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Our
GOSPEL MEETING
at the
**GREEN PLAIN
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
will be
September 13-17, 2009
Gary Colley, Speaker

Service Times:

Sunday Morning - 10:00 am & 10:45 am

Sunday Evening - 7:30 pm

Monday - Thursday Evenings - 7:00 pm

There will be a potluck dinner after the Sunday morning service.

Spiritual Indifference

Gary Colley

The deplorable condition of sinful man today matches in many areas that of Bible times (Genesis 6:5; Romans 1). We need many more Elijahs, Isaiahs, and Johns to cry out against sin, to “*spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression*” (Isaiah 58:1). But, alas, some of our preachers are refusing, saying they “don’t want to be negative” and will not preach anything “that is not positive”! By these retreating and traitor-like actions, there are many of our would-be Gospel preachers, elders, and members today who refuse the admonition of 1 Corinthians 15:58 to “*be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*” Such is spiritual indifference!

Spiritual indifference is one of the worst troubles that weakens the work of the church. Indifference in any field of endeavor will kill the best efforts of some and the cause itself. There are those who desire the rewards without desire of the labor. God, very surely, is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). But, this does not mean that many will not perish when the Lord returns to re-

ward His servants. God will not reward those who are found ashamed or indifferent to His will and work, except with eternal punishment (Mark 8:38).

The knowledge of duty is the measure of the known responsibility all have toward God (James 4:17). However, we must study God's Word to show ourselves approved unto God (2 Timothy 2:15). We must grow in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:18). Although God wants to save all. He will give a man up to his passions and worldly wisdom when he rejects the Truth.

When man shows his indifference toward God and His Word, God ceases to restrain sinful man from evil, or protect him against it. In other words, when one grows indifferent to God's ways, is satisfied with the praises of men, God lets him alone to do as he pleases without hindrance from Him! Romans 1:24 implies that, until God gives a man up, He is ever present by His providence to protect and care for him. God does not give man up until man gives God up!

Surely, God is sorrowful to see many so totally careless for His work. Some seem to think that God cannot really see our every move and thought - that when we hold back His due, fulfilling our own wants, He will not punish us. Some think they can cheat God. I remind you of 1 Corinthians 10:1-11, where Paul shows God's displeasure in those of His children who became indifferent to His way. When they went in their own way, they were destroyed. Paul said, "*They were written for our admonition.*"

The church in every place can and will grow more if we will shake off the *spiritual indifference*, putting our shoulders to the wheel, doing our best. Doing out best, we can conquer only in the strength of Jehovah. He will not be pleased with less than our best.

Do not grow weary in well doing (Galatians 6:9). Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7-8). Be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10-18).

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AN OBITUARY TO COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain.

Why the early bird gets the worm.

Life isn't always fair and maybe it was my fault.

Common sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers:
 I Know My Rights
 I Want It Now
 Someone Else Is To Blame
 I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing. ...Selected



Prayer List: Brent Klinzing (Pansy Henry's grandson), Mike Thurmond (friend of Roy Wyatt), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright and any who may be in need of our prayers.

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

News at Green Plain

Dear Christian friends: As you know, I have been battling cancer for about 1 1/2 years. This past week I returned to Vanderbilt and my doctor has suggested I need to turn to Hospice for my care.

I appreciate all of you, your prayers & thoughts. Please continue to remember Larry & me, Mom & Jason, Tammy & Brooke during this difficult time.

I pray and ask for your prayers continually. If I have ever offended anyone, please forgive me. I pray that I can be a good example and not a hindrance to anyone.

I love you all and this congregation.
 Gail Wright

Our sympathy to the family of Shane Smith in the passing of his grandmother, **Blanch Smith**. The funeral was last week in Indiana.

Visitation Group #1 meets Sunday, the 6th.

There will be an Elders/Deacons meeting on Wednesday, the 9th.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

1 Peter 2:2

ATTENDANCE August 30, 2009

Bible Study	77	Worship P.M.	60
Worship A.M.	87	Mid-week (8-26)	56

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southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
September 2009**

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Roy Wyatt
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rob Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Chad Canter & Larry Enoch
Substitute: Rex Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Paul Brandon & Robert Barrett
Substitute: Max Henry

Sunday P.M.
9-6.....Rob Enoch
9-13.....Hayes Grady
9-20.....Larry Enoch
9-27.....Chad Canter

SCRIPTURE READING:
9-6.....Rex Enoch (Mt. 14:22-33)
9-13.....Robert Meredith
9-20.....Bobby Ward
9-27.....Bobby Hall

OPENING PRAYER:
9-6.....Max Henry
9-13.....Hayes Grady
9-20.....Charles Enoch
9-27.....Bill Stubblefield

CLOSING PRAYER:
9-6.....Frank Pool
9-13.....Robert Barrett
9-20.....Eddie Ward
9-27.....John Brinkley

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Jesse Vincent & Roy Wyatt

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening...Eddie Ward
Wednesday.....James Pigg
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Cody Canter & Lofton Pigg

GREETERS: Paul & Sue Brandon
LAWN CARE: Jesse Vincent

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

 **Matthew 21**

1. Who asked Jesus by Whose authority He did all His miracles?
2. What was the reason for killing the vineyard owners?
3. What was the reason for Jesus' riding upon an ass?
4. Whose clothes did the disciples put on the ass?

1. The chief priest & elders (vs. 23)
2. So they could be the heirs (v. 38)
3. To show His humility & meekness (v. 5)
4. Their very own (v. 7)

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

**Pantry Item
Canned Corn**

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
September 6, 2009**

A.M. - Peter Walks on the Water

P.M. - The Healing of the Nobleman's Son

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