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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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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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“NO DIVISIONS” *By Jonnie Hutchison*

We live in a world of religious division. If one is willing to search long enough, he will find a “church” or “religion” that fits his chosen lifestyle and satisfies his personal desires. One may search the internet and find a “gay church directory”, the official sight of the “Church of Satan”, so-called pagan and “earth-based” religions such as Wicca and Goddess spirituality, and a multiplicity of denominations catering to a variety of different and conflicting views and each having their own distinctive beliefs and practices. Add to this the religion of Islam, the Jewish religion, the different forms of Mormonism, Scientology, Christian Science, the Unification Church and a host of religious cults and it’s no wonder that division and confusion is the rule of the day in our world when it comes to religion.

While Jesus was on this earth He prayed, “*That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me*” (John 17:21). These words of Jesus emphasize the truth that religious division creates un-

belief. That is the very reason Jesus gave for His desire that those who follow Him would be **ONE** as He and the Father are **ONE**. It should be obvious that the beliefs and practices of the Father and the Son do not differ nor conflict in any way. They exist in complete harmony without any hint of divisiveness. Why then would anyone assume that the Godhead would approve of the religious division that exists in this world?

By inspiration the apostle Paul declared to the church in Corinth, “*Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Corinthians 1:10). According to this passage, how much religious division does the Lord permit among those who would follow Him? The answer is “**NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU**”!! How is that possible? The answer is given in the passage above—“be perfectly joined together in the **same mind** and in

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes Grady is at Raymond's home. Marjorie Grady is in Spring Creek. Jim Lowrie is in the Hospice House in Murray. Mary Lowrie is in Murray Hospital at the time of this writing. Marie Wyatt is back home. Continue to pray for Joan Lathrop, Jackie Spiceland and Dave & Ann Thompson. Peggy Jarvis has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and needs our prayers and encouragement.

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 (home recovering from surgery), 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!

**“The worst forms of depression are cured when Holy Scripture is believed!”
“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say rejoice!” Phil. 4:4**

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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the **same judgment.**" We humans think, reason and make decisions with our minds. To be of the same mind simply means that we are thinking alike or thinking the same thing and reasoning the same way. And to be of the "same judgment" means that we reach the same conclusions based upon our thinking and reasoning alike. But it should be obvious that we will not be of the same mind and the same judgment without a mutual source of objective knowledge which guides us in our thinking and judgment (See Jeremiah 10:23). That mutual source of

knowledge is the Bible—the revealed Word of Almighty God! "*Nevertheless, wherto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing*" (Philippians 3:16). If we are to have **NO DIVISIONS** we must accept the Bible and the Bible only as that which rules our thinking and practice in all matters religious and otherwise.

Dear reader, is the Bible your **only guide** in spiritual matters? Are you following the path of religious unity or the path of religious division?

"I DON'T LOVE HER ANYMORE" By Charles Billingsly

A man who was a little over forty years of age, suffering from the classic "mid-life crisis," sat down to talk to a preacher about his problems. He explained how his marriage of twenty years was not longer satisfying or fulfilling. Finally, he reached the crux of the situation, the bottom line. "I just do not love her anymore," he said. "What can I do?"

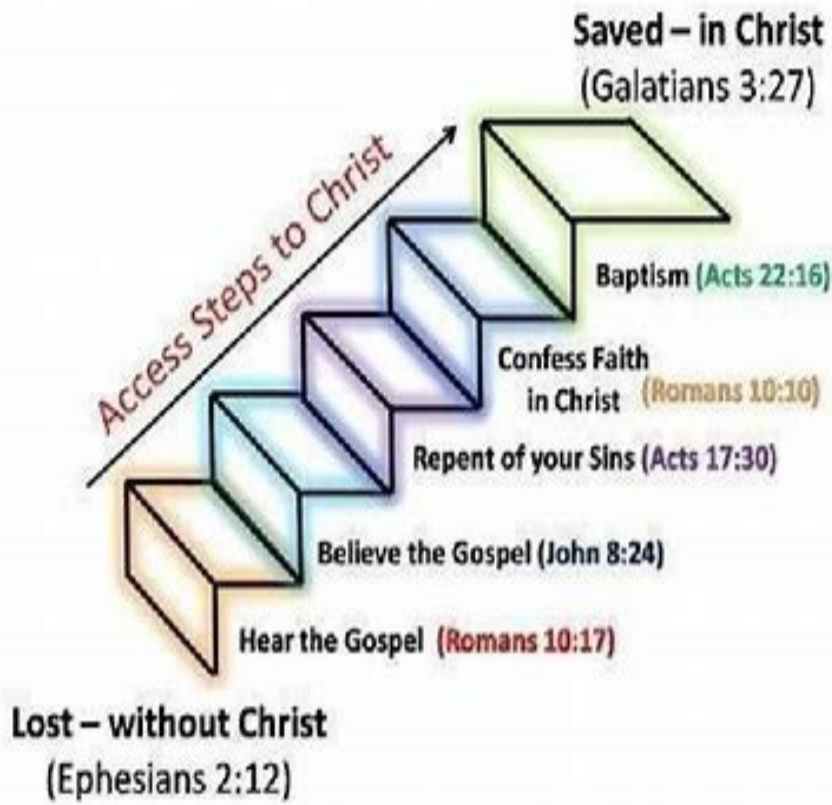
After a few moments of reflection, the preacher said decisively, "As I see it, you have only one option." The man perked up with anticipation. Was the preacher going to suggest a divorce? Would he be free to pursue the thrilling lifestyle of the younger generation that he had come to admire? Would this be his chance to regain his fleeting youth? What was the preacher's advice? The sagely advice of the preacher was, "Seems to me that the only thing left for you to do is repent and start loving her again."

So often we hear of married couples who complain that they have "fallen out of love." That is so sad, but it happens. The real issue is: What do you do when you realize that such a situation exists? The world, with its unconcern for God's will, says, "Leave that marriage and get on with your life! That is

just one of those things that we cannot help." The Bible, on the other hand, says the same thing that it has always said: "Husbands, love your wives" (Eph. 5:25), and wives are to "love their husbands" (Titus 2:4).

It is essential that we note that these are not just suggestions. They are commands! To fail to love your mate is to commit sin! And sin always requires repentance, if there is to be forgiveness (Luke 13:3). Be careful, however, not to confuse the commanded "love" with shallow infatuation that soon fades or erotic love that exists conditionally. The love that God commands husbands and wives to have for each other is a sacrificial love of choice and intention that seeks the interest of the one loved more than self. It is the kind of love Jesus has shown to us (Eph. 5:2). Such love "...is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud or rude ... isn't selfish or quick-tempered ... doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do ... rejoices in the truth, but not in evil ... is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting ... never fails!" (I Cor. 13:4-7). Being "in love" with one another

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will continue to exist as long as married couples give to one another the love that God commands.

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A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE

Solomon's wonderful wisdom is brought to us powerfully in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 where he mentions many categories of life: "A time to be born and a time to die..."

There are events in our lives that we eagerly anticipate, while other events we dread, even fear. It is God's purpose that we build and break down, plant and pluck up what we planted. When we read of all these different events that are necessary, we can thank God that He has made such wonderful provisions for our work, lives and well-being.

As we age, we become more and more thankful that God has made provision for us to pass from this life into an eternal home. We are thankful that disease, suffering, disappointments, tears, pain and all the rest will pass away (Revelation 21:4). As we ponder this, we realize that there is a time to obey God, a time to live for Him, a time to forgive others, a time to heal from hurts and renew our spirits, and a time to urge our friends and family to prepare for this eventual death.

—John Wright—

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
Chad Canter

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
Fifth Sunday Singing

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of Ecclesiastes"



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