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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
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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DOES GOD LOVE SINNERS?

By Jonnie Hutchison

The above question will seem strange to those who know their Bible. The Bible clearly states, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). In addition, God is *“...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9b). Paul wrote, *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief”* (1 Timothy 1:15). Yes, God loves every sinner and desires the salvation of each and every one. However, consider what God’s love for sinners **DOES NOT** mean:

God’s Love for Sinners Does Not Mean God Loves Sin. The truth is that God hates sin. *“You love righteousness and hate wickedness....”* (Psalm 45:7). *“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate”* (Proverbs 8:13). Proverbs 6:16-19 names seven sins which the Lord says He hates. While God loves the sinner He hates the

sin.

God’s Love For Sinners DOES NOT Mean That God Will Save the Sinner Who Refuses to repent of his/her sin.

This writer recently read several comments online from members of the church who expressed their view that since God loves everyone those who practice homosexuality/lesbianism and transgenderism should be openly accepted by the church without their repentance. The Bible states clearly that *“the soul that sins shall die”* (Eze. 18:20) and *“the wages of sin is death”* (Rom. 6:23). It also clearly teaches that homosexuality is a sin (Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21). God requires the sinner to repent of his/her sin before forgiveness is granted. Jesus, who loves every sinner, said, *“Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish”* (Luke 13:3). Yes, God loves every sinner, but He will not save the sinner who refuses to repent of sin (Acts 17:30; 8:22; 1 Corinthians 5).

God Love For Every Sinner DOES NOT mean He Will Save

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Paul Brandon (Mills Health in Mayfield) , Lori Brandon , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis , Mary Crutchfield is in the hospital in Metropolis, IL suffering from pneumonia, Dean Crutchfield is in Murray Hospital Room 2423, Katelyn and Vickie Canter, Tina Wyatt Simmons, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady and Carolyn Bryars. Family and Friends: Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Kenneth Mizell, Will and Nancy Winchester, Lora Pettigrew, Wallace Parker, Nancy Flowers, Nolan Murray, Tina Adams, Kristen Scott, Robin Pera, Marilyn Machado, Brittany Jackson Jaelyn Jillion. Les Kiser (Mike & Dolly), Debra Galloway, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Mark Hatcher, Karen Burkhart, Ken Holt , Meredith Enoch, Fred Watkins, Anna Arrant, Annette Mason, Cynthia Kearbey, Garneida Parker, Lonnell Parker, Ruthie Parker, Danny Herndon (MCH ICU 435), Gale Worley and Walter Bryars (heart Cath on Thursday). If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** The Spring 2018 Session of the Green Plain School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday evening at 7 pm in the annex. **Spring Gospel Meeting** with Eddy Craft is scheduled for April 8-12, 2018. Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of "Golden Ways for Golden Days." More info to follow.
- **Pantry items for March** .4—Pickles; 11—Bar Soap; 18—Green Beans; 25—SpaghettiOs .
- 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>.
- Visit our webpage at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster as he continues in that work. Reports of the work in India are located on the bulletin board in the auditorium.
- Look for our newspaper article on the worship page of the Murray Times and Ledger each Saturday. Thanks for your recent comments on these articles. Our intent is to teach God's truth and bring as many as possible back to the Bible as the sole source of faith and practice. Please pray for this effort and for those who are reading that their minds might be receptive to the truth.

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Each Consecutive Monday

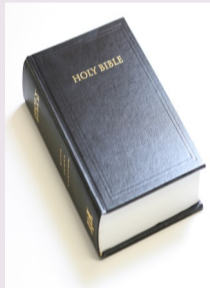
March 5—May 28, 2018

Proverbs—Jack Phillips

Jeremiah Part 2—Jonnie Hutchison

2 Kings Part 2—Chris Lyden

7:00-9:00 pm in the annex



*Come and
Study the
Bible with
Us!*

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

Brandley Smith

Sunday PM

**“Walking According
to the Spirit” Rom. 8:1ff**

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Those Who Embrace Religious Error. Sincerity is necessary in serving the Lord but sincerity alone will not suffice in pleasing God. Sincerity must be coupled with divine truth. *“Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth....”* (Joshua 24:15). The New Testament directs us, *“Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”* (1 Corinthians 5:8). All religious error falls within the description of “wickedness.” Jesus said that knowledge of “the truth” is necessary to being made free from sin (John 8:32). False teachers and false teaching is condemned over and over in God’s Word (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-30; Romans 16:17; 2 Corinthians 11:3-13; 1 Timothy 1:20; 2 Peter 2:1). Jesus warned against accepting the religious traditions of men (Matthew 15:1-9). Paul warned the Galatians against accepting something other than the original gospel and said that those who did so would be “accursed” (Galatians 1:6-9). While God loves every person caught up in

religious error, He cannot remain consistent with His Word or His very nature and save them until they repent of error and obey the truth.

Yes, God loves sinners. His great desire as expressed in His Word is the salvation of every person. That is why He sent Jesus to shed His precious blood on the cross (Romans 5:8-9). The only means of receiving forgiveness of our sins is the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5). The only way to reach that blood is by submission to the commands of our Lord: Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 6:24), repent of sin (Acts 17:30), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and to reach His blood by being baptized (immersed in water) into His death (Romans 6:3-4). Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). God loves you. Do you love Him? If you do, you will obey His will today. 2 Corinthians 6:2 reads, *“For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”*

Area Events

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting** at the Coldwater church of Christ, March 25-28, 2018 with Stephen Rogers preaching. Sunday services: 9:30 & 10:15 AM and 1:00 PM. Monday- Wednesday 7:00 PM.
- ♦ **Spring Singing** at the Williams Chapel church of Christ, Friday, March 30th 7:00-11:00 pm.

Don’t forget: Men’s Breakfast March 24th at 8:00 am at the *Blue and White* in Hazel. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Women’s Breakfast March 24th at 8:00 am at the *Cracker Barrel* in Murray. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR SPRING**

GOSPEL MEETING

with

Eddy Craft

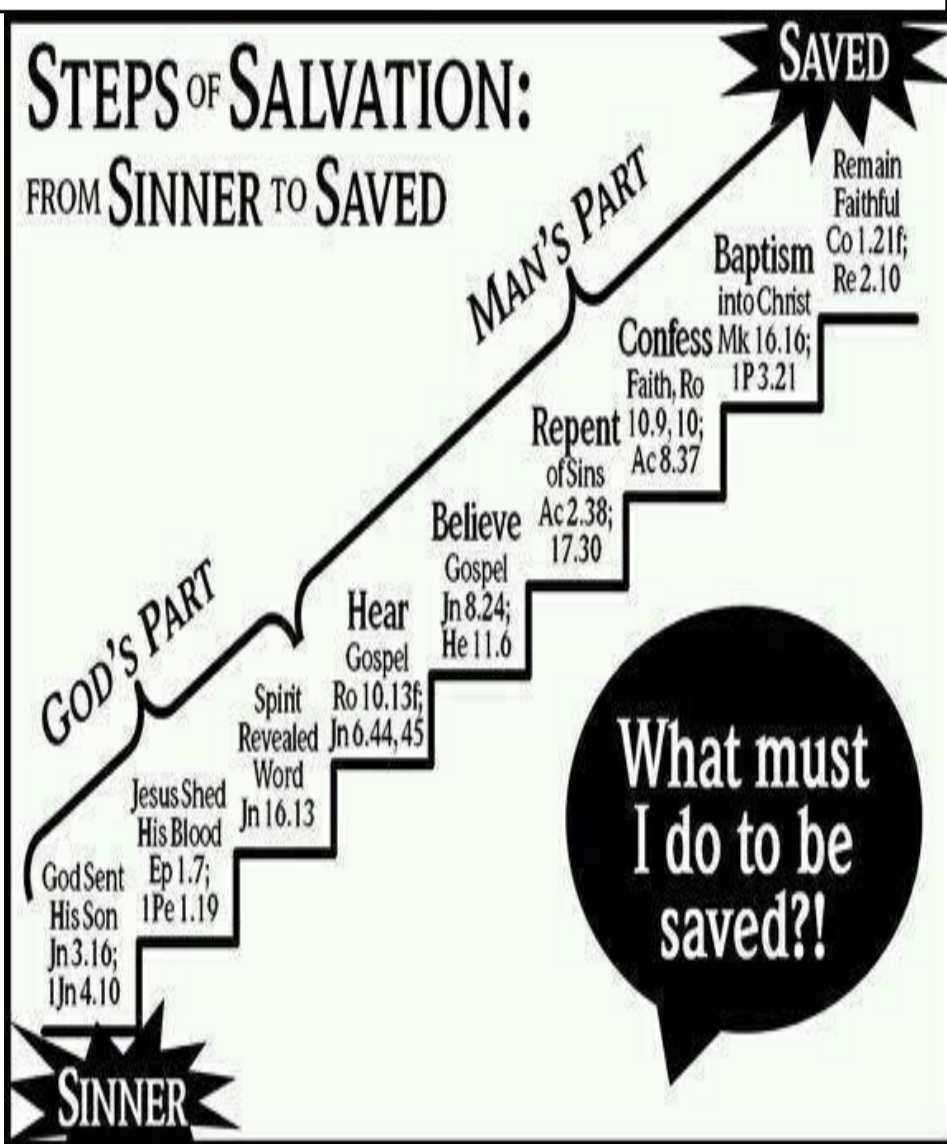
APRIL 8-12, 2018

at the

**Green Plain church of Christ
Hazel, KY**

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!



Watch GBN Online

GBN's 24-hour live stream is available on your smartphone and tablet. It's also [viewable on our website](#) or [YouTube channel](#).

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
 March 2018**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: James Pigg
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
 AM: Larry Enoch & Chad Canter
 Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
 AM: Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale
 Substitute: Bobby Hall

Sunday PM
 4—Chad Canter
 11—Larry Enoch
 18—Chad Canter
 25—Larry Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
 4—Mike Ernstberger
 11—Jim Lowrie
 18—Perry Jarvis
 25—Hayes Grady

CLOSING PRAYER:
 4—Preston Barrett
 11—James Pigg
 18—Bobby Hall
 25—Jonnie Hutchison

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
 Jesse & Jackson

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
 Kye and Hayden

SONG LEADERS:
 Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch
 Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger
 Wednesday: Larry Enoch
 Substitute: Chad Canter

USHER: Cody Canter
Greet the Elder: Mike
Lawn Care: N/A

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thank YOU For Serving!!