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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

- Larry Enoch
- 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

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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WHAT IS THE ANSWER? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

We were all saddened and disturbed upon hearing of the tragic events resulting in the deaths of children and teachers at a Texas elementary school. There is no right-thinking person who does not want these kinds of heart-breaking events to end. Is the answer more gun control, more resource officers in schools or more facilities to treat mental illness? While these may be helpful, this writer is convinced that there is only one thing that has the power to change the thinking and lives of people and that is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We live in a nation that has largely forgotten the God of heaven. God has been excluded from public life, eliminated from public schools, and His word rejected by the majority. For years children in this nation have been taught that they are no more than the product of organic evolution rather than the special creation of God. The sanctity of human life has been diminished by this as well as by legalized abortion and media that depicts and glo-

rifies violence including violent video games. Immorality abounds and what God says is “against nature” is accepted as normal behavior (Romans 1:26-27). No wonder children are confused about their own sexual identity being victims of the perverted agenda of those who glorify immoral behavior. We have reached that point when “evil is called good and good is called evil” and we are experiencing the consequences of our rejection of God (Isa. 5:20). It is still true that “Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34).

Sin is the universal problem (Romans 3:23). Sin is why murders are committed and innocent children are killed. The gospel of Christ is the answer to sin. Through the blood of Jesus one can be cleansed of sin (Romans 5:8-9). One who chooses to obey God will find peace in a world of turmoil (Philippians 4:7). Each of us have the ability to choose to follow the teaching of the Bible in spite of what goes on around

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, and Wanda Barrett .

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Jack and Michel Phillip. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS June 2022: 5—Lima/Butter Beans; 12—Toothpaste; 19—Toilet Paper; 26—canned Potatoes. 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.

JUNE 2022 Anniversaries: 16-Teresa & Larry Enoch; 17-Jan & James Pigg; 21-Perry & Peggy Jarvis; 25-Jim & Mary Lowrie; **Birthdays: None**

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. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Monday’s. 7—9 pm..

THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2022

Announcements—Chad Canter

Preside at Lord’s Table AM—James & Mike

Lord’s Table PM: 6/5-Chad; 6/12 James; 6/19 Chad;
6/26 James.

Opening Prayer AM: 6/5 Jim L.; 6/12 Larry; 6/19
Jonnie; 6/26 Bobby

Closing Prayer AM: 6/5 Roy; 6/12 Dave; 6/19 Perry;
6/26 Junior

Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Mike; Wed Chad

Usher: Jesse

Count Contribution: James & Mike

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— “*Despised
and Rejected*”

6 pm— “*The Church
Under Attack*”

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of Jude

7:00 PM

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us. In changing one's own life, one may then have a positive influence upon others in this world. Letting your light shine will dispel the darkness of sin and glorify God (Matthew 5:16).

Psalms 9:17 reads, "The wicked

shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God." Parents, bring your children up in the training of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Exalt God in your life and make His will your priority. If you do, you will be a blessing to others and enjoy an eternity in heaven.

MISJUDGING THE DISTANCE *By Brian Ketchum*

I like to play a lot of what could be considered precision sports. These are things like golf and archery. They are precision sports because your goal is to hit a ball or shoot an arrow as accurately as possible from some distance. When you are just beginning to learn the sport, your distance doesn't matter much. For example, there is very little difference between 120 and 125 yards when I play golf because my technique is not good enough to control my distance. If you play these sports for very long, however, inevitably, you will need to know an exact distance. The difference of 5 yards in archery could be between the bullseye and barely hitting the target.

Here is the thing about distance, there is only one correct answer to the question, "How far is that?" In golf and sometimes in archery, you have to estimate or guess the distance to the hole or the target. Regardless of your guess, the distance can only be one value. It almost seems silly to use this example because everyone understands there is an absolute value when it comes to distance, a



truth about distance.

What about the question, "Is there a right way to live?" Can we find a single truth to this question? The Bible indicates that there is such an answer. In [John 14:16](#), Jesus says that he is the way, the truth, and the life, meaning that there is no other option. I want to consider an application that we can draw from our sports analogy with that in mind.

My feelings or perceptions are irrelevant to the truth.

When lining up my bow to shoot, I might estimate that it is 45 yards to the target. After watching my arrow sail over the top of the target, I measure the distance to figure out it is only 30 yards. I might say something like, "there is no way that's only 30 yards!" or "I just knew it was 45 yards!" The point is, it doesn't matter what I thought I knew or how I felt. In reality, the target was 30 yards away, and I missed.

In the same way, many people feel a certain way about spiritual matters. People in Christendom say things like, "I haven't been to church in years, but God

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and I are okay," or "I feel like God won't let me go to hell." Statements like these are the exact same thing as saying, "That's 45 yards," and failing to measure. Like golf or archery, there will come a time when the consequences will show themselves. In sports, it's when it comes time to execute the shot. Your ball comes up well short, or your arrow sails beyond the target, and it's at that moment you know you didn't have the truth.

In a much more serious context, a day of judgment is coming where consequences will be handed out. It will be more important than ever to know the truth on that day because it will deter-

mine where you spend eternity. In a familiar passage, Jesus says in [Matthew 7:21-23](#), "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven," and "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." Do you know the truth? Are you sure? Let's all make sure to study our bibles so that we don't miss the target on judgment day.

—[Misjudging the Distance - Articles](#) < [Mt. Carmel Church of Christ \(mtcarmelchurchofchrist.org\)](#)



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