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Schedule of Services

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:50 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Being Mothers of Successful Children

By Tim Dooley

Robert R. Taylor, Jr., in his work “Christ in the Home,” speaks of the unique role of motherhood. He says that the child whom a mother brings into the world “will in a few years take his place as a responsible individual in society.” He goes on to say that this child “has both an earthly and eternal role to fill.” Sobering thoughts for all of us. But it is the question he asks that ought to bring us to our knees; the question is, “Will the world be a better or worse because this child passes through?”

I firmly believe that success in this life will be determined solely upon the eternal destination of the soul. If I do not go to heaven when this life is over, I lose!, and the devil wins. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (*Matthew 26:16*). Secondly, I believe suc-

cess will, in part, be based upon whether or not my children also go to heaven. Now I understand that the “soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself” (*Ezekiel 18:20*). However, there are some things a mother can do to improve the odds of success.

Put God First.

You cannot ensure spiritual success if you do not put God first in your life! It is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered (*Matthew 6:33*). You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God is not the top priority in your life. You are either with God or against God (*Matthew 12:30*). For a fact your children are watching you and will see what is most im-



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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: 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. Kerry Thompson (Ann & Dave's son) is recovering from surgery. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Mary Vincent at the passing of her brother, David Hughes this past week. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- **RETURNING TO REGULAR SERVICES TODAY!** Today we return to our pre-pandemic schedule of Bible classes and worship services. Bible classes at 10:00 am; morning worship at 10:50 am, Sunday evening worship at 6:00 pm and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 pm. Masks and social distancing are still to be practiced and other safety measure remain in effect. It was good to see so many back at services this past Sunday.
- **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.

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<https://gbntv.org/>

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<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



TODAY'S SERMON

**AM: “Keep Your Battery
Charged”**

PM: “Jesus’ Mother, Mary”

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portant to you. You cannot serve both God and physical things (*Matthew 6:24*). In other words what takes priority in your life? Whatever it is will most likely be what your children will emphasize as well.

Love Your Husband. Your children need to know that you love your husband (*Titus 2:4*). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see at home. When they see their mother disrespect and dishonor their father it will have a profound affect on their understanding of marriage and the home. Show them you love their father!

Love Your Children. It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this (*Titus 2:4*). But the fact is that society has conditioned us to be so selfish that many young women have no idea how to be the sacrificial Christian mothers, or physically caring mothers, their children need. This means they need nurturing, discipline, and structure. This child is meant to be your BFF. You're a loving Christian mother first and foremost!

Drag Them To Church. If the first three things we have talked about here are in place this will not be an issue. When you became a Christian you made a commitment to God and your desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of your life. So you are faithful to the assembling together of the saints (*Hebrews 10:25*). Your children grow to understand the importance of Bible Class and worship, they receive supplemental instruction in God's Word, and they build relationships with other Christians of all ages. They will learn to love the church if you love the church!

Teach Them The Word. In the aforementioned suggestion I said that Bible Classes are supplemental. Because it is not

the churches primary responsibility to raise your child in the way they should go, spiritually speaking. The instruction of *Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19* is worthy of our consideration, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it led to their demise. Sadder yet is that we haven't learned from their mistake. None of us are as diligent with this imperative as we need to be!

Pray! Pray with them. They need to see you pray, they need to hear you pray, and they need to know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! Pray for them. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much" (*James 5:16*).

No mother can guarantee the spiritual success of her children. When the end of time comes each individual will stand before God and give an answer to Him for the way they have lived, for their own individual decisions (*Romans 14:10-12*). The admonition of Paul to Timothy seems appropriate here: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (*1 Timothy 4:16*).

Are you the kind of mother you need to be, that your children need you to be, that God wants you to be? Will the world be a better or worse because your child passes through it? Take honest stock in your relationship with God and your family. Do what you need to do and what they need you to do.

—[Mother and Children - Church of Christ Articles](#)



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WHY IS WRONG, WRONG? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Is it wrong to commit murder? Is it wrong to “cheat” on one’s spouse? Is it wrong to lie, steal or to commit rape? Most of our readers would probably answer that all these things are wrong, but what makes them wrong? Are they wrong simply because society says they are wrong? Are they wrong because the law of our land identifies them as crimes? What if a society arose that approved of murder and made it legal, would murder no longer be morally wrong? Someone might object that such would never happen, yet history says otherwise. Hitler’s Germany murdered millions in the 1940’s with the full approval of government leaders. Was that wrong? If mankind is the product of organic evolution why would it be wrong to commit murder? If we are simply a more evolved form of animal life what would be the difference in killing a human being and killing a deer? Who could say that one is wrong while the other is right?

When God created man, He instilled in man a sense of morality. This comes from the fact that God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27). God is a moral being, and thus, man, made in God’s image, is a moral being. Animals were not created in God’s image thus have no sense of right and wrong. Animals may be trained to respond in certain ways, but they have no means of making moral decisions for they are not moral beings. Organic evolution has no legitimate explanation as to why man is a moral being and ani-

mals are not, but God gives us that answer.

God has revealed to us in His Word what is right and what is wrong. Murder, adultery, lying and stealing are wrong because God says they are wrong (Rom. 1:28-32; Gal.5:19-21). Man may choose to do what is wrong or choose to do what is right. However, what God says is wrong hurts those who choose to do it, sometimes physically, but always spiritually. What God says is wrong is sin and the “wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). God loves those who are made in His image. He has devised a plan to save us from our sins revealed in the Bible. God “is not willing that any should perish but that all come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Romans 5:8-9).

Because you are a moral being made in God’s image you are accountable to your Creator (2 Cor. 5:10). Choosing sin will result in eternal separation from God in hell while choosing to receive God’s forgiveness through the blood of Jesus will result in eternal life in heaven (Matthew 25:46). Wrong is wrong because God says it’s wrong Choose the right and live!

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