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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 BLOOD OF CHRIST *By Jonnie Hutchison*

"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!" Many who will read this article have sung these words time and time again through the years. They express the Bible's clear teaching that without contact with the blood of Jesus there is no forgiveness of sin and thus no hope of heaven.

Blood has always been a part of God's plan for man's salvation. In the Old Testament, under the Law of Moses, the blood of animals was required in the sacrifices made for the sins of the people of Israel. The Bible speaks of this in Hebrews 9:18-22, *"Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.' 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of*

the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission" NKJV. According to the Bible, the blood of animals could not actually take away sin—*"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin"* (Hebrews 10:4). The sacrifice of animals under the law and the shedding of their blood was only a figure of the one great sacrifice of Jesus Christ as He shed His blood for the sins of the world including the sins of those who lived before the cross (See Hebrews 9:11-15).

Ephesians 1:7 reads *"In Him [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."* Yes, only the blood of Jesus washes away sin. Since Jesus shed His blood over 2000 years ago then how is it possible for one to be cleansed of his/her sins by that blood? Obviously there is no way to physically contact the blood of Christ. Yet, God has made provision that we may spiritually be cleansed of our sins by His blood. Notice that

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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, Sue Hall and Russell Lathrop.

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>.

“You cannot break God's promises by leaning upon them!

“True prayer is a way of life, not just an emergency route.”

“TODAY is the TOMORROW you worried about YESTERDAY.”

“ The test of a person's character is what he does when no one is watching
(Phil. 2:12).”

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
GOSPEL MEETING at
the Williams Chapel
church of Christ—July 12-
14 with **B.J. Clarke**
preaching.
Monday-Tuesday 7:00 pm
VBS at the Coldwater
church of Christ
Saturday July 11, 2026
9:00 am
Classes for all ages
including adults.

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the above passage teaches that “redemption through His blood” - the “forgiveness of sins” is described as being “In Him.” It is when one gets into Christ that he/she is granted redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. **IN CHRIST** is the only spiritual location where the blood of Jesus is available.

The Bible reveals plainly how one gets **into Christ** and thus contacts His blood which washes away sin. Those who believe, repent and confess faith in Christ may be baptized (immersed in water) **into Christ**. *“Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized into His death**? Therefore we were buried with Him through **baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”* (Romans 6:3-4). To be baptized into the death of Jesus is important in reaching His blood for one simple reason—Jesus shed His blood in His death. When the soldiers came to break the legs of Jesus as He hung on the cross to hasten His death, as was their custom, they found Jesus already dead. The Bible tells us, *“But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out”* (John 19:33-34). Since Jesus shed His blood in His death it follows that to reach His death is equivalent to reaching His blood. Go back and read Romans 6:3-4 again. Does it not tell us that one reaches the death of Jesus in baptism? Since one reaches the death of Jesus in baptism that is also the point where one reaches the blood of Jesus. Since no one can be forgiven of sin except by the blood of Jesus then water baptism is absolutely essential before one can be saved. Baptism then stands between the sinner and

salvation for without the blood of Jesus there is no remission of sins.

Dear reader, if baptism is unnecessary to your salvation then so is the death of Christ, the blood of Christ and being “in Christ.” Why? Because the Bible teaches that one reaches the death of Jesus and thus His shed blood when one obeys the Lord’s command to be baptized. In addition, the Bible teaches that baptism in water is that act of obedience which places one “**in Christ**” where salvation is found. *“For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ”* (Galatians 3:27). *“Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may obtain the **salvation which is in Christ Jesus** with eternal glory”* (2 Timothy 2:10).

“What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!” May we assist you as a penitent, confessing believer in submitting to the Lord’s command to be baptized into the death of Christ there to reach His cleansing blood so that you may receive forgiveness of your sins and the hope of eternal life?

SOME THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

- ⇒ What are you doing on Sunday night that is more important than assembling with the church to worship God?
- ⇒ What are you doing on Wednesday night that is more important than increasing your faith by studying the Bible with your fellow Christians?
- ⇒ If the Lord were to return on Sunday or Wednesday night, where would He find you?

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” - Matt 24:44

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT
THIS CASE?**

Great answer from the judge! In Florida, an Atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on Atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while Atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a wise judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel and declared “Case Dismissed!” The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, “Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The ‘Christians’ have ‘Christmas, Easter and many other observances.’ Jews have the Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah...yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!” The Judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, “Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate his own Atheists holiday!” The lawyer pompously said, “Your Honor, we are unaware of any such holiday for Atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?” The Judge said, “Well it comes every year on exactly the same date – April 1st! Since our Calendar sets April 1st as April Fools Day and consider that Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1 state, ‘The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...’ Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture he is a fool, thus April 1st is his holiday!”

via: WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING IN RICHMOND HILL GEORGIA

Editors Note: While the religious holidays of Easter and Christmas did not originate with God, He did create days (genesis 1:4). Thus, the Judge in the story above is correct. Atheists have their religious “holy day.” Atheism is a religion invented by those who reject the existence of the eternal God. Genuine Christianity recognizes only one “holy day” which is the first day of the week on which we are reminded in the Lord’s Supper of the sacrifice of the Son of God given for the sins of the world. Our prayer is that all will accept the abundant evidence for the existence of the one true and living God.

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!



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
A Study of Luke**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
“What the Resurrection of
Christ Proves?”**

**SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“ Be A Light”**

**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.