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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

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THE FINAL RESURRECTION *By Jonnie Hutchison*

“Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:28-29). The final resurrection of all the dead is under consideration in the above passage. It tells us that there is coming an hour, a point in time, when every person who has died will be called forth from their resting place by the Lord. Though there is one resurrection of all the dead, there are two eternal destinies to which those resurrected go: the good to life, the evil to damnation. The phrase *“all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And come forth”* indicates that none will be excused from this final resurrection of the dead.

Death is the separation of the spirit from the physical body (James 2:26). For a dead body to be raised there must be a reunification of the spirit with the body. When Jesus died on the cross he *“gave up the ghost”* (his spirit separated from His physical body—John 19:30). For a time

the spirit of our Lord was existing in the hades world. We know that because Jesus promised the penitent thief crucified with Him, *“assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise”* (Luke 23:43). Yet, the spirit of Jesus did not remain in paradise but was reunited with His physical body which lay in the borrowed tomb and He was resurrected from the dead. As the angels affirmed to the women at the tomb, *“He is risen from the dead....”* (Matthew 28:5-7).

The final resurrection of the dead will take place at the second coming of Christ when He comes to judge the living and the dead (2 Timothy 4:1). For one who has been a faithful servant of God the final resurrection will be an experience of inexpressible joy. It will be the end of sorrow and the beginning of ones eternal existence in heaven. The actual resurrection of the faithful is described in the words of 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.”*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Wanda Barrett (Charter Health Care), Roy Wyatt, Marie Wyat, Sue Hall, Russell Lathrop, and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Kim Burrows, Luce-
tria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy,
Darren Mays, Adam Kellam, Dan Sikes, Ariana Yount, Joanne Hutchison, John Sales
and Jack Phillips.

OurThanks to Jan and James Pigg for hosting a Independence Day get together. The fel-
lowship and food were great and enjoyed by all who attended.

July 2026; **ANNIVERSERIES:** None **BIRTHDAYS:** 7th-Chad Canter. Congratula-
tions!

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YouTube. A great source for personal Bible study with videos on a variety of Bible
subjects, plus online commentaries and other books available for download.

*"THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE **NOT JOINED** A DENOMINATION." See Acts 2:47.*

THOSE TO SERVE July 2026

Announcements: James

Lord's Table AM: Mike & Russell

Lord's Table PM: 5-Mike; 12-Russell; 19-Mike;
26-Russell.

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Bobby; 12-Jonnie; 10-Jimmy;
26- Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Chad; 12-Don; 19-Jesse;
26-Roy

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wednesday-Chad

Count Contribution: Mike & Russell

AREA EVENTS
GOSPEL MEETING at
the Williams Chapel
church of Christ—July 12-
14 with **B.J. Clarke**
preaching.
Monday-Tuesday 7:00 pm
VBS at the Coldwater
church of Christ
Saturday July 11, 2026
9:00 am
Classes for all ages
including adults.

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For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” This wonderful description fills the hearts of the faithful with both awe and anticipation in being participants in the final event of their existence on this earth.

Though the faithful will indeed rejoice and be exceeding glad, the evil and unfaithful will experience the final resurrection with the most extreme dread and sorrow. There will be no meeting of with the Lord in the air to be with Him forever. No, there will be an eternal separation from the Lord in the fires of a devil’s hell for *“these shall go away into everlasting punishment”* (Matthew 25:46). How horribly sad! How tragic! Tragic because God has provided the means through Jesus Christ so that we might be made free from the eternal consequences of sin by the washing of the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:8-9). The resurrection to damnation can be avoided by loving obedience to what Jesus commands for salvation (Romans 10:9-10, 17; Mark 16:16; Acts 17:30; 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27).

The fifteenth chapter of the book of 1st Corinthians tells us that at the final resurrection the body will be changed from corruptible to incorruptible and from mortal to im-

mortal and that it will be raised a spiritual body. This is necessary because *“flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God: neither doth corruption inherit incorruption”* (Vrs. 50). All of this is summed up in the assurance of verses 51-54, *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

Dear reader, you can choose to be a participant in the resurrection to life rather than the resurrection to domination. You can choose to obey God and receive the hope of eternal life. And at the final resurrection you will experience the joy expressed by the inspired John as he wrote: *“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”* (1 John 3:2-3).

If Jesus returned today, as you are reading this article, would YOUR final resurrection be a one of great joy or one of fear, regret and eternal sorrow?

RUNNING FROM CHURCH PROBLEMS

When a church has problems the first inclination is to run from it and find a perfect congregation that doesn’t have problems. I know that feeling. I’ve had it too. Of course, honesty compels us to admit that this is the easy way out. “After all, my nerves just can’t

take it.”
When the apostle Paul saw the church at Corinth with all of its problems, he didn’t run from it. He ran toward it to “put the fire out.”

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I used to wonder why God put First Corinthians in the Bible. Who wants to read about church problems? The more I study it the more I see how incomplete the Bible would be without it. It is nothing short of a masterpiece and chapter thirteen is a masterpiece within a masterpiece – an OASIS, a goldmine! It is a favorite passage of many, often read at weddings. If Paul had run from the problems at Corinth we would be without First Corinthians thirteen and many other jewels contained in the book. **Ponder that.** It's not so much about church problems as it is about SOLVING them. Every church can see itself mirrored in one or more of its problems. We learn how painstakingly patient Paul was and how much care he had for his brother and sisters at Corinth.

The love Paul writes about to Corinth is the love he had for them. This is how he could discuss their problems and lead them to the solution. This is how he could persevere. We see both tenderness and scolding, patience and rebuking, praising and shaming as Paul pours himself out on their behalf.

Paul was about keeping brethren united. Not only was he about solving problems instead of running from them, he encouraged others to do likewise. "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, ..." (Phil 4:2,3). There is no indication that Paul thought any of the Corinthians should run and no record that any of them did. In that, the "awful" church at Corinth puts us to shame.

I wonder if Jesus or Paul ever said, "My nerves are shot. I can't take any more of this." Was that one of the sayings from the cross? Surely, if neither Jesus nor Paul ever entertained that idea, then we should be able to handle challenges that are much less than what they faced.

Should we run from problems? To say the least, that should be our last resort when all other efforts have failed. What did Paul say? What would Jesus do? "Be ye imitators of me as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1). Paul told us what Jesus would do. How do we measure up? He also said "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil 4:9).—Dick Blackford

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!



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
A Study of Luke**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
"A Religion of Safety"**

**SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
"How Can I Be
More Forgiving"**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM
A Study of 2 Kings**

**What Must I Do to Be
Saved?**

1. **Hear** the gospel -Romans 10:17.
2. **Accept the Deity of Jesus Christ**—John 8:24.
3. **Repent** of sin—Acts 17:30.
4. **Confess** faith in Christ—Acts 8:36-38; Rom 10:9-10
5. **Be immersed in water**—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27.