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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
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

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BE LIKE A CHILD By Jonnie Hutchison

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’² Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,³ and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.’” (Matthew 18:1-5).

In their misunderstanding of the nature of the kingdom, the Lord’s disciples seemed to be most concerned about who would be the greatest in that kingdom. In the kingdoms of this world those who would be the greatest would be those who were the most aggressive, those who craved power and who sought positions of authority over others. But the very nature of the kingdom of which Christ spoke demanded an entirely different approach. Jesus uses a child to illustrate the attitude of heart that is necessary to greatness in His spiritual kingdom. It is not pride or arrogance that is required for greatness. On the

contrary, greatness in the kingdom of our Lord is measured by genuine conversion and humility as possessed by a little child. What are some other characteristics of children that those in the kingdom would do well to imitate?

Children have an eagerness to please. Most little children want to please their parents. They want their parents to think well of them. Little children do not want their parents to be angry with them for something they have done wrong. Their love for their parents motivates them to act in such a way as to please them.

This eagerness to please must be the attitude of one who would come to God. Love for God should be a motivating factor in our desire to please Him. Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

Children have an eagerness to learn. Children are curious and interested in learning new things. Children ask a lot of questions as they seek to learn. Parents are given the responsibility to teach their children what they need to know as they grow to-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jesse Vincent. Remember our shut-ins in prayer.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Carlee Poole, Kim Burrows, Calvin Hall and Eddy and Betty Craft.

GUEST SPEAKER: Brother Dustin Pool is scheduled to speak to us this Wednesday, June 28th. This congregation has supported Dustin in his studies in preparing himself to preach the gospel.

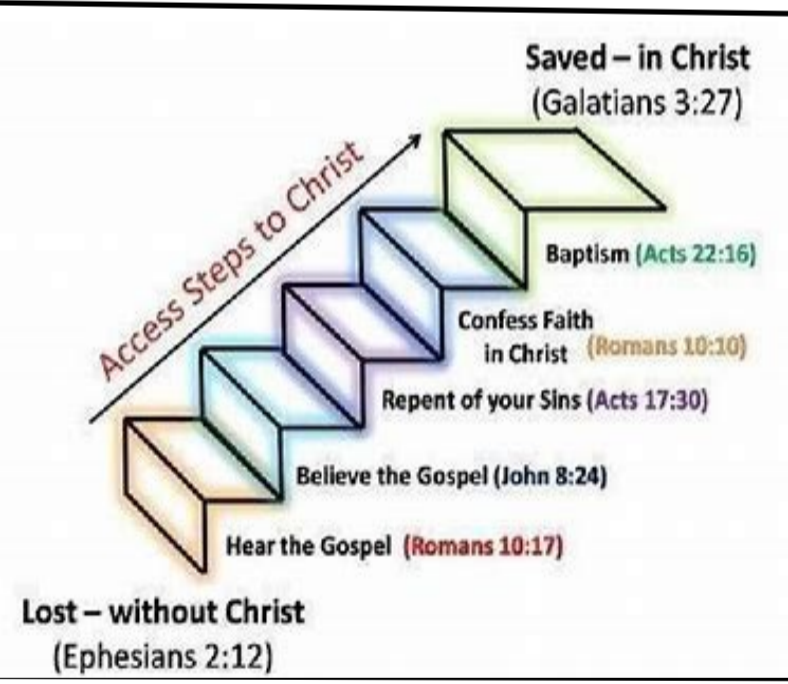
INDIA REPORT: Brother David Nance is scheduled to be with us on Sunday morning July 16. He will teach our Sunday morning auditorium class and present the morning lesson. This congregation has been supporting David and others in India for some time and we look forward to having David with us again.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2023: 2—Chili; 11-Green Beans; 18—Toilet Tissue; 25-Toothpaste. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

June 2023; Anniversaries: 17-Jan & James Pigg; 21-Peggy & Perry Jarvis; 25-Mary & Jim Lowrie. **Birthdays:** 15-Don Spiceland.

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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.



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ward maturity. The most important aspect of parental responsibility in this matter is teaching children about God and their responsibility to their Creator. Parents are to bring their children up in the “*training and admonition of the Lord*” (Ephesians 6:4). The greatest failure of any parent is to fail to teach their children the Word of God, for such failure has eternal consequences which no loving parent wants for his or her child.

Those who would come to God must possess this desire to learn the will of God. Jesus said, “*It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught by God.*” Therefore everyone who has **heard and learned from the Father comes to Me**” (John 6:45). This desire to hear and learn must continue as one grows toward spiritual maturity. “*As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word that you may grow thereby*” (1 Peter 2:2). This desire to learn from the Word of God must be a lifetime desire for those who

would enter the kingdom of heaven. 2 Peter 3:18 reads, “*but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*”

Jesus said that little children are humble. He declared that unless one was converted and humbled himself as a little child he could not even enter the kingdom of heaven, let alone be considered as great in the kingdom.

Little children are submissive to their parents. Those who would have God as their spiritual Father will be submissive and obedient to His will (Hebrews 5:8-9). Loving parents set boundaries for their children for their physical welfare. Our loving God sets boundaries in His Word for the spiritual welfare of His children (2 John 9-11).

Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven? Jesus said it is those who are converted and humble themselves as a little child. Does His description describe you?

WHAT SHOULD FATHER'S LEAVE BEHIND?

By Jerry Joseph

- ◆ “Fortune” or a “Faith” to live by? Hebrews 11:1, 6; Hebrews 11:8, 9; Genesis 12:4; Hebrews 11:17; Genesis 22; James 2:14-26
- ◆ “Abundance” of things or an “Appreciation” for God’s Word? Psalm 119:97, 103-104
- ◆ “Treasures” of the world or a “Trust” in God? Proverbs 3:5-6; Job 13:15; Psalm 18:2
- ◆ “House” made by man or a “Hope” provided by the Lord? PSALM 71:5; 146:5; ROMANS 12:12; 15:4; EPHESIANS 4:4;
- ◆ COLOSSIANS 1:27; TITUS 1:2; TITUS 2:11-13; HEBREWS 6:19; 1 PETER 3:15
- ◆ “Empty” promises or a Godly “Example” to follow? 1 PETER 2:21-23; ROMANS 14:7; MATTHEW 5:13-16
- ◆ “Riches” that will not last or a “Reason” to live for the hereafter? PHILIPPIANS 1:21; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15; COLOSSIANS 3:1-5
- ◆ “Sinful & Sad Spiritual Life” to remember or a “Submissive & Serving Spiritual Life”? ROMANS 6:23; 16-18; MATHEW 6:24; 16:24, 26.

THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2023

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Lord's Table AM: James Pigg & Chad Canter

Lord's Table PM: 4-Chad; 11-James; 18-Chad; 25-James

Opening Prayer AM

4-Jim L. 11-Mike; 18-Jonnie; 25-Bobby

Closing Prayer PM

4-Roy; 11-Dave; 18-Junior; 25-Perry

Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: James & Chad

WHISTLING THROUGH THE GRAVE YARD

American atheists have started a campaign with billboards erected in Colorado and North Carolina with the words: "Go ahead and skip church! Just be good for goodness sake."

The fact remains that there is no compelling reason to be good if there is no foundation for what is good and what is bad. Atheists have no standard for good based upon their denial of God and His rules for living. How many hospitals do you know that were founded and funded by atheists? Jere Allan has it right when he asks "why are so-called atheists offended at someone they claim does not exist?" Exactly!

*Steven Clark Goade
Blythe, CA*

**"The fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt,
They have done abominable works,
There is none who does good."
Psalms 14:1**

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

Book of 1 Thessalonians

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

"Overcoming Depression"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00

"Jesus Promises A Helper"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

Book of Matthew



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