



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:50 am  
and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible  
Study 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  
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India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## I MUST BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

By David Sproule

If someone who knows you was looking for you on Sunday, where would they look? Would they wonder where to look? Would they go to multiple places to find you? Would it be a mystery to them to know where to look? There are two components, I suppose, to this series of questions: (1) Where you are on Sunday, and (2) your friends' and family's awareness of your Sunday practice.

In Luke 2, young Jesus (at 12 years of age) went with His family to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, as they did "every year" (Luke 2:41-42). When the family left, after the feast was over, "Boy Jesus lingered behind" (2:43). Once His parents realized He was not in their traveling group, they returned to Jerusalem, "seeking Him" (2:45). If your friends and family were searching for you on a Sunday, where would they look? Would you be in the same place as Jesus?

"After three days they found Him in the temple" (2:46). This 12-year-old was "sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions" (2:46). When His par-

ents found Him, they were amazed and questioned Him about lingering behind. Consider carefully Jesus' response: "**Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?**" (2:49, NASB). Jesus could have been anywhere that He chose to be. But, where He chose to be is where He said that He "had to be." Some might see that as "had to be" because of compulsion, but should we not see that as "had to be" because of choice? Jesus was where He wanted to be.

With the dawning of each first day of the week, where is it that you "choose" to be? Where is it that you "want" to be? Where is it that you "must" be? Where is it that your friends or family might know (not guess or hope) to find you?

Each Sunday, your **ATTENDANCE** in the presence of your Father in His house is a must. That does not have to be a "compulsion" thing—God would rather that be a "choice" thing. What is there that could keep you from being in your Father's house?

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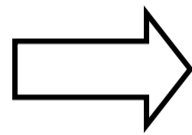
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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie. Mary Vincent suffered a mild heart attack this past week and was being treated at Centennial Hospital in Nashville. Hayes Grady is recovering from snuggery he had on Thursday.

**Family and Friends:** Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Janice Canter, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Dale Pentecost, Jaime Aguavo, Jr., Brett Wyatt, Lucetria Hutchison and Kerry Thompson. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list..

- **PANTRY ITEMS June 2021:** 6—Canned Meats; 13—Pork-n-Beans; 20—Canned Carrots; 27—Soups. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **June 2021 Anniversaries:** 1-Peggy & Perry Jarvis; 17-Jan & James Pigg; 25-Mary & Jim Lowrie. **Birthdays:** 10-Griselda Adams; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **Study the Bible in Your Own Home.** Enroll in a Completely **Free Bible Correspondence Course.** Send your name, complete mailing address and phone number to: Green Plain church of Christ—3980 Murray Paris Road—Hazel, KY 42049 or enroll online at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org> or email [greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).



# The Book of Titus

## A Poorly Kept Heart

Some have demonstrated impurity of heart regarding things that would otherwise have been most spiritual. For example, the Fourth of Acts closes with examples of great generosity among members of the early Church as they sold properties and gave the proceeds for the benefit of needy brethren. Acts Five opens with Ananias and Sapphira also selling land but offering only a portion of the proceeds while appearing to have offered it all. It was because of this deceit that the apostle Peter told Ananias that Satan had filled his heart and that the lie that had been told was conceived in his heart. Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, both died that day, and great fear came upon all the Church and as many as heard of it; all for the evil that proceeded from a poorly kept heart.

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**TION** in the presence of your Father in His house is a must. Attendance is not sufficient. Worship is a verb! It requires action! Don't just be in the pew! Actively participate in the worship!

Each Sunday, your **ATTITUDE** in the presence of your Father in His house is a must. Attendance and Action alone are not sufficient. Your attitude must be right! Your

heart must be engaged! Worship without the heart is vain (Matt. 15:8-9).

The devil tries many things to keep us from our Father's house on Sunday! Let us triumph over his efforts and tell him, "I must be in my Father's house!"

[-I Must Be in My Father's House - Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ \(pblcoc.org\)](http://pblcoc.org)

### **JUDGING** By Jonnie Hutchison

Sometimes when one out of love and concern for another person approaches them about choices they have made that are harmful, either physically, spiritually or both, the response takes this form: "You can't judge me. Jesus said, 'judge not.'" Yes, Jesus did say, , ***"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you"*** (Matthew 7:1-2).

Do these words of Jesus prohibit every form of judgment? If so, then all of us have violated His prohibition for all of us make judgments daily. The context indicates a particular kind of judging which is prohibited. Jesus was speaking of hypocritical judging, that is, condemning in another what you are practicing. For example, if you judge another for stealing but you are a thief then you have engaged in this type of judging. That's why Jesus said, ***"Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye"*** (Matthew 7:5). The implication is that when you have removed your "plank" (corrected your wrong) you may then "judge" – that is, help your brother remove his "speck." (correct his wrong).

That Jesus did not forbid all judging is clearly shown in another statement He made.

***"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment"*** (John 7:24). In the context Jesus was being criticized for healing a man on the Sabbath Day. It was no more wrong for Jesus to heal a man on the Sabbath than it was for His critics to practice circumcision on the Sabbath. Yet, they judged Jesus based upon their own false perceptions rather than the truth. That is why Jesus told them to ***"judge righteous judgment."*** Judge according to the facts rather than false premises.

When Paul wrote to the church in Corinth to correct their toleration of a fornicator in their midst he said, "For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed" (1 Corinthians 5:3). Did Paul violate Matthew 7:1 in judging the fornicator? No, for his judgment was based upon the fact that God says fornication is a sin (Galatians 5:19; Hebrews 13:4). When Paul said he had already "judged" the fornicator he was expressing God's judgment of that sin. He was exercising "righteous judgment" based upon divine truth. God's Word is the standard by which all of us are to be judged both in this life and when Jesus comes again. Jesus said, ***"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that***

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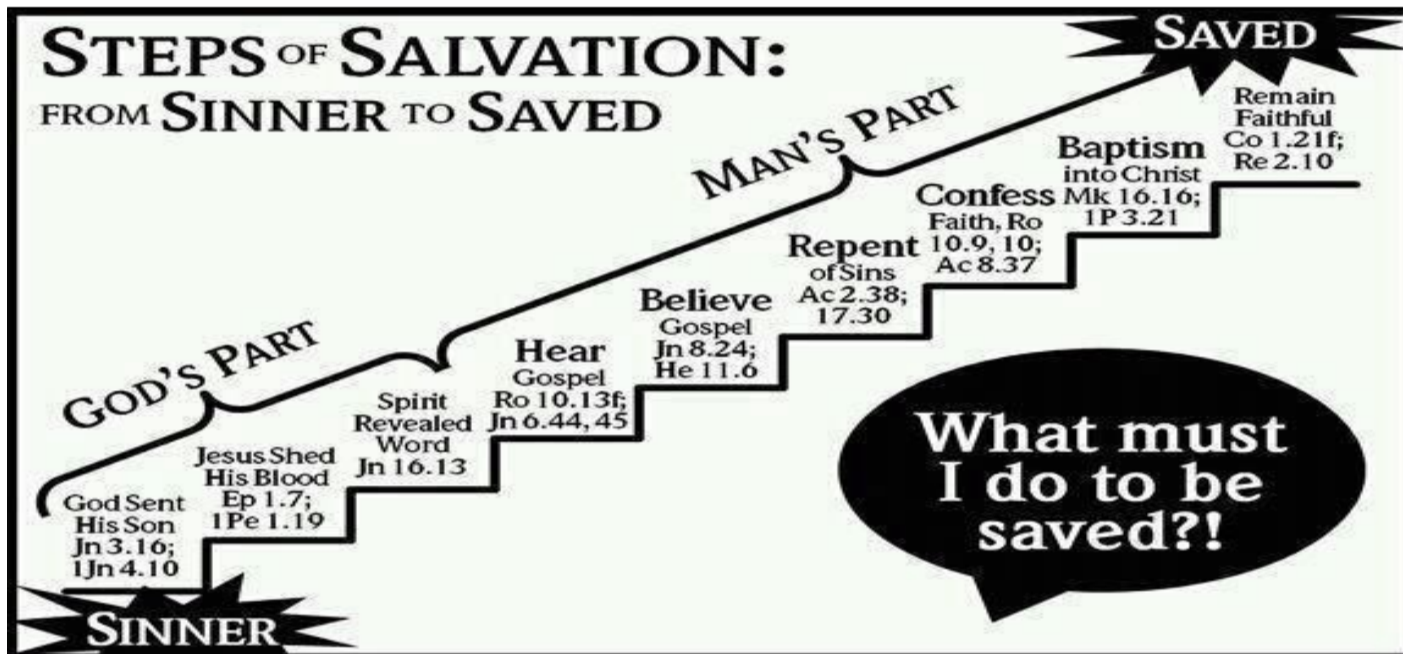
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*which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day*” (John 12:48). When one stands in judgment in the

last day he will appreciate anyone who loved him enough to utilize the Word of God to “**judge**” him thus turning him from sin to salvation



### THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2021

**Announcements:** Chad Canter

**Lord's Supper AM:** James Pigg & Chad Canter

**Lord's Supper PM** 6-James Pigg; 13-Chad Canter; 20-James Pigg; 27-Chad Canter

**Opening Prayer AM:** 6-Jim Lowrie; 13-Mike Ernestberger; 20-Jonnie Hutchison 27-Bobby Hall.

**Closing Prayer PM:** 6-Jesse Vincent; 13-Junior Morris; 20-David Thompson; 27-Perry Jarvis

**Song Leaders:** AM-Charles Enoch; PM- Chad Canter; **Wednesday**-Mike Ernstberger

**Usher:** Jesse Vincent;

**Count Contribution:** James Pigg & Chad Canter