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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
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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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WHY I LOVE GOD *By Jonnie Hutchison*

There is much said in the Bible about God's love for man. One of the most familiar of all passages in the Bible on this subject is John 3:16 which expresses the extent of God's love for all of us: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* It seems difficult for many to grasp that *"God is love"* (1 John 4:8, 16). Love is at the heart of His very essence and nature. One commentator wrote, "Love is God's reigning attribute that sheds an amiable glory upon all of his other perfections." There can be no doubt of God's love for us for it is proven both by the provisions He has given us in this world and by what He has done to deliver us from the bondage and the eternal consequences of sin (Romans 5:8-9).

We know how God has shown His love for us but how do we show our love for Him? The answer is given by Jesus when He said, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments"* (John 14:15). This is further emphasized in the book of 1 John where the Bible says, *"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome"* (1 John 5:3). It should be obvious from these verses that one who intentionally fails to obey what God has commanded does not possess genuine love for God. Love is not expressed only by what one says but also by what one does. *"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth"* (1 John 3:18).

It is the case, however, that one may go through the form of externally obeying what God has commanded but fail to love God. But one must love God in deed **and in truth**. Ones love must be free from any pretense or doubt. It must be genuine and true. True love for God will manifest itself in doing His will because we want to express our love for Him. This great truth has not changed: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind"* (Matthew 22:37). This passage expresses the fact that ones love for God must develop into a very personal, deep and abiding love. We love Him with every fiber of our being!

WHY LOVE GOD?

1. Because He is our Creator and provider (Acts 17:24-26).
2. Because He has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).
3. Because He has provided forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-9; 6:23).
4. Because of the certainty of His promises (1 John 2:25; Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:17-19; 2 Pet. 3:9).
5. Because He cares for us and we can cast our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:7).
6. To return the love He first showed to us as underserving as we are of

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

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

Our Gospel Meeting: Thanks to each one who had a part in making our Gospel Meeting this past week a success. We had great preaching and good attendance. Thanks to all who helped “feed the preachers” and those who invited others to come and those who attended each service.

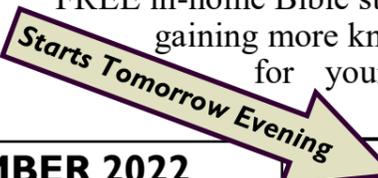
PANTRY ITEMS August 2022: 4—Apple Sauce; 11—Green Beans; 18—Peanut Butter; 25—Jelly or Jam.

September 2022 Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 4-Jane Morris; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28-Carolyn Byars; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a Bible” for anyone who is interested in Simply contact us to schedule a time

FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the gaining more knowledge of the Bible. for your study.



THOSE TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 2022

Announcements—Mike Ernstberger
Preside at Lord’s Table—James & Chad
Lord’s Table PM: 9-4 Chad; 9-11 James;
9-18 Chad; 9-25 James.

Opening Prayer AM

4—Jim Lowrie; 11-Mike Ernstberger;
18-Jonnie Hutchison; 25-Bobby Hall

Closing Prayer AM

4-Roy Wyatt; 11-Dave Thompson;
18-Junior Morris; 25-Perry Jarvis

Song Leaders

AM- Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad
Count Contribution: James & Chad

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Eight consecutive Mondays

Beginning Sept. 19, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM

(Meet in the Auditorium—Snacks will NOT be served)

Larry Powers

“Church History”

Jack Philips

“2 Corinthians”

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His love (1 John 4:10, 19; Rom. 5:8-9).

Dear reader, can you truthfully say “I love

God?” Do your thoughts and what you say and do each day reflect genuine love for Him? Let us love God because He first loved us!

WHAT ARE WE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT? *By Jerry Joseph*

Are we more concerned about ...

- Social status than being a Servant of God (Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Corinthians 15:58)?

- Self-Pleasing than pleasing the Son of God (Judges 17:6; Matthew 16:24)?

- Setting-aside Scripture than Submitting to it (2 Peter 3:16; Romans 6:16-18)?

- Strengthening our financial matters than our faith and faithfulness (Matthew 6:19

-20; Hebrews 11:6; Revelation 2:10)?

- Seeking the “Stuff” of this world than Spiritual things (1 John 2:15-17; Luke 12:15; Colossians 3:1-3)

- Sustaining our healthy well-being than the hope of Heaven that is in Christ (Colossians 1:5, 23, 27; Hebrews 6:19; Titus 1:2)?

Think about it!

—Via St. Peters Proclaimer, MO.

WHY I'M A BELIEVER *By Donnie DeBord*

Why do you believe in God? Perhaps you grew up in a family of faith or developed an influential relationship with someone who was a strong believer? You may have studied the evidence yourself and arrived at the conclusion that there is a God. For just a moment, I would like to point out some reasons why we believe there is a God.

We believe there is a God because there are significant barriers preventing us from arriving at atheism. Dr. Thomas B. Warren, in his debate with the atheist Antony Flew, argued that there is no way for the world as we know it to exist without there being a God. He listed 5 barriers to atheism based on this principle. For there to be no God, non-human material had to become human material. Non-intelligent material had to become intelligent material. Unconscious matter had to become conscious of itself and its surroundings. In the physical world in which there was no life, something had to live for the first time. Finally, there had to be nothing and then that nothingness brought

about something from the nothingness.

We believe there is a God because there are significant reasons propelling us to faith. First, as Thomas Aquinas argued, if the universe is in motion, then there must be an unmoved Mover who put the world into motion. There must be a foundation to avoid a series of infinite effects with no real cause. Second, this unmoved Mover must be efficiently great to cause the universe. Third, if all our universe depends upon something for its existence, then there must be something upon which it all depends. Fourthly, if we are able to make moral judgments and/or value judgments, there must be a perfection by which all these are judged. Nothing in creation is truly perfect, so God must exist so that values can be compared to him as the perfect standard. Fifthly, we see that there is the appearance of design in the universe. That design demands that there is a Designer.

Two bonus reasons to believe. We can add to Aquinas' list the existence of the

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Scriptures. The Bible contains characteristics which are beyond human production and must therefore be from God. Finally, we can look to the resurrection of Jesus as a proof for God's existence. Few doubt that Jesus

existed and that his tomb was empty. The appearances of our resurrected Lord and his disciples' firm faith in his resurrection are proofs not only that Jesus has been raised but also that there is a God who raised his Son from the dead. — *The Ripley Reminder, TN*



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
 CLASS 10:00 AM**
 "The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
 "What Jesus Spoke on the
 Cross #1"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
 "What Jesus Spoke on
 the Cross #2"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
 "A Study of the
 Minor Prophets"



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