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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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Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO TEACHES IT By Victor Eskew

Throughout the years that I have been preaching, there is a constant need to exhort individuals to be faithful and to fulfill their role as members of the body of Christ.

However, when this is preached, there are some individuals that get offended. Others will even get extremely angry. This writer has known of a few who have quit the church over it.

Recently, I came across an article entitled: "One Body, Many Parts." If it was published in the "The Bulletin" of the Hickory Ridge church of Christ. The author of the article closed with these words:

"Every member of the church is important and has an important role to play. When one is absent from the body, it is definitely noticed. It is important to be an active member so that the overall body will function as designed."

I was glad to read this. I am not the only minister who exhorts individuals to be faithful members of the body of Christ. There are other preachers who proclaim the same teaching.

Dear readers, when members are not faithful and have to be exhorted to fulfill their Chris-

tian duties, the fault does not lie with the minister who does the exhorting. It lies with those who are not being faithful to their commitment to Jesus Christ. The unfaithful must be reminded of their obligations to the Christ. If these obligations are not fulfilled, the Christian puts his soul in jeopardy.

Why do preachers, exhort members to be faithful? It is out of love and concern for souls. Jesus exhorted the church at Smyrna with these words: "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). If a person is not faithful until he draws his last breath, he will stand before the Lord in judgment in violation of God's will. Question: What will happen to such a person?

My friends, the unfaithful may not care about faithfulness, but the faithful minister of the gospel does. He must continue to "preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2) regardless of the attitudes and reactions of those who hear it. There have always been individuals who stop their ears, cry out with loud voices, gnash on the preacher with their teeth, and seek to dispose of him (See Acts 7:54-60). Negative reactions, however,

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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 (will be undergoing surgery when it is scheduled), Cathy and Steve Ernstberger and family and Shawn and Rhonda Culver. Lucetria Hutchison fell last week and is suffering the pain of bruised ribs and back. Please pray for a quick recovery.

THANK YOU for your prayers during our recent travels. Gail and Jonnie.

PANTRY ITEMS August 2023: 6—Sweet Pickles; 13-Canned Potatoes; 20-Toliet Tissue; 27-Mustard.All items must be non-perishable or canned.

August 2023; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 4—Teresa Enoch;10—Brent Morris; 21—Jackie Spiceland. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRECSPONDENCE 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.

“Nobody really knows who you are inside but you and God. R U who U say U R?”

GOD’S FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Many Christians are constantly using their abilities, time and opportunities to serve others. Many times, this service is rendered in secret. Yet, such efforts are not hidden from our God for as the Hebrew writer penned in Hebrews 4:13, “*And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*” How thankful we are for faithful Christians who continue to serve the Lord day after day!

“knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance for you serve the Lord Christ” Colossians 3:24—JH

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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do not change the truth.

Preach it, brethren. You are not alone.

Others are preaching it too.

—Face Book, Oceanside church of
Christ FL.

THE LIVING WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

Some seem to have the idea that the Bible (the written Word of God) is lifeless and out of touch with the realities of our present times. The view is that modern society has “out-grown” the Word of God., and thus God’s Word is irrelevant and unnecessary. What such thinking fails to take into consideration is the purpose of the Bible.

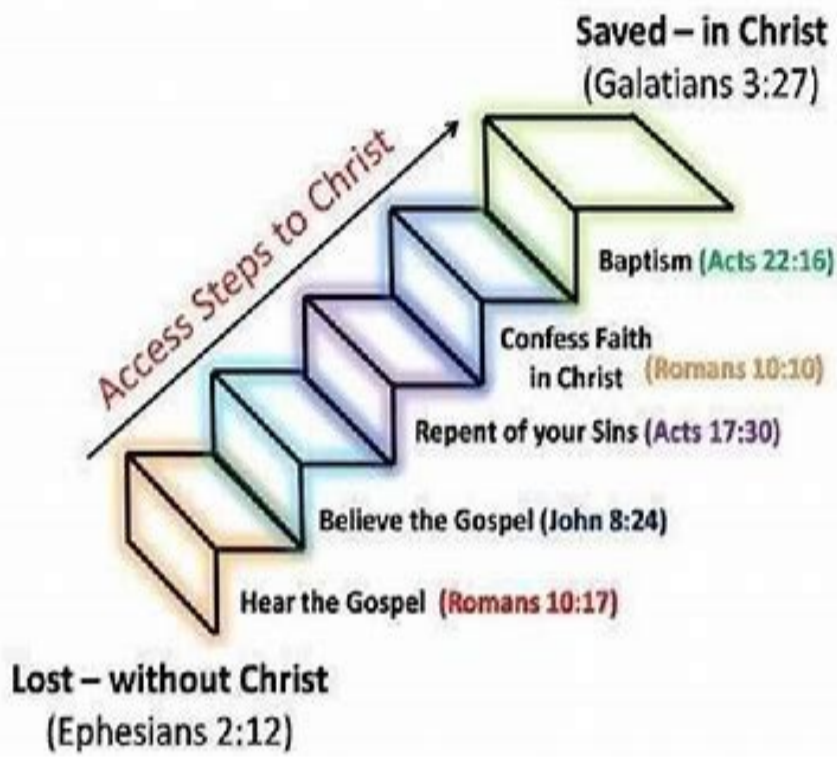
The Bible was never intended by God to be anything other than the revelation of God’s plan to save man from sin through Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us what sin is, what the eternal consequence of sin is and gives us divine instructions to follow to receive the forgiveness of our sins and prepare ourselves to enter into heaven at the second coming of our Lord (Matthew 25:46; I Thessalonians 4:16-18). Any person who will admit that people are continuing to commit sin by violating the spiritual law of God revealed in the Bible will also of necessity recognize the continued relevancy of the Bible. (I John 3:4). Since the Bible reveals the necessity of receiving the forgiveness of sin and how that forgiveness may be received, then as long as men and women continue to sin the Bible will continue to be absolutely essential to our needs.

The inspired writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews describes the Word of God as being “...*living and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints*

and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). A careful study of this pages reveals six great characteristics of God’s Word: It is living, active or powerful, sharp or accurate, piercing and discerning. None of these terms describe something that is dead, weak or ineffective. On the contrary, these terms describe just how powerful an impact the Word of God may have on those who need to benefit from it.

On the Day of Pentecost when Peter and the other apostles preached the Word of God to those gathered for the feast the reaction was, “*Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’*” When they were told what to do (Vs. 38) “*those who gladly received his word were baptized...*” (Vs: 41). It was the powerful Word of God heard and believed that prompted obedience to God’s commands that resulted in the salvation of some 3,000 souls on that day. That very same gospel proclaimed, believed and obeyed today retains its power to save. It has not lost one iota of its living, active power to save! It still pierces the heart and discerns the very intent of it. It will save your soul dear reader, if you will accept it for what it says and obey its teaching. May God grant each one a desire to know His powerful Word and obey it!

PLEASE READ ALL THE SCRIPTURES LISTED BELOW



The purpose of worship is not to obtain an emotional high, to placate the flesh, or be entertained. It's not a theater stage for dramatics or performance. The purpose of worship is to honor, glorify, and praise our holy God.

John 4:23-24
Mark 7:6-13

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 I Thessalonians

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“Why Was Stephen Stoned?” Acts 6-7

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
“The Religious Trials of Jesus”

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Book of Matthew



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