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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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- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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DOES THE GOD OF THE BIBLE EXIST?

By Jonnie Hutchison

The ranks of those who would answer “no” to this question seem to be growing daily. Many in the so-called “millennial generation” have scorned both God and organized religion as irrelevant to their lives. The Bible is viewed as just another production of deluded men with little to offer in either knowledge or guidance. Man’s existence is viewed as a chance occurrence - the product of the “big bang” and organic evolution rather than the result of God’s special creation. Consider the following:

“Man’s existence is viewed as a chance occurrence - the product of the “big bang” and organic evolution rather than the result of God’s special creation.”

If God does not exist, then how does one explain the existence of morality in humans? Among all the creatures upon the face of the earth, man alone recognizes the difference between right and wrong. Man, alone has a built-in sense of what is moral and what is immoral. Animals act not by a sense of morality but merely by instinct. Man is an intelligent being with the ability to reason and make decisions based upon knowledge. Animals have no such capability. The evolutionary process cannot explain the existence of morality in man. But the Bible does. “*And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image and according to Our likeness....’*” (Genesis 1:26). Since God is not physical but is a Spirit (John 4:24), then man is made in the spiritual image of God which explains why man is a

moral being. Only man has an “inward man” (spiritual) and an “outward man” (physical). (Romans 7:22;2 Corinthians 4:16. The spiritual part of man gives him that sense of morality which is characteristic of His Creator.

The conscience has been defined as “the part of the mind that makes you aware of your actions as being morally right or wrong” (Merriam Webster). Is there any other creature other than man who possesses a conscience? No. But if man is the product of organic evolution

would it not be the case that lower life-forms, from which man supposedly evolved, should at least have some lesser developed sense of morality? Yet, such is not the case and, like the “theory” of evolution, has never been proven as fact. We are seeing in our generation the result of years of our children being exposed to an unproven theory which is taught as fact but has no actual basis in fact. No wonder so many no longer believe in the existence of God.

The evidence for the existence of God is so abundant that the Psalmist wrote, “*The fool has said in his heart. ‘There is no God’*” (Psalm 14:1a). We plead with each reader to examine the evidence, study the arguments, and be objective in your approach.

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes and Marjorie Grady. Our sympathy is extended to Mary and Jim Lowrie at the death of Jim’s stepdaughter in Indiana. Hayes Grady is scheduled for eye surgery.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess and Katie Boylan. David Lemmons, who preaches for the Maple Hill church of Christ in Benton, KY, is recovering from thyroid cancer surgery. Please remember each of these in prayer..

SPRING SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES continues on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm. This will be the last evening of our Spring session. Come and enjoy these good lessons.

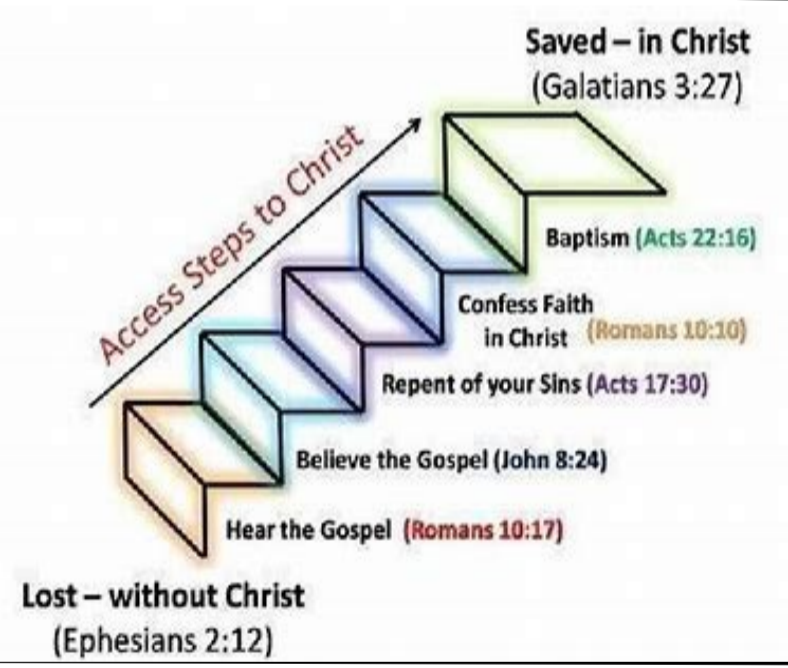
PANTRY ITEMS May 2023: 7—Peanut Butter; 14-Mixed Veges; 21—Green Beans; 28-Jelly or Jams. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

May 2023; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.


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 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com.

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.

Procrastination is a terrible idea when it comes to the matter of salvation. The Bible tells us that life is brief at best and there is no assurance of tomorrow (James 4:13-15). That is why inspiration declares, “*Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Don’t put off till tomorrow what you **SHOULD DO TODAY!**



GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



OUR LAST SESSION IS MONDAY
May 8, 2023

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
2 Corinthians (Part 2)
Jack Phillips
The Miracles of Jesus
John Sales

WHO DID YOU PRAY FOR? *By Jay Launius*

As you look at the contents in most church bulletins, you'll find a list of people who need prayer. Most of the time these folks are sick, battling a serious disease, they are shut-in and unable to leave home or in nursing facilities. Some may need prayers of encouragement as they go through a difficult time. The prayer list can be quite long, with some names staying on the list for many months. Sadly, we may become accustomed to the list after seeing the names reappear each week and don't give it much thought. Even worse, we may not look at it at all.

New Testament Christians are instructed by the scriptures to pray and pray often. Jesus said we are to pray to our Father in heaven (Matthew 6:9) and thank Him for the blessings of life (Colossians 4:2). We are to

come boldly before God with our request (Hebrews 4:16), yet with an attitude of humility (James 4:10). Christians are to pray for each other and also pray for the sick and unfortunate. "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:15-16)

What a great privilege it is to be able to go to God firsthand and pray on another's behalf. So who did you pray for today? Remember, our prayer life is to be constant and consistent, so let us all "pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17).

IS THE DEVIL RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SINS? -Richard Stevens

Satan desires one thing, which is the spiritual demise of all humanity. He wants every soul to end up in hell with him (Mat. 25:41). Satan accomplishes his mission by getting people to live their lives in sin. Satan "entered in" Judas and caused him to betray the Lord (Jn. 13:27; 18:1-5). Satan "filled" Ananias' heart to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3). Satan "deceived" Eve to disobey the Lord (1 Tim. 2:14; Gen. 3:1-6). Jesus told Peter that "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Lk. 22:31-32). The devil is always busy trying to "devour" people with sin (1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Jn. 3:8; Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 2:11). So when we sin, is the devil responsible for our transgressions because he caused us to do it?

The devil does tempt us to sin. He even tried to tempt Jesus to sin (Mat. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13). However, if the devil is re-

sponsible for our sins, then why will we one day be held accountable for them (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Jn. 5:28-29; Rev 20:11-12)? It is because the devil cannot "make" us do anything. He only plays a part in our sin by dangling the carrot. James said, "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin.." (1:14-15). The devil only tempts, and it is we who either resist or transgress. This is why God "will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). We have the ability through Christ (Eph. 6:1); (Phil. 4:13) and the responsibility as Christians to "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jam. 4:7). After resisting, the devil leaves "for a season" (a while, but never for good) (Lk. 4:13).

Nevertheless, we have "endured" that temptation to sin (Jas 1:12). Furthermore, with every

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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
Book of Acts

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Acceptable Prayer"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
"A Summary of Jesus Personal Ministry"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Book of Matthew

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2023

Announcements: Chad Canter

Lord's Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Lord's Table PM: 7-Roy; 14-Junior; 21-Roy; 28-Junior

Opening Prayer AM

7-Jonnie; 14-Bobby; 21-James; 28-Jim L.

Closing Prayer PM

7-Dave; 14-Mike; 21-Jesse; 28-Don

Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

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temptation we are given all the help necessary to withstand the devil; as God will not allow any temptation beyond our individual power to resist, and also gives each and every one of us a faithful way out (1 Cor 10:13).

So when we give in to sin, it is our fault!

—Hawn Freeway church of Christ, Dallas, TX
Via Bulletin Digest



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