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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
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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.
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Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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OUR ADVERSARY By Jonnie Hutchison

The inspired apostle Peter wrote this warning to Christians, *“Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour**”* (1 Peter 5:8).

What is an “adversary”? The Greek word (*antidikos*) has the primary meaning of an opponent or an enemy. The word is used in Matthew 5:25 in reference to an opponent in a lawsuit before a judge. However, our adversary is none other than the devil, a liar and the very father of lies (John 8:44). He is the, brazen and unashamed tempter of even the Son of God Himself (Matthew 4:1-11). This evil adversary is pictured by Peter as a ferocious beast, a lion who is constantly on the move seeking to feed himself upon the spiritual destruction of precious souls. Friends the devil, Satan, is a personal being not just a symbol of evil. He is evil personified! His evil arsenal consists of fiery darts of wickedness and falsely appearing to be something he is not (Eph. 6:16; 2 Cor. 11:14), utilizing the pleasures of sin to deceive and

ensnare while covering up the true consequences that sin produces (Rom. 6:23; Eze. 18:20).

How are we to guard against the constant and ferocious attacks of the devil? Two things are mentioned by Peter.

First, **“be sober.”** As used in this context the idea of sober is similar to the instructions Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:6, *“Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”* One under the influence of beverage alcohol loses awareness of what is going on around him. Spiritually speaking we must be “sober” constantly aware of the devil’s potential attacks, his deceptive methods and our own weaknesses.

Second, we must **“be vigilant.”** This word carries the idea of being watchful, never letting one’s guard down. Our adversary is waiting to pounce, ever looking for an opportunity to attack. Constant awareness and vigilance on our part will not allow our enemy that opportunity. This is why Peter continues by writing,

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary Lowrie and Hayes and Margorie Grady,.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, 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 and Harvey Puckett. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS June 2022: 3—Canned Fruit Juices; 10—Hand Soap 17—Canned Tomatoes; 21—Bath Soap; 31-Pickles 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.

JULY 2022 Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 7-Chad Canter; 18-Hayes Grady; 30-Jim Lowrie. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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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 JULY 2022

Announcements—James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table AM—Bobby & Chad

Lord’s Table PM: 3-Chad; 10-Bobby;17-Chad; 24-Bobby; 31-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 3-Jonnie; 10-Mike; 17-James; 24-Jim; 31-Larry

Closing Prayer AM: 3-Perry; 10-Dave; 17-Junior; 24-Roy; 31-Jesse

Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Mike; Wed Chad

Usher: Jesse

Count Contribution: Bobby & Chad

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
A Study of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— *“God Is On My Side— Rom. 8:31-39”*

6 pm— *David Nance will report on India work*

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of Jude

7:00 PM

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“Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world” (1 Peter 5:9). This tells us two things: we have it within our ability to resist the devil’s efforts to destroy us, and, the devil is only as powerful as we allow him to be. Isn’t that wonderful! God provides us with all the spiritual weapons we need to overcome the devil’s attempts to separate us from our God. 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures us, *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as*

is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Yes, the devil is our adversary. He is relentless in his efforts to deceive. Yet, he is only as powerful as you and I allow him to be in our lives. With our Lord and Savior on our side we can be absolutely victorious over this wicked enemy. **“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”** (Romans 8:37-38).

“I CAN’T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT”

Here are some guidelines whereby one can examine any matter to see if it is right or wrong. Very often, young people desire answers to things confronting them, and we recommend these study areas to them. We recommend them to all saints as they weigh any matter at all, and if they have some reservations about a course of action they have entertained, or a habit they are cultivating, etc., the areas are many, but these tests can help.

- **The Personal Test:** Will doing this make me a better or worse Christian?

- **The Social Test:** Will doing it influence others, and especially the weak,

to be better or worse Christians?

- **The Practical Test:** Will the results of my doing this be desirable? What are the fruits of my actions?

- **The Universal Test:** If everyone should do this, would it improve or degrade society? If all Christians do it, will it improve or degrade the kingdom?

- **The Scriptural Test:** Does the Bible endorse it, or forbid it? Does the tenor or tone of the Bible, if the thing contemplated is not expressly dealt with, speak toward endorsing it or condemning it?

- **The Stewardship Test:** Will my

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AREA EVENTS

- ◇ **GOSPEL MEETING** at the *Dexter church of Christ* July 24-27, with Larry Powers preaching. Sunday Services are at 9:30 & 10:15 am and 7:30 pm. Monday—Wednesday 7:00 pm.



COME VISIT WITH US

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doing this constitute a waste of talent and/or goods for which I am accountable to the Lord?

• **The Character Test:** What will be the influence of my life and spirituality as others now see me in this particular behavior?

• **The Family Test:** Will it bring discredit and dishonor to my family, and embarrass them? Is it something that I can recommend to all of my family members?

• **The Publicity Test:** Would I be willing for friends, fellow-Christians, the elders, the preacher, etc., to know about this action?

• **The Common Sense Test:** Does it agree with just plain, ordinary, and everyday common sense, remembering that beyond common sense we must be guided by revealed sense—the Bible?

• **The Fairness Test:** Is it honest, and is it practicing the golden rule?

• **The Second Coming Test:** Is this something I would not mind, as a Christian, the Lord finding me doing when He next appears, to then take me to judgment?

Bill Jackson, Deceased via St. Peter's church of Christ, MO.



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