Rom 12:16

“Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

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allels the meaning of *chesed* with knowledge of God. In essence, it is an intimate knowledge of and likeness to God. This term occurs 247 times in the Bible. It describes God's "steadfast love" which never ceases in Lamentations 3:22. As God is merciful to His people, so He demands they be merciful to others. Those who show no mercy will meet judgment without mercy (James 2:13).

Finally, He demands His people walk humbly before Him. If Israel recalled their history as pointed out in 6:4-5, they would see their dependence on God's mercy. He reminded them of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, His provisions of leadership in the wilderness, His protection from the wicked scheme of Balak, and finally His promise to give them the land of Canaan. All of this called for Israel to walk humbly before their God.

While our covenant is different, God is the same. While the specific details of how we must live before Him differ, the essential character that God demands of us remains the same. Paul reminds us in Romans 15:4 that these things were written for our learning. Like the children of Israel, we too may think we can buy God's favor with our sacrifices. We must remember that as God did not want their sacrifices apart from their hearts, so He has no interest in lifeless worship and service from us today. We must worship God in spirit and truth to please Him (John 4:24). God still requires His people to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before our God. May we be ever mindful of these three core principles as we seek to do His bidding in every area of our Christian walk.

—[What Does the Lord Require of You? — Elizabethton Church of Christ \(elizabethtoncoc.org\)](#)

THE STEPS OF SALVATION By Jonnie Hutchison

What response from sinners does God require to obtain the forgiveness of sins? This question has been asked many times through the years. Sadly, there are many different and conflicting answers given by men. The Universalists would answer this question by saying that God will save everyone. Others would limit man's response to simple belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Still others would require one to pray "the sinner's prayer" for salvation. How does the Bible answer this question?

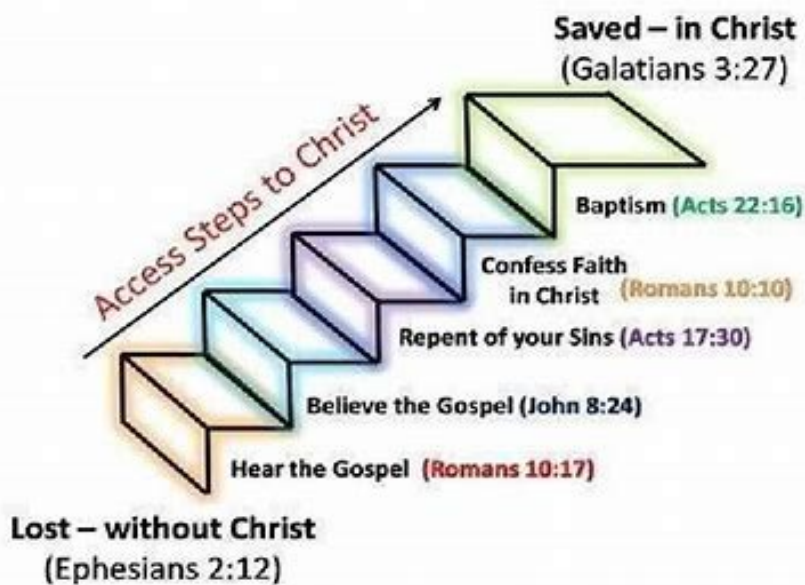
The book of Acts contains multiple examples of sinners receiving forgiveness for sin. In Acts 2 the apostles of Jesus, after receiving the baptismal measure of the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel in the languages of those Jews who had come from every nation under heaven for the Jewish Pentecost. Upon hearing the gospel and being convicted of their sins, they asked, "Men and brethren,

what must we do?" Were they told, there is nothing you can do, Jesus has already done it all for you? No. Were they told to "accept Jesus as your personal Savior?" No. Were they told. You believe in Jesus and that is enough? No. Were they told to "pray the sinner's prayer?" No. The divine answer to their questions was "...Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:36-38). Verse 41 tells us that those "who gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." The steps to their salvation are clear. They heard the gospel, believed in Jesus, repented of their sins, and were baptized into Christ, and added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:47).

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Other examples of salvation in the book of Acts include the Ethiopian Eunuch who was taught about Jesus and responded by confessing his faith in Christ and was baptized at his request (Acts 8:35-39). Saul, after coming face to face with the risen Savior, and thus becoming a believer in Jesus was baptized to wash away his sins (Acts 9:18; 22:16). Both Lydia and the jailer heard the gospel and were baptized (Acts 16). When one puts these records of conversion together the steps that brought salvation were hearing, believing in Jesus, repentance of sin, confession of faith in Christ and baptism for the remission of sins. Those willing to make this same response today will experience the very same results. One who does so will receive the forgiveness of sins, the hope of eternal life, and be added by the Lord to His church.



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—

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

A Bible Answer—abibleanswerstv.org—

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

“He Left Us An Example”

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm

“Salvation Is In The Church of Christ”

Wednesday 7:00 pm

A Study of Worship



A Bi-Weekly Podcast Available wherever you get your Podcasts