



# 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.

MSOP—Bradley Smith

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## BEING MOTHER'S OF SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN

Robert R. Taylor, Jr., in his work "Christ in the Home," speaks of the unique role of motherhood. He says that the child whom a mother brings into the world "will in a few years take his place as a responsible individual in society." He goes on to say that this child "has both an earthly and eternal role to fill." Sobering thoughts for all of us. But it is the question he asks that ought to bring us to our knees; the question is, "Will the world be a better or worse because this child passes through?"

I firmly believe that success in this life will be determined solely upon the eternal destination of the soul. If I do not go to heaven when this life is over, I lose!, and the devil wins. "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" ([Matthew 26:16](#)). Secondly, I believe success will, in part, be based upon whether or not my children also go to heaven. Now I understand that the "soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself" ([Ezekiel 18:20](#)). However, there are some things a mother can

do to improve the odds of success.

**Put God First.** You cannot ensure spiritual success if you do not put God first in your life! It is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered ([Matthew 6:33](#)). You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God

is not the top priority in your life. You are either with God or against God ([Matthew 12:30](#)). For a fact your children are watching you and will see what is most important to you. You cannot serve both God and physical things ([Matthew 6:24](#)). In other

words what takes priority in your life? Whatever it is will most likely be what your children will emphasize as well.

**Love Your Husband.** Your children need to know that you love your husband ([Titus 2:4](#)). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see at home. When they see their mother disrespect and dishonor their father it will have a profound affect on their understanding of marriage and the home. Show them you love their father!

**Love Your Children.** It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this ([Titus 2:4](#)). But the fact is that society has conditioned us to be so selfish that

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## NEWS AND NOTES

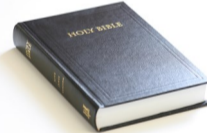
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon , Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster and and Thomas Cooker. Don and Sherry Blackwell suffered serious injury in an accident and both remain in a Virginia hospital. Don's condition as of this writing is critical with an injured spinal chord and Sherry has injuries to her vertebra.
- **The School of Biblical Studies** Our second six week session of the School of Biblical Studies continues Monday evening. Jack Philipps and Chris Kemp are doing an excellent job in presenting studies from Colossians and James. . If you are not attending we encourage you to do so.
- **Pantry items for May** 5—Toothpaste; 12—Asparagus; 19—Peaches; 26—Vienna Sausages.
- Please 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 and Mike Kiser 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.
- **May 2019 Anniversaries:** Charles & Betty Enoch—16th; **Birthdays:** Paul Brandon—14th; Peyton Smith—19th; Charles Enoch—24th; Ann Thompson—27th; Mary Vincent—29th. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- The less one knows about the Bible, the more the devil likes it. Why? He knows that ignorance of God's Word destroys making his efforts much easier (Hosea 4:6; 1 Peter 5:8).



### BIBLE RE-SEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** What description is given of Og in Deuteronomy?

**Last Week:** *Who preached “the kingdom of heaven is at hand?”* **Answer:** John the immerser (John 3:1-2); Jesus (Matthew 4:17); the twelve (Matthew 10: 5-7).



### LESSONS TODAY

**Sunday AM**  
**“Directions of Love”**

**Sunday PM**  
**“A Mother’s Request”**

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many young women have no idea how to be the sacrificial Christian mothers, or physically caring mothers, their children need. This means they need nurturing, discipline, and structure. This child is meant to be your BFF. You're a loving Christian mother first and foremost!

**Drag Them To Church.** If the first three things we have talked about here are in place this will not be an issue. When you became a Christian you made a commitment to God and your desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of your life. So you are faithful to the assembling together of the saints ([Hebrews 10:25](#)). Your children grow to understand the importance of Bible Class and worship, they receive supplemental instruction in God's Word, and they build relationships with other Christians of all ages. They will learn to love the church if you love the church!

**Teach Them The Word.** In the aforementioned suggestion I said that Bible Classes are supplemental. Because it is not the churches primary responsibility to raise your child in the way they should go, spiritually speaking. The instruction of [Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19](#) is worthy of our consideration, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when

you rise up." The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it led to their demise. Sadder yet is that we haven't learned from their mistake. None of us are as diligent with this imperative as we need to be!

**Pray!** Pray with them. They need to see you pray, they need to hear you pray, and they need to know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! Pray for them. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much" ([James 5:16](#)).

No mother can guarantee the spiritual success of her children. When the end of time comes each individual will stand before God and give an answer to Him for the way they have lived, for their own individual decisions ([Romans 14:10-12](#)). The admonition of Paul to Timothy seems appropriate here: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" ([1 Timothy 4:16](#)).

Are you the kind of mother you need to be, that your children need you to be, that God wants you to be? Will the world be a better or worse because your child passes through it? Take honest stock in your relationship with God and your family. Do what you need to do and what they need you to do.

—Tim Dooley churchofchristarticles.com

## WHAT TIME IS IT? By Jonnie Hutchison

Time is important to us in our daily lives. Most have a certain time to be at work, so they set an alarm to wake them from the night's rest in order to be at work on time. When school is in session our children have a set time to go to bed so they can get a good night's rest and arise refreshed for another day of school. Knowing what time it is important in keeping appointments that we make with doctors, dentists, business associates, friends, etc.

The importance of time to our daily lives is why the question "what time is it?" is so often asked. Spiritually speaking, time is also very important. Why?

1. **Because our time on earth is limited**  
*"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away. He flees like a shadow and does not continue." (. Job 14:1-2).*  
 Presently, in America, the average lifespan for a woman is eighty-one years and for a man seventy-six years. If you live that average lifespan, how much time do you have left? Of course, there are exceptions—some live longer than average, yet, others do not live as long. Regardless, our time for living here is limited. The Bible pictures tomorrow as being uncertain and compares our lives to a "vapor that appears for a little time and

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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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then vanishes away” (James 4:14). This brevity of life emphasizes another fact that . . .

2. **Our time to prepare for eternity is limited.** To the church in Rome Paul wrote, “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed” (Romans 13:11). If salvation for the saved is nearer then damnation for the lost is also nearer. In which category are you, dear reader, saved or lost? If you have been spiritually sleeping then you are not using your time wisely. You need to wake up! Your time for preparation is quickly running out! “*The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light*” (Romans 13:12).

**What time is it?** It’s time for you to make your preparation to escape the horrors of a devil’s hell and to obtain the hope of heaven! (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

### SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Each Monday 7-9 pm  
April 22—May 27

Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

#### SUBJECTS OF STUDY & TEACHERS

;;;Book of James—Chris Kemp

Book of Colossians—Jack Philips

**WHEN YOU STUGGLE WITH FRUSTRATING ISSUES IN YOUR LIFE, ASK YOURSELF, “WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW?” (READ I COR. 4:17-18)**

### THOSE TO SERVE

**MAY 2019**

#### Announcements

Chad Canter

#### Preside at Lord’s Table

Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: James Pigg

#### Assist at Lord’s Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

#### Preside at Lord’s Table PM

5-5 Bobby Hall

5-12 Jim Lowrie

5-19 Bobby Hall

5-26 Jim Lowrie

#### Opening Prayer

5-5 James Pigg

5-12 Mike Ernstberger

5-19 Hayes Grady

5-26 Preston Barrett

#### Closing Prayer

5-5 Jesse Vincent

5-12 Junior Morris

5-19 Dave Thompson

5-26 Perry Jarvis

#### Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substituted—Mike Ernestberger

#### Count Contribution

Roy & Junior

#### Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

#### Usher

Jesse Vincent

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

*Thanks for Serving!*