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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.

## “What Do You Mean By Chasten?”

Gary Colley

Jesus dictated these words to the apostle John for the church in Laodicea: “*AS MANY AS I LOVE, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN*” (Revelation 3:19). This Bible reference once appeared on a sign in front of a church building.

### Phone Call

That week a phone call was received from an upset, somewhat irate woman inquiring as to what was meant by this saying. It was evident that she did not know it was from the inspired Scriptures. When she was kindly informed that it was written to the church at Laodicea, with the further exhortation to “*be zealous therefore, and repent,*” she said, “Oh,” and hung up! Supposing that she was against any and all chastening, especially of children, many more scripture references came to mind which could have shown the importance of

the same thought. But, she gave no time to mention these scriptures and indicated little regard for the one she had seen on the sign.

### **No Discipline Theory**

So many of the liberal persuasion have “decided” against the Bible and, rather, to go along with the widely-read Dr. Spock of the 1960s, that children should receive no discipline. Dr. Spock later acknowledged that his anti-Bible advice had raised an entire generation of misguided rebels! But, the harm to several generations was done, and many, both parents and children, suffered as the result.

If you are interested in seeing further references concerning this Bible teaching, see Deuteronomy 8:1-6; Job 5:17; Psalm 94:12; Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; Ephesians 6:4; and Hebrews 12:6, 8-9, 11.

### **Parents Seeking Help**

Today’s parents should follow the Bible instead of the liberal talk shows’ propaganda about raising children. They refuse to talk about spanking a child, but rather refer to “beating” or “hitting.” We do not condone either! No one could be more against the abuse of children than this writer! No one could have greater concern and interest in our young people. But, if we want children to grow up being responsible, we must teach, train, and discipline them with the proper thinking of reaping what you sow (Galatians 6:7-9) and that wrong acts bring swift punishment. And, we need to be aware of the fact that when a child is not disciplined he will bring shame to his

mother (Proverbs 19:15). But, the Proverbs also wisely say, “*Correct thy son, and he will bring thee rest [peace]; yea, he will give delight unto thy soul*” (Proverbs 29:17).

### **Show Them Love**

Correct chastening shows our love for our young and their future, even their eternal future! Pity to the child that grows up not knowing the real meaning of the word “no.” These children will not have the guidelines for living that will make them good, law-abiding citizens or faithful members of the Lord’s church. Without discipline and training, they will miss the structural principles that will help them throughout life (Proverbs 22:6). They will grow up in careless, irreligious, and scandalous actions like the two sons of Eli, who lacked parental authority with his children (1 Samuel 2:21-26; 3:12-15). Neither, with the proper discipline, will they be so surprised when the eternal Judgment and punishment of God comes upon the ungodly and disobedient (Ecclesiastes 11:9-10; 12:13-14; Romans 1:18).

The parents who do not love their children enough to chasten them are described in Proverbs 13:24: “*He that spareth his rod hateth his son.*” This teaches that those who withhold useful correction and discipline from their children act as if they do not love their children.

We should be thankful that God loves us, chastens us, and does all things, even chastening, well (Hebrews 12:5-13). Faithful and loving parents will strive to do the same.

## NEED WASHING?

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Target. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target.

We waited, come patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said. "What?" Mom said. "Let's run through the rain!" she repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied. This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain." "We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said. "No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right...Let's run through the rain. If God let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday...To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven...I hope you still take the time to run through the rain.

### DO YOU NEED WASHING?

...Selected



**Prayer List: James "Ed" Edwards** (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), **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

**Monthly Luncheons: The Men & Ladies** will be going to **Sirloin Stockade** on **Thursday, the 17th, at 11:30 am.**

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

**Green Plain School of Biblical Studies** resumes **September 21st** and continues through **December 7th**, for the fall, 2009 session. The subjects will be **Premillennialism, Hermeneutics, The Work of the Church, & the book of James.**

**Singing: Cadiz church of Christ, Friday, the 11th, at 7:00 pm.**

**Don't forget our Gospel Meeting begins this Sunday, the 13th. Make plans to be here for all services and be inviting your friends and neighbors to join us in the Gospel effort.**

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.."

Proverbs 22:6

### ATTENDANCE September 6, 2009

Bible Study	70	Worship P.M.	71
Worship A.M.	89	Mid-week (9-2)	56

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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  
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.  
9-13.....Hayes Grady  
9-20.....Larry Enoch  
9-27.....Chad Canter

SCRIPTURE READING:  
9-13.....Robert Meredith  
9-20.....Bobby Ward  
9-27.....Bobby Hall

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

CLOSING PRAYER:  
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 22**

1. What happened to the one who did not have on his wedding garment?
2. What two groups tried to entangle Jesus with a question about paying taxes?
3. In the next life, will we be married?
4. What did Jesus say were the two greatest commandments?

1. Cast out into outer darkness (v. 13)  
2. Pharisees & Herodians (vs. 15-16)  
3. No (v. 30)  
4. Love God supremely & our neighbor as ourselves (vs. 37, 39)

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

**Pantry Item  
Green Beans**

**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 13, 2009**

A.M. - Guest Speaker

P.M. - Guest Speaker

**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*