



# 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

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## THE BEST LIFE YOU CAN LIVE

*By Jonnie Hutchison*

Consider these words inspired by the Holy Spirit—*“For He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”* (1 Peter 3:10-12).

This passage speaks to what is necessary to the best life that one can live—a life one can truly enjoy and is good. Note that there is no mention of money or material possessions related to the enjoyment of a good life. Living a joyful and good life is not dependent upon what one has but rather upon the kind of life one chooses to live.

**A Life Free of Lying and Deceit.** No one can successfully deny that lying and deceit produce all kinds of problems in life. Lying is a vicious cycle that results in more lies and leads to additional sins. Lying destroys reputations, negatively impacts relationships and results in many kinds of painful experiences. It

should be obvious that no one can truly enjoy a good life while engaged in lying and deceit. God is said to *“hate a lying tongue”* (Proverbs 6:17) and *“lying lips are an abomination to the Lord”* (Proverbs 12:22). Lying and deceit bring neither joy nor good to ones life.

**A Life That Turns From Evil to Do Good.** Sin has consequences both in this life and that which is to come, *“...the way of transgressors is hard”* (Prov. 13:15) and *“the wages of sin is death”* (Rom. 6:23). One who chooses to live an evil life, a life of sin, will experience the negative consequences of that choice. On the other hand, choosing to turn away from evil and to do good results in the enjoyment of a good life. Jesus said, *“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10b).

**A Life That Seeks and Pursues Peace.** Until one obtains peace with God through the forgiveness of sin he or she will not experience the most joyful

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## 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:** 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 and Larry Wyatt.
- **Pantry items December: 1—Popcorn; 8 —Soups; 15—Pears; 22—Green Beans; 29—Toilet Tissue. 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 WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at [abibleanswerstv.org](http://abibleanswerstv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.
- **December 2019 Anniversaries:** 17th Jesse & Mary Vincent; 22nd Hayes & Marjorie Grady Birthdays: 5th Nathan Hale; 7th Mike Ernstberger; 9th Debbie Ernstberger; 12th—Wanda Barrett; 12th Jesse Vincent; 14th Faye Travis; 16th Cody Canter; 17th Marie Wyatt; 18th Wanda Barrett (Green Plain RD); 18th rex Enoch; 21st Larry Enoch; 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 pm.**
- **“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God.”**
- **“When you do what you can, God will do what you can’t.”**



### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** What is required of those who would love life and see good days?

**Last Week:** *What did Uzza do which the Bible says angered God and caused Uzza’s death?*

**Answer:** Uzza touched the ark of the covenant with his hand when the oxen stumbled (2 Sam. 6:1-7). This was a direct violation of God’s law (Numbers 4:15).

### LESSONS TODAY

#### Sunday AM

**“How Will You End  
the Year?”**

#### Sunday PM

**“Diligence #2”**

**“Preach the Word”  
2 Timothy 4:2**

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and best part of life. This peace with God comes through the precious blood of Christ which He shed on the cross for us (Rom. 5:8-9; Col. 1:20). It is the *“peace that surpasses all understanding”* (Phil. 4:7). It is a peace which, for one who has accepted it, endures through every struggle and trial of life *“guarding our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

In addition, the peace one has with God impacts our relationships with others as we are to be *“endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”* (Eph. 4:3) and, *“to live peaceably with all men”* (Rom. 12:18). When one seeks and pursues peace it will contribute to a joyful and good life.

**A Life That Recognizes the Presence and Goodness of God.** God knows and sees everything that goes on in our lives (Hebrews 4:13). His eyes are open and His ears are listening to the righteous. He loves and cares for us and wants what is best for us now and in eternity (John 3:16). *“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you”* (1 Pet. 5:7). Every good and perfect gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Knowing there is someone who is there when we need Him, who loves and cares so much for us, is why we can enjoy life and see good days while we sojourn on this earth.

As we apply these truths to our lives we can live the best life possible now and enjoy an eternity with God in heaven at the end of our journey.

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### **“I WILL ASK YOU A QUESTION”** *By Franklin Camp*

The title of this article is a statement made by Christ. The chief priest and scribes had come to Christ and asked him a question. Their question was *“By what authority doest thou these things and who gave thee this authority to do these things?”* People often asked Christ questions and he answered many of them. But in this instance instead of answering their question he asked them a question. Let us profit from Christ’s method.

Christ and the work he was doing was being attacked by his enemies. Instead of answering their question and defending his work which he could have done, he switched from the defense to the offense. He placed his enemies in the position of defending their position. Instead of allowing his enemies to weaken his position by loaded questions and pressing him, he presses them with a question of his own. This method of Christ exposed his enemies much more than arguments he might have made in his own de-

fense. Let us try it on some of the enemies of truth today.

The infidel and the agnostic are continually asking questions about God. I think I can answer their questions but I am going to follow Christ and say, *“I will ask you a question.”* Will you explain the mystery that surrounds the world without God. If the world evolved from matter will you please explain how it finally evolved into life? If life evolved from matter it was by chance and not by law. This is self evident. But even the infidel must admit that the material universe is now governed by law. Will he explain how chance produced law? Life had a beginning. It came from some source and was produced by some process. The some process that first produced life, if still operating, will still do the same thing. If the supply of life in its original source was not exhausted and the method by which it was produced still oper-

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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!



**TUNE INTO WATCH AND HEAR  
THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED 24/7**

**ON THE**

**GOSPEL BROADCASTING  
NETWORK  
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ated we would have it that way today, unless that method has been suspended. One or the other of these principles will have to be true. If life came from matter its source is not exhausted. If it came by chance how did the method of chance come to be suspended? If you say natural law caused it to be suspended then explain how chance produced natural law. If life came from matter we need an explanation of why it ceased as well as how it happened in the first place.

—*Pennington Bend church of Christ bulletin*

### PLAN OF SALVATION

HEAR	Romans 10:17
BELIEVE	John 8:24
REPENT	Luke 13:3
CONFESS	Matthew 10:32
BE BAPTIZED	Mark 16:16
REMAIN FAITHFUL	Rev. 2:10

... "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

### THOSE TO SERVE

**December 2019**

#### Announcements

James Pigg

#### Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Larry Enoch

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

#### Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute James Pigg

#### Preside at Lord's Table PM

1—Chad

8—Larry

15—Chad

22—Larry

29—Chad

#### Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Charles Enoch

29—Jonnie Hutchison

#### Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jesse Vincent

29—Dave Thompson

#### Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Jackson Hale

Substitute—Chad Canter

#### Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

#### Collect Communion Cups

Nathan & Zoey

#### Usher

Bobby Hall

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509