



# 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

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- Jesse Vincent

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## HAS THE GOSPEL LOST ITS POWER?

By Jonnie Hutchison

Those who love the souls of the lost struggle with how to reach them with the saving gospel of Christ. Inspiration declares that the gospel is the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16). Yet, we live in a time when so many in our nation no longer have a desire to study the Bible. Many do not accept the existence of God or that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Others have serious doubts as to God's existence. One man interviewed several young people on a college campus and asked them if they believed in God. The majority answered they did not. He then asked them if it could be proven to them that the God of the Bible did exist would they worship and serve Him. Again the majority said they would not. We wonder what creates such a response? Why do so many refuse to worship and serve God? Has the gospel lost its power?

We submit that the gospel of Christ is still just as powerful and just as effective as it has always been. As the inspired writer stated, in Hebrews 4:12, "*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-*

*edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" Something that powerful does not lose its power. The book of James tells us to "*receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls*" (James 1:21b). No the power of the gospel remains intact.

It has always been the case that the gospel will not benefit those who refuse to hear and believe it. It is still true that "*faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God*" (Romans 10:17). It is still true that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Jesus said, "*He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day*" (John 12:48).

The problem is not with the gospel but with the minds of those who have been exposed to and embraced secular humanism, organic evolution and post-modernism. These philosophies

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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 Dean Crutchfield is at Spring Creek, 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 Jaclyn 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 Kearnbey, Garneida Parker, Lonnell Parker, Ruthie Parker, Gale Worley, Walter Bryars and Noleen Shivel. 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. Announcements are available in the lobby. 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.
- If you would like a **free Bible Correspondence Course**, send your name, mailing address and phone number to the address on the front of this bulletin and request to be enrolled.

### **GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES**

**Each Consecutive Monday**

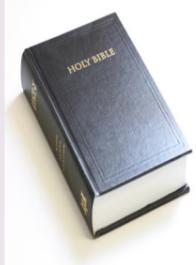
**March 5—May 28, 2018**

*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**

“The Christian Life: The  
Best Life One Can Live”

#### **Sunday PM**

“What We Learn  
from the Salvation of  
Noah”

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of men turn people away from God and His Word. Secular humanism basically says that man is self-sufficient and does not need God. Organic evolution (Darwinian theory) which has been taught in our public schools for years says that man is the product of purely natural means rather than the creative act of the God of the Bible. Post-modernism declares that there is no such thing as absolute truth thereby rejecting divine truth. These philosophies connected with the pleasures of sin, self-centeredness and the cares of this world (materialism) have led many to reject any need for God in their lives.

What should be the response of faithful Christians in such circumstances? First, we must accept that the gospel is still the powerful means God uses to reach the lost (1 Corinthians 1:21; 2 Timothy 4:2). Second, we must keep on preaching and teaching the original gospel of Christ without addition, subtraction or substitution (Galatians 1:6-9; Romans 1:16-17; ). Third, we must each let our lights shine in our daily lives so that others may see Christ living in us and bring glo-

ry to God (Matthew 5:16; Galatians 2:20). Fourth, we must utilize every scriptural means at our disposal to reach out to those who so desperately need to hear the gospel (Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 9:22). Fifth we must avoid giving in to the worldly mindedness of others by changing or adding to the five avenues of worship which God has revealed in His Word (John 4:24; Acts 20:7; Ephesians 5:19; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:8). Sixth, we must not “water down” or “sugar coat” the gospel of Christ. As Paul, we must use “great plainness of speech” while “speaking the truth in love” (2 Corinthians 3:12; Ephesians 4:15). Seventh, never give up trying to encourage others to hear the gospel (2 Corinthians 12:15; Jude 23). Eighth, recognize that God has given us all the tools necessary to lead the lost to salvation. We are well armed to fight the good fight of faith (Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Corinthians 9:8; 1 Timothy 6:12).

Brethren, let us continue to preach, teach and live the Word of God. The gospel of Christ has not lost its power!

### 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.

*“...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth for man looketh on the out-ward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7*



**What Does He See  
In Your Heart?**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR SPRING**

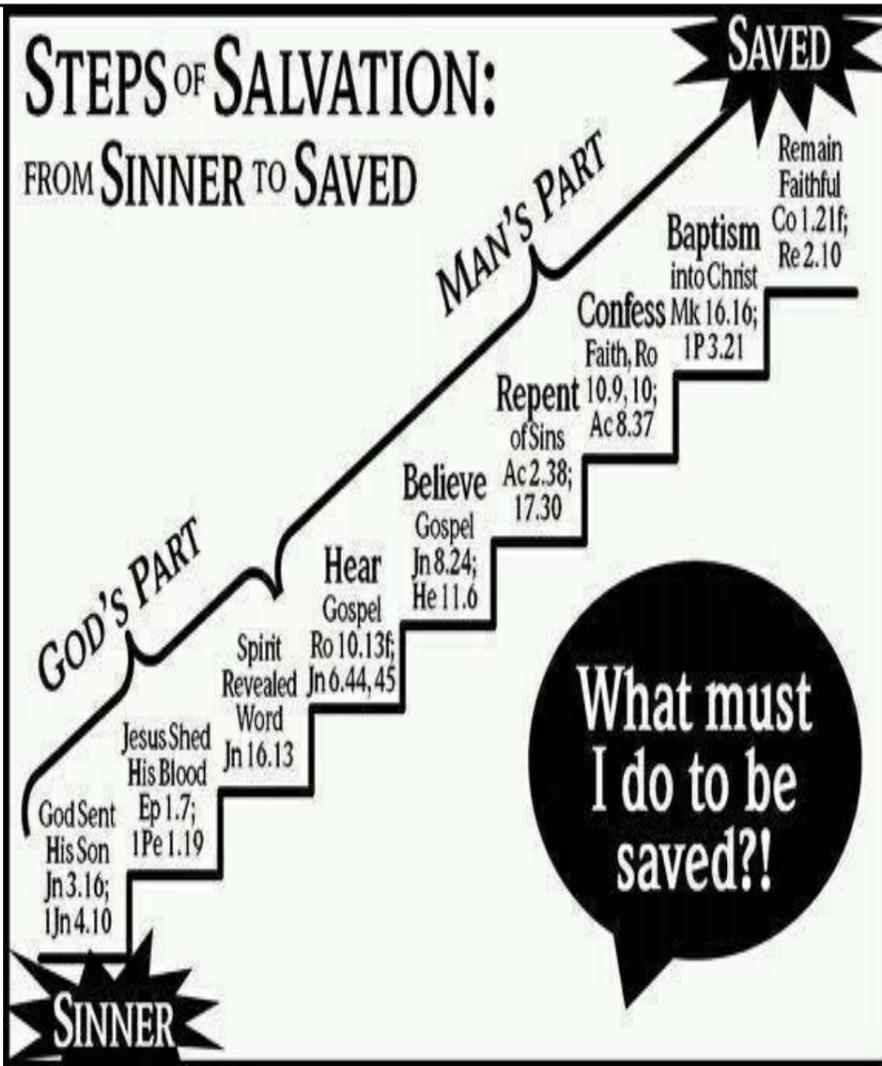
**GOSPEL MEETING**  
with  
**Eddy Craft**

**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!!**