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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
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance. & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

What are your expectations for the Christian life? Titus 2:13 says we are “waiting for our blessed hope,” but what does that mean for us?

As we begin to examine the blessed hope for which we wait, we need to begin with what it means to wait. To wait here means “to look forward to.” This is an exciting waiting. In fact, the Latin translation of the Greek word here is “expectantes” from which you can see the English word “expect.” We are waiting with expectation for God’s blessings. So, the results of the Christian life are exciting. They are blessings worth waiting for. We wait with eager joy for what will be revealed to us.

God described this hope as “blessed.” “Blessed” is from the Greek word makarias that has to do with “being fortunate or happy because of circumstances.” The hope which Christians have for the life we enjoy now and the life to come make us to always be in fortunate circumstances. We would do well to remember our fortunate spiritual circumstances when we find ourselves in unfortunate physical circumstances.

Finally, we see that we are waiting for hope. This is not just wishful thinking. This hope is a conviction that God will fulfill his promises. Paul wants us to see that this hope or expectation is “*the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ*” (Titus 2:13). This conviction is seen in Titus 1:13 when Paul wrote, “*in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.*” Our “hope” is rightly seen as a certain expectation because we “hope” for things promised by God who never lies. These promises are eternal for they were given “before the ages began.” When time has run its course, God’s promises will remain in perfect realization.

We wait. Doubt, seemingly endless ages, trials of all kinds, and temporary pleasure will not move us away from God’s promises. Whatever may come, we wait. “Even so, Come, Lord Jesus.”

- Donnie DeBord
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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 Larry Enoch.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Jack and Michel Phillip, Tommy Boggess and Tish Clarke. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India. **Our Sympathy** is extended to Nat Evans and all the family of Rita Evans who passed from this life this past week.

The Fall session of our School of Biblical Studies got off to a great start this past Monday evening. We had several from area congregations attending. Our teachers did a great job in presenting their subjects. Come join us and enjoy these in-depth studies of the Bible.

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 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.

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**

Sept. 19-Nov. 7, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM

(Meet in the Annex)

Larry Powers

“Church History”

Jack Philips

“2 Corinthians”

IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU *By Jonnie Hutchison*

In Matthew 18:15-17 Jesus speaks of one disciple committing a sin against another disciple giving detailed instructions as to what response the one who has been sinned against should undertake to bring the offender to repentance.

STEP ONE: *“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother”* (Matt. 18:15). It is obvious that the sin under consideration in this passage is a private matter between two Christians. Far too often when one Christian sins against another the offended Christian goes to some personal friend or confidant and tells them before going to the offender. However, the teaching of Jesus is that the offended go to the offender alone first. Notice that “you go to him” - don’t wait for him to come to you.

The phrase “tell him his fault” suggests convicting him or reproving him for his wrong. The effort put forth is to bring the offender face to face with his wrong as one lovingly admonishes him to repent (See Galatians 6:1-2). If the offender acknowledges his sin and repents no further action is necessary.

STEP TWO: *“But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established'”* (Matt. 18:16). There is always the possibility that the offending Christian may refuse the individual effort to bring him or her to repentance. In that case one should make an additional effort accompanied by one or two more faithful Christians who serve as witnesses. The purpose of these witnesses is “that every word might be established.” In failing to respond to the previous effort of the offended Christian, the offender has already shown a reluctance to

acknowledge his or her sin. Thus the witnesses are there to establish the facts of the case as well as to admonish the offender to repent as implied in the statement *“And if he refuses to hear them....”* (Matt. 18:17a).

STEP THREE: *“And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church....”* (Matt. 18:17a). Again the implication is that when the church becomes involved the individual members make every effort to encourage the impenitent Christian’s repentance. An overwhelming expression of love and concern for the soul of the offender will hopefully soften his heart, help him to see the error of his way and bring him to repentance.

STEP FOUR: *“...but if he refuses to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector”* (Matt. 18:17b). The impenitent Christian is subject to corrective discipline by the church, the purpose of which is to save his soul. The impenitent Christian is out of fellowship with God and thus the church can no longer extend fellowship to that person. The Bible teaches, *“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us”* (2 Thess. 3:6).

The purpose of every step in the process given by the Lord in the matter of the “brother [or sister JH] who sins against you” is his or her restoration. There is never to be an attitude of vengeance or retaliation in these matters. There is only to be an attitude of love for one whose soul is in eternal jeopardy.

Let us each endeavor to do all that we can to avoid sinning against our brethren. Let us ever have an attitude of genuine repent-

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ance for wrong done. Let us take the steps outlined by the Lord should a brother or sister sin against us so that we can enjoy heaven together when this life is over.

“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.” Revelation 1:7

Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
“The Book of Acts”

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“Three Courts By Which All Will Be Tried”

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
“Some Thoughts on the Holy Spirit”

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
“A Study of the Minor Prophets”

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