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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

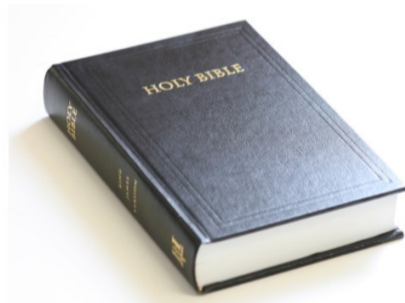
India—Dale Foster, David Nance.
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY 42049
- Phone: (270) 492-8206
- Email: greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org

The Green Plain church of Christ in Hazel, KY
Invites YOU to our Fall

GOSPEL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2019



SPEAKER

Victor Eskew

Atlantic Beach, Florida

Sunday Services

Bible Classes 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45:am
(Followed By A Covered Dish Dinner)
Evening Worship **7:30** pm

Monday—Thursday
7:00 pm

*Our building is located at the corner of Green Plain Rd and Murray Paris Rd at 3980 Murray Paris Road Hazel, KY
For more info call
270-492-8206 or email
greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org*

NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Will Ed Travis in CCU in Lourdes in Paducah . Remember also Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, , Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Will Winchester, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Thomas Cooker, , and Andrea Phillips.
- **Mark Your Calendar: *Fall Gospel Meeting*** with Victor Eskew is scheduled for September 8-12. Fall session of the *School of Biblical Studies* will be conducted for eight consecutive Monday beginning on September 16th.
- **Pantry items for September: 1—Apple Sauce; 8—Canned Carrots; 15—Children’s toothpaste; 22—Canned Potatoes; 29—Apple Juice.**
- 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 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 and on GBN and YouTube.
- **September 2019 Anniversaries:** ;**28th** Shane & Krysta Smith; **Birthdays** **4th** Jane Morris; **13th** Marry Crutchfield; **18th** Jackson Hale; **20th** Peggy Jarvis; **23rd** Kye Luffman; **27th** Dianna Travis; **28th** Carolyn Byars. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **Announcements for our Gospel Meeting which begins next Sunday are available in the front lobby. Who will you invite to our Gospel Meeting this week? Let’s make every effort to be actively involved in using our opportunities this week to encourage all with whom we come in contact to come and enjoy the lessons Victor has prepared.**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: “The just shall live by faith” is a quote found three times in the New Testament. From where in the Old Testament does this quote come?

Last Week: *What two individuals took Apollos aside and explained to him the way of the Lord more accurately?*

Answer: Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:26).



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM
“Gospel Meeting
Opportunities”

Sunday PM
“Woe to Imitators of Error”
Jude 11

STARTING AN EVANGELISTIC CONVERSATION

Victor M. Eskew

Paul wrote to Timothy, saying: “Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of the Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God” ([II Tim. 1:8](#)). In the previous verse, he had warned the young evangelist about fear. “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” ([II Tim. 1:7](#)). Timothy had to deal with both fear and embarrassment as a minister of the gospel of Christ. Fear and embarrassment also seem to be two of the major reasons members of the body of Christ do not evangelize as they should. Another is a lack of knowledge. Members are always asking: “How do I start an evangelistic conversation with another person?” In this article, we want to offer some simple suggestions.

The key is to begin very simple conversations with others. In the Bible, there several examples of simple conversations that led others to Christ. Philip and Nathanael had a brief conversation that brought Nathanael to Jesus. “Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see” ([John 1:45-46](#)). Jesus carried on a simple conversation with a woman of Samaria in John 4. It began with some very simple words from Jesus. As Jesus sat at Jacob’s well, “there cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria. For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans” ([John 4:7-9](#)). This woman was eventually convinced that Jesus is the prophet of God. In addition, she brought out the entire city to see the Christ. In Acts 8, a simple conversation between Philip, the evangelist, and an Ethi-

opian eunuch bring about the eunuch’s conversion. “Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would up and sit with him” ([Acts 8:30-31](#)). In each of these examples, there is not a lot of effort put into the conversations. The difficulty lies in the fact that each of them are spiritual in nature. It seems that we can talk about anything to others, except spiritual things.

How can we make our conversations with others more spiritual in nature? First, we can ask very simple questions. Here are a few that we can ask.

1. Where do you attend worship?
2. Do you have difficulty understanding the Bible?
3. What do you believe about...? (fill in the blank with a particular topic)
4. Where will you be 100 years from now?
5. Do you ever think of life after death?

After asking the question, we need to listen closely to their responses. If they say something that does not harmonize with God’s Word, we can bring a passage to their mind. We do not have to be argumentative. All we are trying to do it cause them to doubt and to plant the seed of God’s Word in their minds.

Second, we can give individuals various things to read or listen to. Tracts, booklets, CDs, and DVDs can be handed to others. Ask the person to read the information and tell you what they think. If they do not agree with something, ask them why they don’t agree. Perhaps you will be able to explain the subject to them after they voice their disagree-

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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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ment.

A third way to get conversations started is by using 3 x 5 cards that have questions or dilemmas on them. Write down three questions on a card and ask a person: "Which of these three questions interests you the most and why?" The questions can be as simple as: 1) Where did I come from? 2) Why am I here? And, 3) Where am I going? Many people have contemplated these three questions. They are the basic questions with which all men must grapple. The questions could be doctrinally orientated: 1) Why are there so many different churches? 2) Can we really know the truth? 3) Is baptism by sprinkling, pouring, immersion, or, all three? When the person picks one of these questions, ask them: "Why did you pick this one?" Then listen. You have just started a spiritual conversation.

You can put a dilemma on a 3 x 5 card for another to consider. Here is one example:

_____ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...
([Mark 16:16](#)).

_____ He that believeth and is NOT baptized shall be saved.

The first question is a direct quote from the Bible. The second question is the teaching of many Calvinistic groups. Ask the person to pick the one they believe to be the truth. If they pick the first, they give up their Calvinistic teaching. If they pick the second, they reject the Bible. Again, this exercise is intended to cause doubt and to plant the seed of God's Word into the mind of the person at the same time. There are many Bible subjects that can be addressed this way.

We have looked at some simple ways to engage others in spiritual conversations. We can no longer use the excuse: "What do I say?" We may now have to confront our fears and our embarrassment. The best way to do this is to move forward even where these emotions have settled deeply upon our mind. Each time we overcome them, the next spiritual conversation gets just a little bit easier. If we do it enough, we will have success. We will eventually lead another person to faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to His will. When we do, we will experience immeasurable joy. We will rejoice almost as much as the Father does when one obeys the truth.

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THOSE TO SERVE

September 2019

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Peggy Jarvis

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute: James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

9-1 Chad

9-8 Perry

9-15 Chad

9-22 Perry

9-29 Chad

Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Hayes Grady

29—Perry Jarvis

Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jonnie Hutchison

29—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Chad Canter

Wednesday—Eli Sales

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Bobby Hall

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