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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
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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Hazel, KY 42049
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THE FREEDOM YOU SEEK *By Jonnie Hutchison*

As this nation celebrates July 4th as Independence Day, let us reflect on a sad condition that exists all over our world. Of the world's population of some 7.95 billion people, the overwhelming majority now live in slavery. No, they are not physically enslaved but they are enslaved none the less for they live in the **bondage of SIN!**

The universality of sin is seen in the statement of Romans 3:23 which reads, "*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*" Among **accountable** people now living there are no exceptions to this rule. All have transgressed the will of God (1 John 3:4). All have participated in unrighteousness (1 John 5:17). All have failed to do the good they know to do (James 4:17). Thus all have sinned.

The Bible describes this enslaved condition in a number of passages. "*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*" (1 John 5:19). The "wicked one" (akua the devil) is active, tempting and deceiving countless souls (1 Peter

5:8). He is their "master" - they are his slaves. This is the sad condition of so many who, because of ignorance or a hardened heart, do not even realize their enslaved condition. Through their influence they pass this enslaved condition to their children and their children's children and generations to follow. How terribly sad!

Enslavement to sin has both present consequences and eternal consequences. The present consequences of sin include guilt, destroyed relationships, addictions, conflict, crime, depression, suicide, murder, immorality, hopelessness, regret, inner turmoil and frustration just to name a few. The eternal consequence of sin is the separation from God in the punishment of hell from which there will be no escape (Matthew 25:41, 46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

When the apostle Paul reflected on his own experiences with sin he asked, "*O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*" Inspiration answers "*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Romans 7:24

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

Family and Friends: 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. 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.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

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-Mike; 10-Jonnie; 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— *“What You Can Do”*

6 pm— *“The Courage of Ananias”*

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of Jude

7:00 PM

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-25). Yes, Jesus is the Only means of being set free from the bondage of sin. In shedding His precious blood on the cross, He provides for the cleansing of sin and an end to its enslavement. To the Christians in Rome Paul wrote, "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you **obeyed** from the heart that form of **doctrine** to which you were delivered. And having been **set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). When is one set free from sin? When he/she obeys from the heart what the Lord has commanded to reach the blood of Jesus. He has commanded the hearing of His word (Romans 10:17), turning

from sin in genuine repentance (Acts 17:30-31), a verbal confession of faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and immersion in water into the death of Jesus to be washed with His cleansing blood (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27). To maintain this spiritual freedman the hope of eternal life requires continued faithfulness in loving submission day by day in service to the Lord (1 Peter 1:10).

Yes, there is freedom from the bondage of sin. It is found only in Christ Jesus. Let Him set you free from the terrible burden and bondage of sin. He provides the freedom you seek. "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (Jno. 8:36)

AREA EVENTS

◇ **GOSPEL MEETING** at the Williams Chapel church of Christ, July 17-20, 2022 with B.J. Clarke preaching. Sunday services are at 9:00 and 10:00 am and 7:30 pm. Monday-Wednesday

services are at at 7:00 pm.

◇ **GOSPEL MEETING** at the Dexter church of Christ July 24-27, with Larry Powers preaching.

HEARING YOUR NAME *By Bart Warren*

There is just something about hearing your name.

On some occasions, it is scary. If your mom or dad ever calls you by your whole name—first, middle, and last—you are likely in pretty big trouble.

On other occasions, it is a special honor. Graduation ceremonies are a great example of this. Why in the world do parents, grandparents, and other family & friends sit through hours of a ceremony hearing a person they don't know

reading countless names of more people they don't know? It is because when that one name is called—the one name that is special to them—it is worth all the time and energy. For the graduating student it is so special to be recognized—to have that "I did it!" moment. When so much hard work has been put in, it is nice to be acknowledged.

It is special to hear your name called at times like this. It really is. But there is something more! There is some-

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thing better!

What about hearing your name called by the Lord Himself? He knows the stars by name (**Isa. 40:26**). He knows our names too (**John 10:3; Isa. 43:1, 7; 45:4**).

Jesus once reminded His disciples that the greatest of rejoicing should be reserved for hearing one's name called into the presence of the Lord. *"Do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."* (**Luke 10:20**)

On another occasion, Jesus said we should long to hear these words: *"Well done, good and faithful servant..."* (**Matt. 25:21**).

The Lord knows us and one day He will call our name. What will He say when He does?

—[Hearing Your Name - South Green Street church of Christ \(sgcofc.com\)](http://sgcofc.com)

"There is no such thing as an independent Christian"
Romans 12:4-5



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