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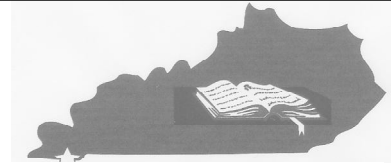
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## Spring Schedule Green Plain School of Biblical Studies



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

**Each Monday Night  
March 1 - May 24, 2010  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

### Subjects:

**The Home as God Would have It - Virgil Hale - Hickory Grove Church of Christ**

**First & Second Timothy - Robert Meredith - Green Plain Church of Christ**

**Titus - Larry Powers - Sharon Church of Christ**

**Philemon & Jude - Victor Eskew - East Wood Church of Christ**

A class is provided for children of those attending the adult classes.  
Please feel free to attend all or as many classes as you wish.



## Man's Relationship To Truth

**Victor M. Eskew**

Truth exists in the world as its own entity. It exists apart from any man and from any man-made organization. The truth is pure, unchangeable, powerful, life-giving, and enduring. According to Jesus, truth is contained in the Word of God. *"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth"* (John 17:17).

Every man, woman, and child has some form of relationship to the truth of God's Word. The relationship one sustains to the truth determines the movement one should make relative to the truth. There are some individuals who have never embraced the truth of the gospel. The movement these individuals need to make it TOWARD the truth. First, these individuals need to have the truth imparted to them. This can be done through the printed page or through the oral proclamation of the Word (Romans 10:13-17). Paul's quest was to make known the truth to as many as possible. To Festus, he said: *"I am not mad most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth*

and soberness” (Acts 26:25). Paul’s words to Timothy were: “*Preach the word*” (2 Timothy 4:2). Truth must be presented in order for men to come to it. Once the truth is presented, man must receive it as the truth. The Thessalonians did this and Paul was grateful to God for their actions. “*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe*” (1 Thessalonians 2:13). The reception of truth is not merely acknowledging the truth; it involves one’s obedience to the demands of truth. This is the only way for one to purify his soul from the filth of sin. “*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever*” (1 Peter 1:22-23).

Once truth has been received and obeyed, one must remain in the truth. Here, the movement of man relative to the truth is often described as WALKING IN the truth. Gaius was a beloved brother of the apostle John. John’s third epistle was written to him. In the letter, John expresses his joy in hearing that Gaius was walking in the truth. “*For I rejoiced greatly when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth*” (3 John 3-4). Truth is the guide for this person’s life. All of his thoughts and actions are governed by God’s Word. This individual allows the truth to make him complete, thoroughly furnished unto every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). He rejoices in the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6). He speaks the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). He girds himself with truth (Ephesians 6:14). He diligently

studies truth (2 Timothy 2:15). He obeys the commands of truth (1 John 2:4). Truth is the plumb line of his life. He will not deviate to the left hand nor to the right.

It is also possible for man to turn from the truth. The New Testament describes this action with many terms: 1) to walk not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel (Galatians 2:14); 2) to not obey the truth (Galatians 3:1; 5:7); 3) to err concerning the truth (2 Timothy 2:18; James 5:19); 4) to turn away one’s ears from the truth (2 Timothy 4:4); 5) to sin willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth (Hebrews 10:26); 6) to follow the pernicious ways of those who speak evil of the truth (2 Peter 2:2); and 7) to fail to keep the commandments of God (1 John 2:4). The movement those who forsake the truth need to make is BACK TO the truth. Israel of old rejected the truth of God’s Word. Over and over again, the prophets were sent to call them back. In Jeremiah 5:3, we read: “*O Lord, art not thine eyes upon the truth? Thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved, thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.*” Those who refuse to come back after forsaking the truth will ultimately face the wrath of God. “*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness*” (Romans 1:18).

What relationship do you hold to truth? Let it be understood that you cannot be neutral toward the truth. If you haven’t embraced the truth, we encourage you to receive it. If you are presently living in the truth, we exhort you to keep walking therein. If you have forsaken the truth, please, please come back. We close with the words of the wise Solomon: “*Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding*” (Proverbs 23:23).



## WHY YOUNG MEN DO NOT BECOME MINISTERS

From time to time I hear people ask, "Why aren't more of our young men becoming preachers?" This is usually followed by a couple of slams at our youth program. If a solution is offered, it usually has to do with: "The young men should be in front of the congregation more; leading songs, saying prayers, reading scriptures and making talks."

To this I say, "Wrong!" Public speaking doesn't produce ministers. Training in public speaking produces better public speakers. Parents and congregations produce gospel preachers!

It doesn't matter how many times a boy stands behind a pulpit, if parents don't encourage him, he won't be a minister. Specifically it has to do with the definition of success his parents teach him. They may pat James on the back and say, "We're proud of you," but who do they respect most: the doctor, dentist, attorney, self-made millionaire, corporate president or preacher? Do they define success in terms of 4 bedroom homes, 3 cars, a pool, country club and cabin on the lake? If so, why would James want to become a gospel preacher? In other words, we want more young men to become ministers as long as it's not our son.

Becoming a minister has to do with the way a youngster is trained and training takes place in the home. That's where he develops his value system. Read 2 Timothy 1:5. Why aren't more young men becoming preachers? Because their parents aren't practicing at home what they say at church. Training a young man to look toward the spiritual requires a trust in God to provide. Congregations can support the training of preachers and give their encouragement to young men who exhibit a desire to preach the gospel.

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**Prayer List:** Paul Brandon, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Margrette Enoch, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Jason Hill (Amy Barrett's father), Warren Jackson, Binita Irvin, Jimmy Shelly (Robert's uncle), Ross Simmons, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Jesse Vincent, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

**Shut-ins:** Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

## News at Green Plain

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **M. W. (Dub) Henry** in his passing. He was a faithful member and former Elder at Green Plain, and he will be sorely missed.

**Thanks** to everyone involved in the evangelistic effort at the Home Show. Much work went into this outreach (1 Corinthians 15:58).

**Luncheons:** Our monthly luncheons will be at **11:30 am on Thursday, the 18th**. The ladies are going to **Snappy Tomato Pizza** and the men to **Mary's Kitchen**.

**Fellowship Meal:** Our monthly fellowship meal will be **Sunday, the 21st**, after the evening worship service.

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Sanctify them through  
Thy truth: Thy word  
is truth."  
(John 17:17)

### ATTENDANCE February 14, 2010

Bible Study	55	Worship P.M.	61
Worship A.M.	80	Mid-week (2-10)	

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HAZEL, KY 42049

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The church building is located  
southeast of Murray -  
One mile off highway 641 -  
Near the corner of the Green  
Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
February 2010

**USHERS:** Jesse Vincent & Tristan Enoch  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chad Canter

**PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE**  
**AM:** Max Henry & James Pigg  
**Substitute:** Frank Pool

**ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
**AM:** Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett  
**Substitute:** Robert Meredith

**Sunday PM**  
2-21.....Robert Meredith  
2-28.....Rob Enoch

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
2-21.....Dave Thompson (Mt. 16:13-16)  
2-28.....Ira Sellars

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
2-21.....Chad Canter  
2-28.....Roy Wyatt

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
2-21.....Bill Stubblefield  
2-28.....Preston Barrett

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
Robert Barrett & Tristan Enoch

**SONG LEADERS:**  
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening.....Larry Enoch  
Wednesday.....Bill Stubblefield  
**Substitute:**.....James Pigg

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:**  
Matthias Meredith & Mary Vincent

**GREETERS:** Jesse & Mary Vincent

If you are unable to serve, please  
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Mark 16**

1. What was the purpose of the two Mary's going to Jesus' tomb?
2. Why did the two Mary's think they would need help to roll the stone away?
3. Whom did Jesus appear to first after His ascension?
4. How did He work with His disciples after He had risen?

1. That they might anoint His body (. 2)
2. For is was very great (v. 4)
3. Mary Magdalene (v. 9)
4. He confirmed the word with signs following (v. 20)

**Remember to  
bring snacks  
for the  
hospital.**

**Pantry Item  
Beef Stew**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.  
Worship.....10:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.  
For transportation call 492-8206  
“A Friendly Welcome Awaits You”

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST**  
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST**  
Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR  
February 21, 2010**

A.M. - Confession

P.M. - Jesus, The Bread of Life

**WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED**

**Hear the gospel**  
*Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17*

**Believe**  
*Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6*

**Repent**  
*Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30*

**Confess faith in Christ**  
*Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10*

**Be baptized (immersed)**  
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;  
Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

**Continue faithful unto death**  
*Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9*