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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

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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- James Pigg
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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IF YOU ARE LOST *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Though some deny the reality of an eternal hell the Bible is very clear that not only does hell exist, but those who refuse God's offer of forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus will exist there for an eternity. In the picture of the future judgment Jesus indicated that at His second coming all nations of the earth will be gathered before Him. He will separate the saved on His right hand from the lost on His left as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Jesus tells us that those who are lost will go into "everlasting punishment" but those who are saved into eternal life (Matthew 25:31-46). Whose fault will it be if YOU are among those who will go into everlasting punishment?

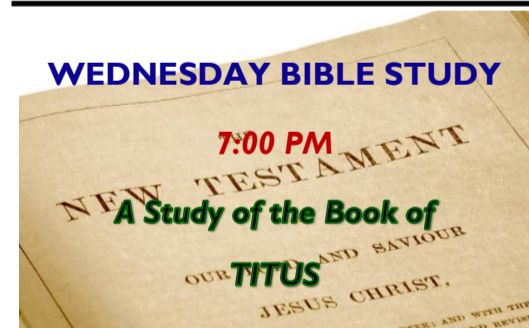
It will not be God's fault. It is often spoken of God that He is responsible for sending the lost to hell. However, God "*is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*" (2 Peter 3:9). That is why God originated a plan to save man from sin so that no person need be lost. If you reject His plan, are you not responsible for your lost condition?

It will not be the fault of Jesus Christ. Jesus willing left the glory of heaven to take upon Himself flesh and blood and to shed His previous blood upon the cross in fulfillment of God's plan to provide the forgiveness of sins (Phil.2:5-8; John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). If you refuse to receive the cleansing of your sins through His shed blood will Jesus be responsible for your being lost, or will you?

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as "inspiration" the Holy Spirit revealed God's plan of salvation and made it available in written form in the pages of the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet.1:20-21) If you reject the revelation of the Holy Spirit will are you not be responsible for your lost condition?

God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit have each done their part in making it possible for you to be saved eternally. Each of us choose whether we will accept or reject this offer of salvation. If you choose to continue in your sins, you will be lost and, yes, it will be your fault. You will have no one to blame but yourself. We plead with each reader, accept the salvation found in Jesus Christ! Submit yourself in loving obedience to what He has commanded in order to receive the cleansing of the blood of Jesus. Believe that He is the Son of God (John 8:24; Mark 16:16), repent of your sins (Acts 17:30), confess your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and be immersed in water into the death of Jesus where you spiritually contact His cleansing blood (John 19:34; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5). Then, by continually walking in the light of God's Word, you will be prepared to meet the Lord with confidence when He comes again (1 John 1:7-9).



NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie, and Mary Vincent

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, and Brett Wyatt. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list..

- **PANTRY ITEMS July 2021:** 4—Apple Sauce; 11—Canned Fruit Juice; 18—Vienna Sausages; 25—Jell-O. 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.
- **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:** **Fall Gospel Meeting** with Alan Adams, September 12-16, 2021. Our **School of Biblical Studies** will be conducted each Monday evening 7-9 pm, September 20—November 8, 2021. Larry Powers will teach “Church History” and Jack Phillips will teach “2 Corinthians.”
- **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:** **Gospel Meeting** at the Hickory Grover church of Christ—July 11-14 with John Daniels preaching. **Gospel Meeting** at the Dexter church of Christ, July 25-28 with Jonnie Hutchison preaching.
- **July 2021 Anniversaries:** None . **Birthdays:** 7-Chad Canter; 18-Hayes Grady 30-Jim Lowrie; 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.
- **Sunday Morning Sermon:** *“Things You Will Never Do in Heaven”*
- **Sunday Evening Sermon:** *“Changing Habits”*



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God's Plan for Your Salvation

1. Hear the word of God—Romans 10:17.
2. Believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God—Jn 8:24
3. Repent of your sins—Acts 2:38.
4. Confess your faith in Christ—Rom. 10:9-10
5. Be immersed in water for the remission of your sins—Ac. 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4

HOW HARD ARE YOU WORKING ON YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?

Victor M. Eskew

A professional athlete must constantly work on his/her "game" in order to compete at a high level. When you hear them talk, they divide their game into various fundamentals. A professional tennis player works on his serve, his return of serve, his forehand, his backhand, his drop shot, the placement of the ball, his overhand, hitting the return at various heights, his nerves, and his conditioning. He must make certain that he works on all areas of his game. If he does not, the one area he has been slack in just might cost him a game, a set, or a match.

In like manner, the Christian needs to work hard on his/her Christian life. Working on his Christian life involves breaking it down into various components. First, a Christian should work hard on worship. Worship is defined as "paying homage or adoration to God." Jesus tells us that worship involves both truth and spirit. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" ([John 4:24](#)). It is fairly simple to worship "in truth." The Christian learns what the church in the first century did and follows its example (See [Acts 2:42](#)). Worshipping "in spirit" is more difficult to master. Worshipping in spirit involves one's attitude and attentiveness to the acts of worship as one is involved in them. It is easy to let the mind wander. It is easy to let things like children and cell phones to distract us. It is easy to sit and do nothing. It is easy to become a critic rather than a worshipper. The goal of the worshipper should be the same goal of the psalmist. "May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" ([Ps. 19:14](#)).

Another area of work for the Christian should be in obtaining knowledge of the

Word of God. Peter commands us, saying: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" ([II Pet. 3:18](#)). Knowledge is not something that is easy to acquire. After a preacher proclaimed a very powerful lesson, a young man in the audience said: "I would give my life to have that kind of knowledge." The older gentlemen replied: "That is exactly what it has taken me." To acquire knowledge one must dedicate money for tools of Bible study. He must dedicate time for study. He must dedicate the hard work of reading, comparing, reasoning, and make decisions about God's Word. Increasing one's knowledge is not easy ([Eccl. 12:12](#)), but it is a very profitable aspect of the Christian life.

Prayer is a third area that deserves some diligent attention by the child of God. Prayer seems like a simple activity, talking to God. Yet, many Christians struggle with prayer. They do not pray enough. They do not pray with faith. They seem to pray the same prayers over and over. They are not attentive to the prayers God has answered. They do not examine their lives to see if they are praying acceptable prayers to God. All of these things take a toll on their prayer lives. In the opening section of Luke 18, Jesus tells a parable. The parable has a purpose in mind. "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" ([Luke 18:10](#)). James reveals that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much ([James 5:16](#)). Prayer should be a major part of the training regimen of the Christian. Weekly attention to one's prayer life is not too much

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Another part of the Christian life that all should address is evangelism. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost ([Luke 19:10](#)). This should be one of our priorities. Every Christian should get “good” at it. In fact, we do not need to be just good, we need to be excellent at it. But, most are not. In fact, many Christians do not give any attention at all to evangelism. Each one of us needs to begin by making a list of all those who are prospects for a Bible study. Then, we need to pray for these lost souls daily ([Rom. 10:1](#)). After praying for them, we need to approach them out of love and concern and ask for a Bible study. We need to learn how to invite people to worship services. We need to learn to incorporate Scripture into our conversations with others like Jesus did with the Samaritan woman in John 4. We need to learn a method of Bible study that we can use to teach others. The growth of the church is dependent upon each member of the Lord’s church. If all of us will sow bountifully, we will reap bountifully ([II Cor. 9:6](#)).

A fifth area of the Christian life that Christians must spend time on involves resisting temptation. Satan is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour ([I Pet. 5:8](#)). He is persistent in tempting God’s children to sin. Peter tells us that we must resist him steadfastly ([I Pet. 5:9](#)). This, however, is not easy. To do it, we must learn Satan’s devices ([II Cor. 2:11](#)). To do it, we must develop the ability to deny ourselves ([Luke 9:23](#)). To do it, we must have a good

grasp of God’s Word ([Ps. 119:11](#)). To do it, we must love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength ([Matt. 22:37-38](#))

The last area we will mention in this article in which Christians need to commit some diligent effort is in the proper use of the tongue. James tells us that “the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity” ([James 3:6](#)). He also reveals that “it is an unruly evil, and a deadly poison” ([James 3:8](#)). We need to spend some time learning the proper uses of the tongue. We also need to spend some time learning the wrong uses of the tongue. James tells us that unless we learn to bridle our tongues, we deceive our hearts and our religion is vain ([James 1:26](#)). We want to develop our tongues to the point that our speech is “always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” ([Col. 3:6](#)).

When a coach gets together with the athlete he is training, he asks: “How hard have you been working on your game?” As Christians, we need to ask ourselves a similar question. “How hard are we working on our spiritual lives?” Paul exhorts us to labor diligently on our spiritual lives. As you read his words to this end, listen to the promises he attaches to our efforts. He writes: “Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” ([I Tim. 4:15-16](#)).—*Oceanside church of Christ, Florida*

THOSE TO SERVE JULY 2021

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger **Lord’s Supper AM:** Bobby Hall and Larry Enoch

Lord’s Supper PM 4-Bobby Hall | **11-**Larry Enoch; **218-**Bobby; **25-**Larry

Opening Prayer AM: **4-**Charles Enoch; **11-**Chad Canter; **18-**James Pigg **25-**Jim Lowrie.

Closing Prayer AM: **4-**Perry Jarvis; **11-**Mike Ernstberger; **18-**Junior Morris; **25-**Roy Wyatt

Song Leaders: **AM-**Perry Jarvis; **PM-** Mike Ernstberger; **Wednesday-**Chad Canter

Usher: Chad Canter; **Count Contribution:** Bobby Hall and Larry Enoch