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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
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Supporting Works

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

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“YOU CHOSE POORLY!”

By James A. Horton

“Choose you this day whom you will serve. . .but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

Raiders of the Lost Ark buffs will recall the subsequent movie entitled, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. In it, the Harrison Ford character is in search of the Sacred Grail – the chalice cup Jesus supposedly used at the Last Supper. He found it guarded by a very old knight whose responsibility was to guard it with his life.

Others, with less honorable aspirations, were also in search of the valuable container. Upon finding several cups, the leader of the thieves chose a very elaborate one as the cup he believed must have been used by the Lord. Upon drinking from it, however, the man began to disintegrate into a pile of ashes before the eyes of others present. Upon witnessing that tragic event, the knight guarding the cup calmly proclaimed, “He chose poorly!”

This response reminded me of the choice made by Joshua in the long ago! He chose to serve

God with all of his house/family and servants. His subsequent life was evidence that Joshua “Chose wisely!”



Today, centuries later, you and I are called upon to make the same decision by asking ourselves, “**Whom will we choose to follow?** The God of heaven or the ‘Deceiver of hell?’” The word ‘Devil’ carries the idea of ‘deceiver and liar!’ In I Peter 5:8, Peter warns all of mankind, “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary (‘enemy’ jah) the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour.*” Don’t be fooled by thinking he will not deceive you! He may have already!

Have you made the choice in answer to “Who will follow Jesus,” as we sometimes sing? Do not wait until you hear the Lord say: “*Depart from Me, for I never knew you!*” Or, for Him to, in effect, proclaim, “**You chose poorly!**”

—Via *The Ripley Reminder*
Ripley, MS

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, Harvey Puckett and Tommy Boggess. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS August 2022: 7—Carrots; 14—Beets; 21—Corn; 28—Baked Beans. 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.

AUGUST 2022 Anniversaries: 13-Gail & Jonnie Hutchison. Birthdays: 4-Teresa Enoch; 10-Brent Morris. 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. We will have announcements available soon. Let’s begin now to pray for this effort in reaching out to our community with the gospel.

THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 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

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Eight consecutive Mondays

Beginning Sept. 19, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM

(Meet in the Auditorium)

Larry Powers

“Church History”

Jack Philips

“2 Corinthians”

OVERCOMING WORLDLINESS By Jonnie Hutchison

As Christians, we are no doubt impacted by worldliness to a much greater degree than we might think. The media has played an indisputable role in spreading filth of all kinds. A majority of television programming includes sexual innuendoes if not outright depictions of sexual activity. The majority of movies available for viewing are rated “R” and include foul language, nudity and a host of worldly material. Both on T.V. and in the movies, marriage is devalued and sex before marriage is glorified. Homosexuality is touted as “an alternate lifestyle” and is now more widely accepted than ever. Pornography is readily available on the internet and many have become addicted to viewing it. Marriages have been destroyed and some have lost their jobs because of this addiction. Violence is ever increasing in our world—murders (including abortions), war, terrorist acts, gang violence, robberies, and break-ins are the headlines we hear and read each and every day. We live in a time when worldliness has become the norm in the lives of the majority and spirituality has taken a back seat—and is being pushed further and further back. How do we, as Christians, survive this ever increasing onslaught of worldliness? How do we maintain our faithfulness to God surrounded by such evils?

In the days of Noah the condition of the mankind is described in these words: *“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (Genesis 6:5). *“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the*

earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth” (Genesis 6:11-12). This is the atmosphere in which Noah and his family lived, and yet, the Bible says that *“Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God”* (Genesis 6:9). How did Noah maintain his relationship with God in a world where evil permeated every aspect of the society in which he lived? The answer is found in Noah’s response to God’s instructions to build an ark in which he and his family would be saved from the destruction of an universal flood.

How Noah was able to overcome worldliness can be summed up in one word—FAITH! *“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became the heir of the righteousness which is by faith”* (Hebrews 11:7). One who truly believes that God exists and that the Bible is the revelation of His will to man has the necessary tools to live faithful to God even if every other person around him/her chooses to live a corrupt life. Worldliness is our enemy! Faith is the weapon to defeat this enemy!

Noah exercised his faith in God by submitting in obedience to what God commanded him. *“Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did”* (Genesis 6:22). If you have the strength of faith to obey God, you have the power to overcome all worldliness, and live a holy life in an evil world!

“THE EPITATH OF AN UNBELIEVER DISCOVERED!”

The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God!’ (Ps. 14:1)

While preaching in one of three meetings held in Lawrenceburg, TN, it was the one in 2013 that I spent some time touring the Mimosa Cemetery looking for graves of distinguished individuals. Little did I realize I would come upon the grave site of a Tennessee resident whose tombstone proclaimed a man’s admission of having no belief in, and no fear of, the God of heaven! Following is the reading from the headstone of his grave:

IN MEMORY OF WM. J. GILBRETH Born in Maury County, Tennessee Aug. 29, 1864 He made his life the best he could; No fear of gods, no love of Jesus. No thought of future punishment or reward controlled his thoughts. His mind was free from religions or other superstitions. His sense of right and wrong was the law he obeyed.

As they say in the south, ‘This man had a terrible upbringing!’ Not often are we witnesses of one who, in life and in death,

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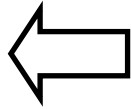
declares his repulsion of anything sacred! We can't help but feel sorry for a man who defies the abundant evidence in support of the existence of the God of heaven and His beloved Son!

The Bible declares, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Ps. 14:1) Jeremiah said, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in Him." (Jer. 17:7) This man's hope was in himself! By the way, where does anyone learn "the sense of right and wrong" that he

professed to follow as his religion? Is it not from the pages of God's Word? Is He not the source of "right and wrong?" This man's trust was in himself alone!

Let's declare our faith in God as did David, in Psalm 25:4-5 "*Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; On you I wait all the day.*"

—Via *The Ripely Reminder*
 Ripely, MS



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