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## Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**  
Bible Classes  
10:00 AM  
Morning Worship  
10:45 AM  
Evening Worship  
6:00 PM
- **Wednesday**  
Bible Classes 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.  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## THE PEACE OF GOD *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Our world is in constant turmoil. War, natural disasters, a multitude of crimes, political upheaval, immorality, disease and accidents are all a part of the world in which we live. In all of this where is peace to be found? Is it even possible to have peace in such an environment? The Bible answer to that is YES!

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:6-7). The “*peace of God*” is available even in this tumultuous world. However, the “*peace of God*” is not the absence of war or conflict. It does not come from agreeing to disagree or man-made treaties. Rather, the “*peace of God*” comes as the result of being in the right relationship with God which permits one to bring his requests to God “*by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.*” One achieves that right relationship with God and the privilege of prayer by contacting the blood of Jesus through obedience to the gospel

of Christ (Romans 5:8-9). By believing that Jesus is the Son of God, turning from sin in genuine repentance, confessing faith in Christ and being immersed into the death of Jesus, one is granted the forgiveness of sin and the abundant spiritual blessings available only in Christ (John 8:24; Acts 2:38; 17:30; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4; 10:9-10; Ephesians 1:3). At that point one has achieved spiritual peace with God and granted the privilege of approaching the throne of God in prayer with confidence that God will hear and answer prayer. Hebrews 4:16 reads, “*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*”

Obtaining spiritual peace with God (i.e. forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life) will continually “*guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” even in the midst of this “*crooked and perverse generation*” in which we live (Philippians 2:15). This is the “*peace of God which surpasses all understanding.*”

Do YOU have the “*peace of God?*” We would love to help you obtain it. Contact us today.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon , Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes, Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg (Home),, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, Don and Sherry Blackwell , Neal Parker and Andrea Phillips.
- **Mark Your Calendar: *Fall Gospel Meeting*** with Victor Eskew is scheduled for September 8-12. Fall session of the ***School of Biblical Studies*** will be conducted for eight consecutive Mondays beginning on September 16th.
- **Area Events: *Gospel Meeting*** at the Hickory Grove church of Christ July 14-17 with Robert Taylor, Jr. Sunday evening at 7:30 pm. Monday—Wednesday at 7:00 pm. ***Gospel Meeting*** at the Dexter church of Christ, July 21-24 with Sidney White. Sunday evening services are at 7:30 pm. Monday—Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- **Pantry items for June** 7—Canned Beets; 14—Pork-n-Beans; 21—Spinach; 28—Paper Towels.
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at [abileanswertv.org](http://abileanswertv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.
- **July 2019 Anniversaries:** ;**16th** Rex & Margret Enoch **Birthdays: 7th**—Chad Canter; **9th** Eli Salves; **18th** Hayes Grady; **30th** Jim Lowrie; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.



### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** What does the book of Psalms say shows :”the glory of God” and what shows His “handiwork”?

**Last Week:** Who sold his “birthright” in order to satisfy his physical hunger? **Answer:** Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for a bowl of red stew (Genesis 25:29-34).



### LESSONS

July 7th

**Sunday AM**  
“Paying the Price for Being the Lord’s Disciple”

**Sunday PM**  
“Earnestly Contending for the Faith” Jude 3-4

## ARE SOME SINS EXCUSED? *By Wayne Jackson*

**“In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul describes a certain level of human activity as ‘inexcusable’ (Rom. 1:20). Does this imply that *some* conduct, even that which is bad, is ‘excusable’?”**

No, that would be an erroneous conclusion to draw from the terminology of the passage cited above. All sin – any sin – is a transgression of divine law (1 Jn. 3:4), and any sin, left unattended, will result in spiritual death (Jas. 1:15). No sin is “excusable” on its own merit.

The expression “without excuse,” in Romans 1:20, translates the Greek term *an-apologetos*. The word is found only in two New Testament passages (Rom. 1:20; 2:1). The original term is composed of two prime elements, a negative prefix, which signifies “without,” and the main stem, *apologeomai*, which means “to defend.” The word literally means, therefore, “without defense.”

In Romans 1:20, Paul sets forth the fact that the ancient Gentiles, who refused to have God in their knowledge, had “no excuse,” i.e., they had “no defense,” for their unbelief. And why not? Because adequate evidence is available for drawing the conclusion that the true God *does* exist. Such documentation is to be found in the very order of the creation He fashioned. As the apostle argues: Evidence for God’s presence is “clearly seen” in the things that are made. *A designed Universe demands a designer!* The “fingerprints” of deity are “all over” the components of the creation. There is simply no excuse not to believe that an Ultimate Intelligence is responsible for the Universe – if one thinks perceptively.

As indicated above, the second reference in which “without excuse” is used is Romans 2:1. In this text, the Jew is condemned for his hypocritical judging, which

involved a censorious attitude, combined with the inconsistency of his own base conduct.

“Wherefore you are without excuse, O man, whoever you are who judges . . . for . . . you practice the same things.”

Again, what is the basis of inspired rebuke? Well, as the subsequent context reveals, the Hebrew people had a written revelation from God, namely the Mosaic code. In light of this historical fact, the nation of Israel was highly culpable with regard to its inconsistent teaching/practice pattern.

The presumption underlying both of Paul’s arguments (in 1:20 and 2:1), then, is this.

1.If God had provided *no evidence* of His existence (1:20), then man might have a defense for not believing. Since the hypothetical premise underlying the argument is not true, no legitimate defense for unbelief exists.

2.Had there been *no basis* upon which the Jew could have determined right conduct (2:1), he might have argued a “defense” for his moral laxness. But since this supposition did not reflect the reality of the case, he was defenseless.

Paul’s case, therefore, in both instances – as applied to Gentile and Jew – is this. No one has a defense for disobeying God. Adequate evidence is available, and a refusal to serve God is inexcusable.

Finally, I would add this note as well. The fact that a man is *ignorant of*, or *refuses to recognize the validity of*, the truth – rela-

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**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!  
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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tive to God's existence, and humanity's obligation to obey Him – is *no legitimate defense* (see 2 Thes. 1:7-9). Men have the obligation to seek the Creator and his truth (Acts 17:27; Jn. 7:17; 8:32). Also, Christians have a duty to help their fellows find the way of life (Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16).

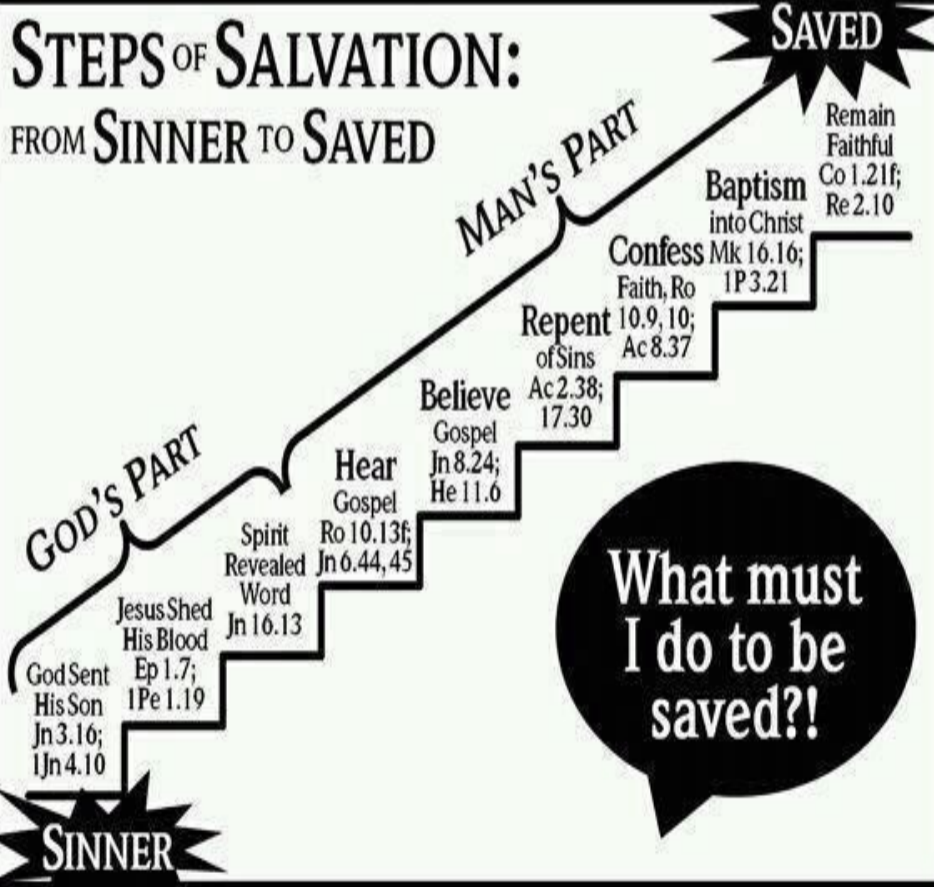
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**THOSE TO SERVE**

**July 2019**

Announcements

Perry Jarvis

Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord's Table

Dave Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute: Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table PM

7—Mike

14—James

21—Mike

28—James

Opening Prayer

7—Bobby Hall

14—Jonnie Hutchison

21—Hayes Grady

28—Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer

7—Brent Morris

14—Roy Wyatt

21—Preston Barrett

28—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Eli Sales

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Bobby & Dave

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Chad Canter

If unable to serve please call Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

*Thanks for Serving!*