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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 ONE STANDARD *By Jonnie Hutchison*

It is true that without the guidance of the Word of God man becomes his own worst enemy. *"Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to guide his own steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23). The truth is that rejecting the Word of God by following human religious traditions always results in tragic consequences including, ultimately, eternal loss in a devil's hell! No wonder there are so many warnings in the Bible against rejecting the Word of God and following the doctrines and commandments of men (Matthew 15:8-9; Titus 1:3-4; Hebrews 13:9). Jesus taught, *"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him."* ***The word that I have spoken*** will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). One may reject the Word of God but that rejection does not relieve him of his accountability to it. No human being will be judged in the last day by the Koran, the Hadith, the Book of Mormon, the Catechisms of Catholicism, the Jewish Talmud nor any other religious creed originated by men. It will not be the philosophies of hedonism, humanism, political correctness, nor relativ-

ism which will be our standard of judgment as all of these actually deny the existence of a genuine divine standard. No, dear reader, the one standard of divine judgment is the Bible, the very Word of Almighty God!

As the Word of God is the one and only standard of judgment it follows that each of us must conform our lives to that one divine standard in order to receive the remission of our sins and the hope of eternal life. *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"* (Titus 2:11-12). To live soberly, righteously and godly is to live one's life in harmony with the one divine standard. The person who expresses his love for God in such a way need not fear the righteous judgment of God. The inspired John wrote, *'Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world'* (1 John 4:17). If the Lord came to judge

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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, Russell Lathrop, Mary and Jesse Vincent and Perry Jaarvis.

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.

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

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ing address to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049. You
may also enroll online at our website: <https://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

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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.

**. “In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your
years.” “Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His
faithfulness” (Psalm 37:3).**

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
Gathered Together
Conference**

July 29-August 2, 2026

SCATTERED PSALMS

Springhill Suites in Murray

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mankind in the next few moments, would you be fearful or would you be able to face the judgment with confidence? *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad”* (2 Cor. 5:10).

The New Testament of Jesus Christ will be the standard of judgment for those of us who live this side of the cross. In a world

which has largely rejected God’s standard there will continue to be atrocities in the name of religion and a host of other adverse consequences. However, none of us need be a part of such. We may each choose to follow God’s Word measuring our lives by His standard of divine truth and enjoy the “peace that passes all understanding” in spite of the circumstances that exist around us in this world.

SIX WAYS TO INCREASE CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Last month I had the opportunity to attend my first UT football game. Boy, it was absolutely great! Now I have been to football games before. I saw the Falcons get clobbered by the Dallas Cowboys at Fulton County stadium nearly 30 years ago, and of course high school games, but this was special. Being a student of human nature and of psychology, I learned several things at this game, especially how we can boost our church attendance. Here is what I have come up with.

1. We are going to replace our cushioned pews with aluminum benches that have no backs.

2. We are going to make people sit very close together. Even though we are aware that there is a weight and thus girth problem in this country, we are only going to allow 17 inches wide for each person to sit and try to make sure you have to sit by those you do not even know.

3. We are going to take the top off the building. There must be something about having a top on the building that keeps people from going in.

4. We are going to have someone holler real loud in a loud speaker. Since I am the preacher, I guess this would be a good job for

me.

5. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. We’re going to make everyone pay \$55 to get in, even before they know the outcome.

I can see it now, can’t you? 107,000 + in attendance at every service will really be nice. There are a few more things that will ensure our success in these changes. We are going to make sure that the services last at least 3 hours and we are going to charge \$10 to park a mile away from the building.

With these changes you had better come early next Sunday to get a good parking place.

— [Freddie Clayton - Dunlap Church of Christ](#) Questions and/or comments concerning this article adapted and expanded upon from one written many years ago by Larry Acuff are welcomed. Write us at P.O. Box 206, Dunlap, TN 37327 or call (423) 949-3286 or 949-4339. Free Bible correspondence course available upon request.

Editor’s Note: The sarcasm in this article is obvious, emphasizing the point that so many are willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary, such as time and comfort, to attend a secular event like a football game or other sporting event, yet, few will make the necessary sacrifices in order to come together to worship our God. See Hebrews 10:25.

FOR WHAT DO YOU HOPE?

By Jonnie Hutchison

What is hope? The dictionary defines the verb form of hope as “to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment.” (Merriam-Webster). Hoping for something means that one has not yet obtained it. As inspiration declares in Romans 8:24-25, “*For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*”

Even though one may desire something and expect to receive it, he or she may be disappointed. I know of more than one athlete who had great expectations regarding their future only to be robbed by injuries that dashed their hopes. Placing one’s hope in material things is always uncertain. But there is a hope that is certain, it is the hope found only in Christ Jesus. That hope is certain because of the one who has promised it. Titus 1:2 reads, “*in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.*” Every person who has obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ has received this hope. It is this hope that serves as “an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:19). Looking beyond this life to the fulfillment of our hope assists us in facing with confidence the trials of this life. Romans 5:2 confirms it is through Christ that this hope is granted, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God.”

Do you possess the hope of eternal life? If not, you can. Follow these steps – Hear the gospel. Hearing creates faith in Christ (Romans 10:17), believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of your sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess your faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10), and be immersed in water, into the death of Christ, for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Peter 3:21). The Lord will grant you the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life in heaven. You can maintain that hope by faithfully serving Him in harmony with His will revealed in the Bible. When our Lord comes again the hope that He has granted the saved will be fulfilled. Until then we live in anticipation of His coming and the realization of the hope He has promised. “*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ*” (Philippians 3:20).

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
A Study of Luke

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
“Keep On Pressing”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
To Be Announced

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.