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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
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- James Pigg
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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BIM—Duston Pool.
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OLD HABITS? NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK

By *Jonnie Hutchison*

Do you have any habits? Are they good or bad, because habits come in both varieties. A standard dictionary gives these two definitions of habit: “1. a settled tendency or usual manner of behavior; 2. an acquired mode of behavior that has become nearly or completely involuntary” (Merriam-Webster online).

It is important to understand that no one is born already possessing a habit. Habits develop over time as one engages in the same activities repeatedly.

There are good habits that one may develop like bathing regularly or brushing one’s teeth. Likewise there are bad habits that adversely impact a person’s health like smoking or chewing tobacco. Some habits become addictions. One may be in the habit of drinking an alcoholic beverage or using an illegal drug to which one becomes addicted. Such compulsive behavior has a very negative impact upon a person socially, physically, mentally and spirit-

ually. Such habitual behavior is hard to break and often requires professional help and treatment.

The practice of sin has become the habit of many. The habitual practice of sin results in a hardened heart and a blinded mind. The Hebrew writer warned his readers, “*but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin*” (Hebrews 3:13). The inspired Paul wrote of sinners, “*whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them*” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Under these conditions old habits are hard to break, but not impossible.

Paul wrote of some who did break the habitual practice of sin in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. “*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, and Jan Pigg.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Carlee Poole, Kim Burrows, Calvin Hall, Eddy Craft and Cathy and Steve Ernstberger and family.

GUEST SPEAKER: We are thankful to have Ron Hutchison visiting with us today. He will present both lessons. See the back of the bulletin for titles of his lessons.

PANTRY ITEMS July 2023: 2—Corn; 9-Pinto Beans; 16-Vienna Sausages; 23-Diced Tomatoes 30-Mayonnaise. All items must be non-perishable or canned

July 2023; Anniversaries: None. Birthdays: 7—Chad Canter.18—Hayes Grady; 30—Jim Lowrie. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.

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.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; Request a FREE home Bible study—“Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

TRACTS & DVD'S AVAILABLE for free in the front lobby. Let's utilize these to bring others to Christ.

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Corinthians 6:20)

THOSE TO SERVE JULY 2023

Announcements: James Pigg

Lord's Table AM; Bobby Hall & Mike Ernstberger

Lord's Table PM: 2-Chad; 9-Bobby; 16-Chad; 23-Bobby; 30-Chad.

Opening Prayer AM

2-Jonnie; 9-Perry; 16-James; 23-Jim; 30-Mike

Closing Prayer PM

2-Dave; 9-Chad; 16-Jesse; 23-Roy; 30-Junior

Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Fall Gospel Meeting Sept. 10-14

With Victor Eskew

**Fall Session School of
Biblical Studies**

September 18-November 6

Each Monday 7:00—9:00 pm

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fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” These are lifestyle sins—sins that are habitually practiced and become a way of life that is not easy to change. But those of whom Paul writes, not only had it within their ability to cease the habitual practice of these sins, **they did so!** *“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”*

The habitual practice of sin, any sin,

can be broken if one is willing to accept the cleansing power of the precious blood of the Christ. Such a lifestyle change requires a desire to hear and obey the Word of God. Jesus said, “you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free” (John 8:32). Through faith in Christ as the Son of God, repentance of sin (Acts 17:30), confessing faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37) and immersion in water into the death and thus the blood of Jesus (Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21) and living one’s life in faithful service to the Lord, the habitual practice of sin will be in one’s past and heaven will be in one’s future. Old habits? **They are not impossible to break!**

WRONG CONCLUSIONS *By Dan Jenkins*

I have been amazed over the years at how simple God has made eternal truths to every man who deeply longs to find the meaning of all that God has said. One of the major problems is that we come to the Bible with preconceived ideas and wrong conclusions which have come from those who have used pamphlets, books, radio, television, campaigns and lectures. So, when we read the Bible, these preconceived ideas block our ability to just let God teach us. Whenever we read the Bible, we must make a distinct difference between the thoughts we bring into the Bible and the thoughts which come forth from the divine words given by the Holy Spirit.

A vivid illustration of this is in the application of Jesus’ discussion of “...wars, rumors of wars...nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom... famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes...” Individuals have read these words almost

since He said them, and then they apply these words to whatever has just happened or whatever looms on the horizon. In my lifetime these words have been applied to WWII, Berlin blockade, the Cold War and threat of Russia, the Korean War, Vietnam, Cuban crisis, the Six Day War, ongoing conflict between Israel and the Arab nations, the invasion of Iraq, rise of the military power of China, the conflict in Afghanistan—the list seems endless. How on earth could one ever know when the words of Jesus actually had application? How often have you heard others mention the words of Jesus and then say, “The end is at hand”?

Are you aware that if one hears all the words of Jesus and puts them in the context where they were spoken, any person who can read can see how many teachers have led so many astray? One question, when we let God

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lead us to truth, can enable the most uneducated among us to find the truth and see just how simple the truth of these wars, earthquakes, etc. really is.

That question is, “Who did Jesus say would hear of these wars?” Forget what you have heard others say and let Jesus tell you. It is very simple to answer. Read what Mark reveals to us. There were only four people who heard Jesus speak these words and they were: Peter, James, John and Andrew ([Mark 13:3](#)). Now answer the question posed above. Who did Jesus say would hear of these wars and disasters? The KJV uses a two-letter word (“ye”) and a three-letter word (“you”). These words have nothing to do with any war beyond the life of these four apostles! These four men were the ones who were told they would hear of the wars. The plain truth is you cannot believe what you have heard others say. Listen to Jesus and it will change how you read all He said in this chapter.

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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!

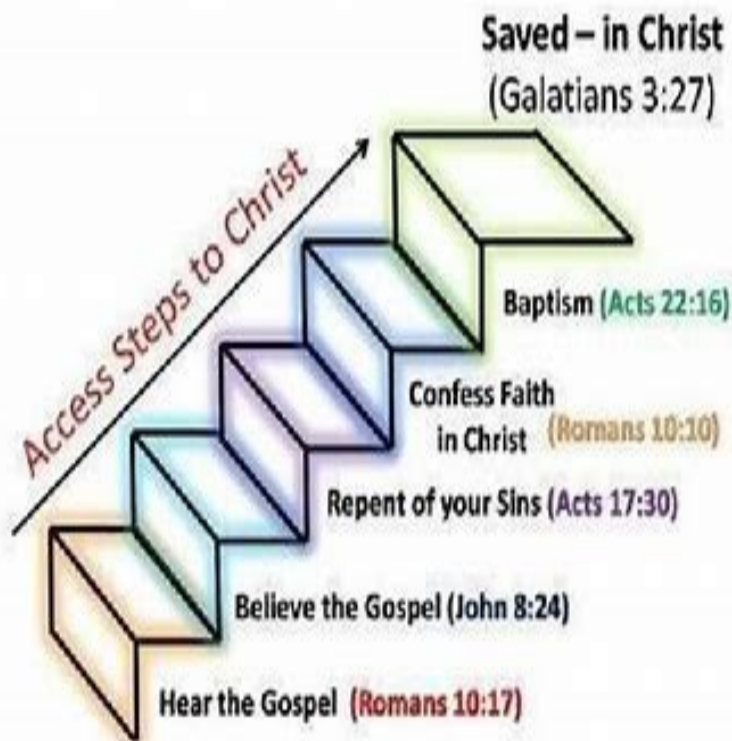
Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
Book of 1 Thessalonians

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“When Jesus Comes Again”
Ron Hutchison

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
“A Study of 2 Peter 1:1-4”
Ron Hutchison

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Book of Matthew



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