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Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10 AM of assembling together in the auditorium to worship

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- Mike Ernstberger
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- Bobby Hall
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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
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EVER LOOKING FORWARD

By Jonnie Hutchison

Let's face it, the world in which we live has many negative aspects—lawlessness, disease, natural disasters, pandemics—just to name a few. According to the CDC nearly 45 people are murdered every day in the United States (based on 2018 stats). No doubt, in the year 2020 this figure has increased significantly. Suicide rates were two and a half times greater than homicides in the United States. In 2018 there were 132 suicides committed each day in this country. (Source NIMH). There are 15 ongoing wars raging across our world today and many smaller conflicts between peoples and nations, most of which we hear nothing about. Drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, spousal abuse, sexual abuse and human trafficking are a daily and tragic reality in this world. False religions and false teachers are everywhere deceiving lost souls into accepting a false hope. Needless to say, evil abounds all around us.

Dwelling upon these negative aspects of our world can be overwhelming and lead to

feelings of hopelessness and despair. Yet, for the faithful Christian there is something so positive and powerful that all the negative things of this world fade into ultimate insignificance. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 tells us, *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* As a Christian one can look beyond the negative things of this life to an eternity completely free of all of them. In a negative world we must focus upon the eternal rather than the temporary. As inspiration declares, *“set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”* (Col. 3:2). If we put God first in our lives He will help us to confront and deal with the negative aspects of life (Hebrews 4:14-16; Romans 8:31ff). Let us follow the example of the apostle Paul who wrote in view of the negative things he endured in this

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Green Plain members:** Remember Jane Morris, Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends:** Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, Sandra Cook Downs, Hollis Stubblefield, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely and Carol Pigg.

- **WORSHIP SERVICES:** Our elders have asked for your input about resuming our regular Bible classes and worship periods with our current safety measures. Please let them know your feelings concerning this matter.
- **PANTRY ITEMS September 2020: 6—Peanut Butter; 13—Paper Towels; 20—Canned Peaches; 27—Canned Carrots.** Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **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 Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **September 2020 Anniversaries:** 28-Shane & Krysta Smith. **Birthdays:** 4-Jane Morris; 13-Mary Crutchfield; 18-Jackson Hale; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28 –Carolyn Byars; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.
- **Additional Study Opportunities:** We encourage our readers to take advantage of the wealth of Bible study opportunities which are available online. There is a list of some of these at the bottom of this page. You will find scores of recorded videos and live programs that you can watch at your convience. (Read 2 Peter 3:18).
- **If you knew tomorrow would never come, what would you do differently today?**

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network
<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Did Jesus baptize anyone?

Last Week: What were the Babylonian names given to Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?

Answer: To Hananiah, Shadrach to Mishael. Meshach and to Azariah, Abed-Nego. (Daniel 1:7).

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life, *“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God”* (Acts 20:24). Let us not be moved by the negative things of this life away from our responsibilities to shine as lights in a darkened world and to carry the light of the gospel to those lost in that darkness. Philippians 2:15-16 reads, *“that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you*

shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

Yes, let us hold fast to the word of life, ever looking forward to existing eternally in heaven with our God. Again the inspired Paul expressed, *“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13-14).

TURNING THE WORLD RIGHT-SIDE-UP *By Paul Pryor*

When Paul was in Thessalonica, there were unbelieving Jews who persecuted him and tried to defeat the Gospel in that city. These apostates gathered a band of ruffians who stirred up a mob against Paul and his fellow workers in the city. Among the complaints they laid against the evangelists was the charge that Paul and his company had “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:1-8). The truth of the matter is that the preaching of Paul and his company was doing just the opposite. They were turning the world right-side up.

Satan is a liar (Jno. 8:44, Rev. 12:9). His lies began on this earth with deception of Eve in the Garden of Eden. That which proceeds from him is the antithesis of truth. One may be confident that whatever the enemies of Christ and the Gospel affirm, the opposite is usually true. When they accuse those preaching the Gospel of turning the world upside-down, the same preachers are actually turning it right-side up!



We must not be deceived by the lies Satan cultivates through the allurements of worldliness. Satan says that happiness is found in material gain and the love of money. This is upside down thinking. Luke 12:15 (KJV) *And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.* Satan cunningly redefines the sins of the flesh to make them more palatable. Sexual perversion that is an abomination before God is redefined as diversity and “alternative” lifestyle. Murder is redefined as “choice”. Consider Isaiah 5:20 (KJV) *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”*

To set the record straight by rightly identifying sin as sin and showing Jesus as the answer to sin, we do not turn the world upside down... we turn it right-side up.

—Northside church of Christ
St. Petersburg, FL



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!

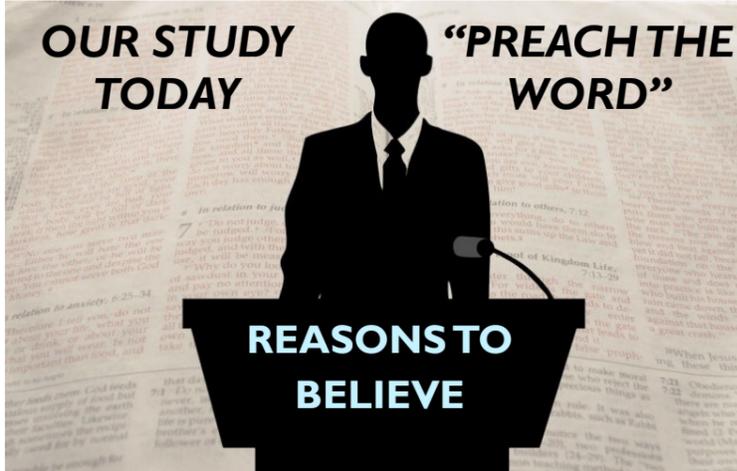
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How we need to be reminded today of the origin and place of civil government and law enforcement in our society: 'Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.' (Romans 13:1).

OUR STUDY TODAY

"PREACH THE WORD"



REASONS TO BELIEVE

GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK



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PLAN of SALVATION

Hear

The Gospel

Romans 10:17

Believe

In Christ

John 8:24

Repent

Of Sins

Acts 17:30-31

Confess

Faith in Christ

Acts 8:37

and
Be Baptized

Mark 16:16
Acts 2:38