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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

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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WILL YOU SAVE YOUR CHILDREN FROM THE FIRE? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Several years ago as a family was sleeping an electrical short started a fire in the home. The mother and father were on the first floor, but their four children were sleeping on the second floor of the home. When the parents finally awoke from their sleep, the fire had already spread to the stairs which led up to where the children were sleeping. The parents tried desperately to save their children, but because of the intensity of the fire they were unable to do so. Their four precious children perished in the fire.

This is a horrible story which tears at our hearts and solicits the utmost sympathy for this family. However, there is a spiritual lesson to be learned from this account. How many parents today are ignoring their responsibility to raise their children up to believe in God and to follow His Word in their lives? How many are refusing to save their children from the eternal fire that awaits those who reject God's love and grace?

Friends, the Bible describes the horror of this place of

eternal fire in a number of ways. It is called "hell fire" (Matthew 5:22); a fire "that shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:43); a place of "outer darkness" where there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (a phrase indicating the extent of torment suffered), (Matthew 25:30); a place of "everlasting punishment" (Matthew 25:46); it is called a "lake of fire. Revelation 21:8 reads, *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

It is difficult to image existing in a place described by the scriptures as "hell fire." Whether one believes it or not, this is the eternal destiny of those who reject God's gracious offer of pardon through Jesus Christ.

Dear parent, is this where you want to exist in eternity? Is this where you want your child to exist in eternity?

We plead with you, give

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes Grady, Marjorie Grady (Spring Creek), Jim and Mary Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Joan Lathrop, Jackie Spiceland and Dave & Ann Thompson.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Gina Hutchison, Donald Cook and Teri Mercer.

PANTRY ITEMS Sept. 2024: 1-Ketchup; 8-Mustard; – Mayonnaise; 22-Sweet Relish; 29-Miracle Whip. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

September 2024; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 4-Jane Morris; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28-Carolyn Byars.

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.

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. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge. Enroll Today!

“It is better to be alone than in bad company.” -George Washington

“It takes a long time to grow an old friend.”

“God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our own backs nor kick ourselves too easily.”

THOSE TO SERVE September 2024

announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Lord’s Table AM: James & Chad

Lord’s Table PM: 1-Chad; 8-James; 15; Chad; 22-James; 28-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 1-Bobby; 8– Jonnie; 15-Perry; 22-Mike; 28-Russell

Closing Prayer AM: 1-Roy; 8-Dave; 15-Jesse; 22-Junior; 29-Chad

Song Leaders: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Chad; Wednesday-Mike

Count Contribution: James & Chad

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Sept 16-Nov 4, 2024

**Each Consecutive Monday
7-9 pm**

**“A Study of Parables”
Larry Powers**

**“A Study of Hebrews” Part 1
Jonnie Hutchison**

Everyone is Invited!!

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serious thought to the influence you are exerting upon your children. Are you bringing them up in the nurture and training of the Lord? (Ephesians 6:4). Are you providing what they need to escape an eternal exitance in that place of fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels—a place of eternal punishment? (Matthew 25:41). As a parent, you are responsible for your child's welfare, both physical and especially his or her spiritual welfare. Do you want to be responsible for leading them to that eternal fire?

As a loving parent, don't you want

what is best for your child both now **and** in eternity?

Our loving God sent His only begotten Son into the world to save you and your children from the eternal fire of hell (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). **Will you save your children from the fire?** Make the changes in your life that will save both yourself and your children from the fire!

“And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. Jude 22-23.

THE WOODEN BOWL *From Lessons for Life*

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. “We must do something about Grandfather,” said the son. “I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.” So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched in silence.

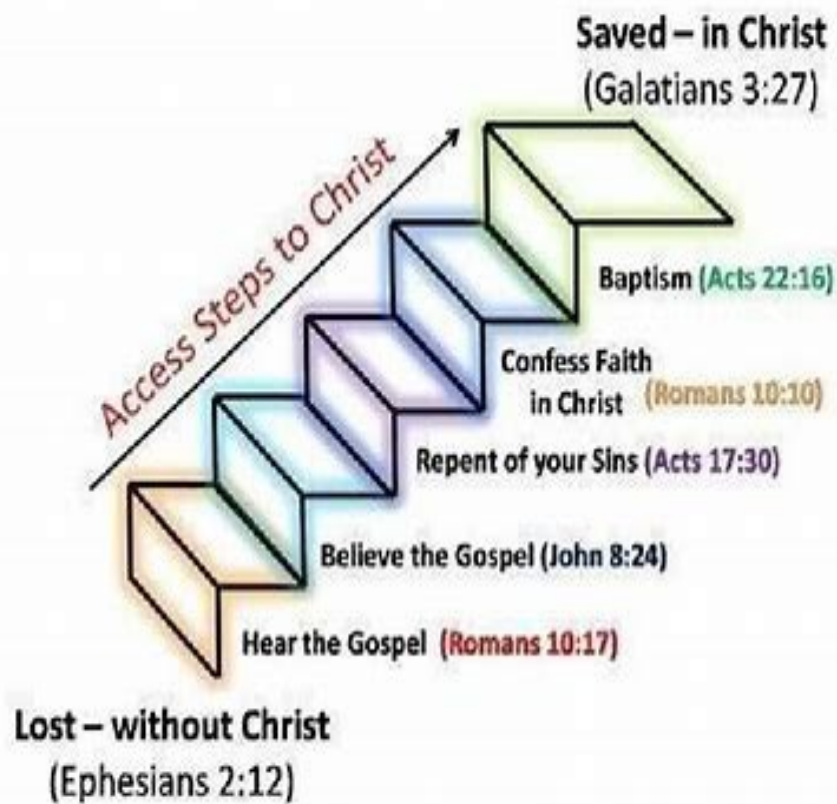
One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, “What

are you making?” Just as sweetly, the boy responded, “Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.” The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Children are remarkably perceptive. Their eyes ever observe, their ears ever listen, and their minds ever process the messages they absorb. If they see us patiently provide a happy home atmosphere for family members, they will imitate that attitude for the rest of their lives. The wise parent realizes that every day the building blocks are being laid for the child's future. Let's be wise builders.—*Church of Christ Indigo, CA*





The Person Down the Road

In twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years you'll meet a person down the road. Whether that someone is kind and gentle or selfish and demanding depends on what you do today. If you live only in terms of what you can get out of life, this person will be crabby, self-centered, and spiteful. But if you open your life to others and live as a giver, this person will be kind, open, and generous.

This somebody whom you'll meet down the road some day is you. The person you will be tomorrow depends on the life you live today. Every day, in every way, you are becoming more and more like yourself.

Make sure the person you are becoming is someone whom you'll enjoy being around.

For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it." 1 Peter 3:10-11

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
"A Study of Matthew"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM
"Looking Forward to Being With Christ"

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
"The Importance of Hope"

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of Ecclesiastes"



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