



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**  
Bible Classes  
10:00 AM  
Morning Worship  
10:45 AM  
Evening Worship  
6:00 PM
- **Wednesday**  
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
270-753-2108 Home  
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
270-759-2145 Home  
270-293-2319 Cell

## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

## Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
Cell: 270-978-7569

## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

## Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ  
3980 Murray Paris Road  
Hazel, KY 42049
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## DROP-OUTS

*“Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.” -- Jesus, Parable of the Sower, Luke 8:14*

Frequently members of the church, apparently for no reason at all, quit attending the services. This is usually preceded by a period of indifference and spasmodic attendance. Upon closer investigation it will be found that back of it all there is usually a hindering cause. It may be that the individual has become in some entanglement with sin, so that he feels so uncomfortable when studying God's Word in class, or listening to a gospel sermon, that he prefers to quit attending, rather than be constantly reminded of his ungodliness. His sin may be that of gambling, drinking, filthy speech, unethical business transactions, or some other equally sinful thing. There are many reasons why an individual should not act so. The following are some of them:



1) He owes God a life of service, and if every day that he lives upon the earth were spent in faithful service, he could never

compensate for all that God has done for him.

2) Eternity is too long, hell is too hot, and heaven is too beautiful to spend life here in pursuit of things that will cause one to be lost.

3) Setting the proper example before others is the obligation of every professing Christian. It would be tragic to so live as to miss heaven, but it would be doubly tragic to lead others to the place of eternal suffering. Be an example to your family and friends.

4) No one has a lease on life. James said, *‘Life is as a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away’* (James 4:14). No doubt many will be lost who intended to do something about their condition, but death overtook them before they had prepared to meet God. Don't let it happen to you!

We need drop-ins, not drop-outs. Be faithful to the Lord when the weather is bad, when you feel bad, when it is tough to do so. Never surrender convictions to the evil of dropping out of Christ.

-Author Unknown via *Bulletin Fodder*

## NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarete Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, and Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Doug Wallace (Hospice Care), Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Larry Wyatt and Shirley Woodlief and family.
- **Pantry items January: 5—Children's Toothpaste; 12 —Canned Chili; 19—Apple Sauce; 26—Canned Potatoes; All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.**
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **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 Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at [abibleanswertv.org](http://abibleanswertv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.
- **January 2020 Anniversaries:** 27th Carolyn & Walter Byars; **Birthdays:** 14th-Shane Smith; 18th-Karen Workman; 26th-Marjorie Grady; Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will include them next week.
- **If you are able to receive the MyTV channel (WDKA Channel 49 in Paduka and on WK&T and other providers), tune in to the “Good News” program with Jim Dearman each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.**
- **If you enjoy good book, chapter and verse preaching tune in to the GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK 24/7 online at [gbntv.org](http://gbntv.org). Lots of very fine study material is available on this website.**



### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** In the Old Testament, what was the “birthright?”

**Last Week:** How often did the first century church assemble to partake of the Lord’s Supper?

**Answer:** The example of the church in Troas indicates the first century church met each first day of the week to “break bread” - (a reference to the Lord’s Supper Acts 20:7). That there was a regular time is indicated in the phrase “continued stedfastly” (Acts 2:42) and, “as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup” (1 Cor.11:26; 16:1-2).

### LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM  
“Be A Light”

Sunday PM  
Paul Jones

“Preach the Word”  
2 Timothy 4:2

## “WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS?” By Jonnie Hutchison

It is not uncommon to hear congregations of the Lord’s church sing the song that asks the question: “**What Can Wash Away My sins?**” The song answers with the words, “**Nothing but the blood of Jesus!**” According to the teaching of the Word of God, the author of this song is exactly right. The only cleansing agent for sin is **the blood of Jesus**. “...*Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood*” (Revelation 1:5b).

Most religious people who claim to be following Jesus will agree with the conclusion of the song. The disagreement comes regarding **when** the blood of Jesus washes away ones sins. Is it at the point of hearing the good news of salvation? Is it at the point when one comes to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Is it at the point of repentance? Is it at when one confesses faith in Christ? Does one contact the blood of Jesus when one prays the so-called “sinner’s prayer”? These are common beliefs as to when the blood of Jesus washes away sin. But, which, if any, are true?

Since the literal blood of Jesus was shed over two thousand years ago, it should be obvious that one is not washed from ones sins by literally contacting the physical blood of Jesus. The references in the Bible to the washing away of sin by the blood of Jesus refers to a spiritual application of His blood. Dear reader, we are not left in the dark as to when the blood of Jesus is applied for it is clearly revealed in scripture.

The blood is **not applied** at the point of accepting Jesus as the Son of God. The inspired James made the argument against “faith only” salvation by declaring that “even :the demons also believe and tremble” but “...faith without works is dead” (James 2:18-24). In that same context the Holy Spir-

it directed James to write, “*you see then how that a man is justified by works and **not by faith only***” (James 2:24). The “works” under consideration are works of obedience as illustrated in the case of Abraham (James 2:21-23). Abraham’s faith was made “perfect” or complete only after he had obeyed God.

Is the blood of Jesus applied in prayer? The “sinner’s prayer” in its present form is not found in the pages of the New Testament. The blood of Jesus is not applied by asking Jesus to come into your heart or by praying “I accept Jesus as my personal Savior.” In every case of conversion found in the book of Acts, not one person was ever told to “pray” in order to contact the cleansing blood of Jesus.

It is certainly true that faith in Jesus, repentance of sin and confessing ones faith are all prerequisites to contacting the blood of Jesus (Mark 16:16; Acts 238; 8:37). However, the point of contact with the blood of Jesus is in being immersed in water into the death of Jesus. Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:34). The Bible tells us that when one is baptized into Christ he is baptized into the death of Jesus, buried with the Lord and then raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-5).the “newness of life” comes after, not before water baptism. Before baptism one is dead in sin but after baptism one is made alive in Christ. Peter compared salvation by water of those in the ark in Noah’s day saying, “*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ*” (1 Peter 3:21). Immersion in water is not for the cleansing of the physical man but is the point of contact for the cleansing of

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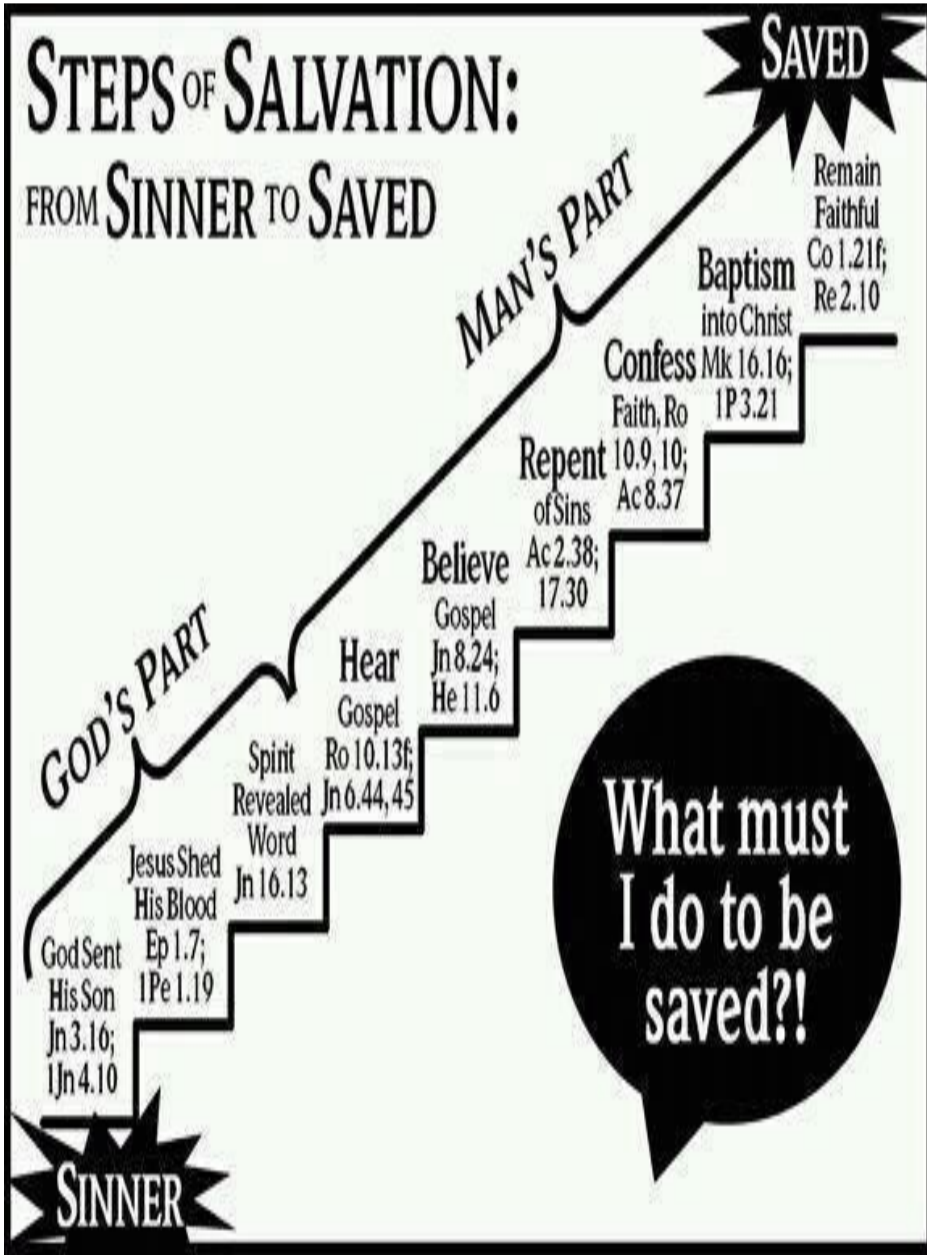
**COME VISIT WITH US**

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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the spiritual man with the precious blood of Jesus! (1 Peter 1:18-19).

What can wash away **YOUR SINS**? Nothing **but the blood of Jesus!**



**THOSE TO SERVE**

**January 2020**

Announcements

Perry Jarvis

Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord's Table

Dave t=Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table PM

5—Mike

12—James

19—Mike

26—James

Opening Prayer

5—Bobby Hall

12—Jonnie Hutchison

19—Perry Jarvis

26—Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer

5—Chad Canter

12—Roy Wyatt

19—Preston Barrrt

26—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Dave & Bobby

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Chad Canter

If unable to serve please call Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

*Thanks for Serving!*