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Schedule of Services

- Sunday
Bible
Classes
10:00 AM
Morning
Wor-
- ship 10:45 AM
Evening
Wor-
ship 6:00 PM
- Wednes-
day
Bible
Classes

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

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WHY WE NEED TO PREACH THE BASICS OF THE GOSPEL TO THE CHURCH by Jonnie Hutchison

“For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,” (2 Peter 1:12-13).

These words contain a very important point concerning the necessity of continuing to remind members of the church of the truth they have already been taught, which they know and in which they have been established. Why should the fundamentals of the gospel be taught to those who already know them?

First, lest we forget them.

As humans we tend to forget over time. Most of us who are older will readily admit that we do not remember as well as we once did. While attending the Memphis School of Preaching we were required to memorize hundreds of Bible verses many of which I can no longer quote from memory. Even though we may know the fundamental truths of the gospel we need to be continually reminded of them lest we forget.

Second, to avoid negligence.

Peter wrote that he would not be “negligent” to remind his readers of the truths they already knew. Why would it be negligent of Peter to fail in this? In the context Peter knew that his time on this earth was short. He surely felt the urgency of making sure that his readers were grounded in the faith even indicating that he would make provisions to continue to remind them even after his death (2 Peter 1:14-15). This indicates clearly the necessity and urgency of our being continually reminded of the truths we already know.

Third, to stir us up. In being reminded of the fundamental truths which we already know our faith is reinforced and strengthened. Our own response to the gospel of Christ is reaffirmed. We are more motivated in our desire to teach others these truths so that they may enjoy the same hope of eternal life that has been given to us.

Fourth, because it is the right thing to do. Peter wrote that he thought it was the right

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Ann Workman, Will Winchester, Amie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Lucetria Hutchison, and Donald and Dorothy Cook.
- **The Fall session of the *School of Biblical Studies*** continues each Monday from 7-9 pm in annex. Brethren Josh Manning and Brad McNutt are presenting outstanding lessons on the books of 1 Peter and Jonah respectively. If you enjoy in depth Bible study you will not want to miss this opportunity.
- **Pantry items for September: 1—Apple Sauce; 8—Canned Carrots; 15—Children’s toothpaste; 22—Canned Potatoes; 29—Apple Juice.**
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswerstv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **September 2019 Anniversaries:** ;**28th** Shane & Krysta Smith; **Birthdays** **4th** Jane Morris; **13th** Marry Crutchfield; **18th** Jackson Hale; **20th** Peggy Jarvis; **23rd** Kye Luffman; **27th** Dianna Travis; **28th** Carolyn Byars. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **Does God’s grace allow the practice of sin? Not according to the Holy Spirit who inspired Paul to ask, “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” Romans 6:1-2). Instead, grace teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and live soberly, righteously and godly lives (Titus 2:11-12).**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: What was the topic of discussion between Nicodemus and Jesus?

Last Week: *Of which Jewish sect was Nicodemus a part and what was his position among the Jews?*

Answer: Nicodemus is described as a “ruler of the Jews” (a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin) and a Pharisee (John 3:1-10).

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Each consecutive Monday
Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 2019**

⇒ **I Peter—Josh Manning
Eastwood Paris, TN**

⇒ **Jonah—Brad McNutt
Walnut Grove Benton, KY**

Meet in the Annex 7-9 PM

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thing to do as long as he was alive to continually remind his readers of what they already knew of the “present truth.” It is right for Bible class teachers and gospel preachers to teach the fundamentals. It is right to teach and preach the initial steps of obedience which put one into Christ. It is right to teach and preach the fundamental truths concerning the one church—in prophecy, in promise and in reality. It is right to teach and preach on the five acts of worship and it is right to teach and preach as to why we do not use mechanical instruments of music in worship. With so many false teachings in the religious

world concerning the basic fundamental truths of the gospel, the church needs to be reminded as to what the Bible teaches so that we can fulfill our obligation to, “*Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one*” (Colossians 4:6).

Not every Christian is spiritually mature (1 Peter 2:2). Even though some have been Christians for years, they remain spiritually immature and continue to need the fundamentals of the faith (Hebrews 5:12-14). In our Bible classes and in the assembly we need a balance of both “milk” and “meat.”

TRY RUNNING AGAIN *By Gus Nichols*

Perhaps some reader has tried to be a Christian, but failed. If so, why not try again? Great success does not always come from a single effort. Worthwhile things are always worth trying and striving for, even if we must try again and again.

In the year 1917 a tornado destroyed our home, blew it away and ruined our crops out on the farm before it tore up Carbon Hill, Alabama, and left the dead homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing crops.

Life is like that. Wars are not usually won by a single battle. But battle after battle must be fought before the victory is won. In a way some of the battles are lost, but victory belongs to those who win the last battle.

One young man started in to fight the cigarette habit but soon felt that the weed had conquered him. However, he decided that no man is licked who will keep on trying, again and again. So he summoned all his forces and marshaled them against his dangerous habit. A day at a time he vowed to his friends

and to God that he would not smoke that day, regardless of what happened. Soon he had conquered a habit that is master of millions in our land.

Very few spend a long life in the service of Christ without ever getting discouraged, and for the moment, giving up in despair. But those who overcome the world are they who (if need be) try again and again – who refuse to surrender to the evil one. If they fail, they go down fighting – soon to rise again.

It is easy to give up and quit when the going gets rough, as it most certainly will – sooner or later. Long roads usually have some detours and rough places over which one must travel in order to reach the desired destiny.

The Christian life is like running a race (Heb. 12:1-2; I Cor. 9:25-27). If one fails he should get up and try again. The New Birth is a sort of “Land of Beginning Again” (John 3:5). So is a restoration of an erring child of God (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).

—*Pennington Bend church of Christ*



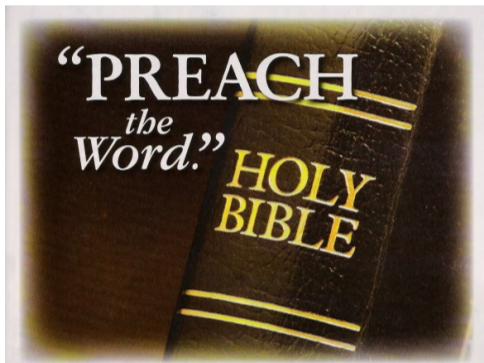
COME VISIT WITH US

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!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

Lessons Today

Sunday AM
Chad Canter

Sunday PM
Fifth Sunday Singing



FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

THOSE TO SERVE

September 2019

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Perry Jarvis

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute: James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

9-1 Chad

9-8 Perry

9-15 Chad

9-22 Perry

9-29 Chad

Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Hayes Grady

29—Perry Jarvis

Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jonnie Hutchison

29—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Chad Canter

Wednesday—Eli Sales

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Bobby Hall

If unable to serve please call
Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

