



# 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
- James Pigg  
270-759-2145

## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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- Jonnie Hutchison  
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## FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

By Jonnie Hutchison

God designed and originated the family unit. God told the first man and the helpmeet He created for him, “*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*” (Genesis 3:24). Later Jesus taught, “*What God has joined together let not man separate*” (Matthew 19:6). The family, as God designed it, is absolutely essential to provide stability to society. The breakdown of family is one of the reasons why there is so much upheaval in our world today.

**SPOUSAL RESPONSIBILITIES.** In order to have a strong family there must be strong marriages. Husband and wife have their individual and joint God-given responsibilities that must be kept if a marriage is to continue to be stable. Husbands must love their wives and act as the head of their homes while wives must love their husbands and be submissive to them. “*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her*” (Ephesians 5:22-25). Mutual

love and respect between husband and wife and submission to the will of God by both will create a stable environment for those blessed in their marriage with children.

**PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.** Becoming a parent is both a blessing and a grave responsibility. Parents must provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of their children. Sadly, far too many parents provide the former and ignore the latter. Parents are required by God to “*Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old he will not depart from it*” (Prov. 22:6). The New Testament instructs fathers, “*not to provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord*” (Ephesians 6:4). Children must be taught to obey their parents which requires the proper exercise of parental discipline. Parents must rule the home, rather than the children doing so. Parents must exercise their authority over their children and help the children learn that no means no. Giving in to every whim of a child may result in a lifetime of hurt. Children need boundaries. Disobedient children must learn that there are unpleasant consequences for disobedience. The spiritual welfare of ones family is of much more

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## NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon (Murray Hospital) , Lori Brandon , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis (Spring Creek), Dean & Mary Crutchfield, 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, Lonell Parker, Ruthie Parker and Walter Bryars. 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 begins tomorrow evening March 5th 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>. Scan the image to access with your mobile device.
  - 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**

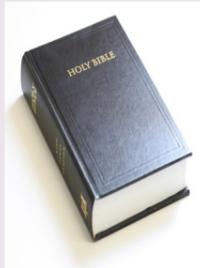
**March 5—May 28, 2018**

*Proverbs—Jack Phillips*

*Jeremiah Part 2—Jonnie Hutchison*

*2 Kings Part 2—Chris Lyden*

**7:00-9:00 pm in the annex**



## **LESSONS TODAY**

**Sunday AM**

**“Will You Be Surprised**

**At the Judgment?”**

**Sunday PM**

**“The Overtaken—Galatians 6:1-2”**

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importance than their physical needs. However, neither should be neglected.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILDREN.**

Children must both obey and respect their parents. *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth"* (Ephesians 6:1-3). Consistent parenting creates respect in the minds of children for their parents. Most children want to please their parents. Proper training will increase that desire and result in children that are eager to obey.

Yet, children bear responsibility too. As children grow older into the pre-teen and teen-

age years they begin to make a conscious decision either to be submissive or rebellious. As they become accountable before God the command to obey and honor ones parents becomes even more significant for them for disobedience and dishonor will place their souls in eternal jeopardy.

Yes, God designed and originated the family unit. He has given each member of the family responsibilities. When we fulfill those responsibilities we are expressing both love for God and for family. To neglect these responsibilities is sinful resulting in eternal loss. Let each reader examine himself/herself and make the necessary changes in your family relationships that will exalt God and make your family spiritually strong.

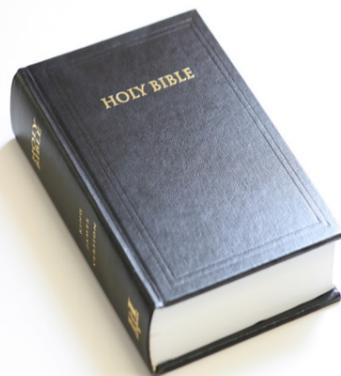
## **WHY SHOULD WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD?**

*By Jerry Joseph*

In John 8:32, Jesus said, *"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* In 2 Peter 3:18 we learn that we are to *"grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* Knowledge of God's Word does not come by chance but by our choosing to learn. It does not come by accident but by acquiring a desire to know and a determination to fill our hearts, mind and lives with His Word. It takes diligent effort on our part in reading, studying and meditating upon His Word (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalms 1:1-2). When we come to understand the blessings of knowledge this will instill in us a greater love for knowledge. Why should we have knowledge of His Word?

- To SAVE OUR SOULS. (1 Tim. 2:4; John 8:32)

- To SEPARATE SOUND DOCTRINE FROM FALSE DOCTRINE. (1 John 4:1; Ephesians 5:11)



- To SERVE & WORSHIP GOD ACCEPTABLY. (Col. 3:17; John 4:24)

- To SETTLE PROBLEMS BETWEEN BRETHREN. (Matthew 18:15-17)

- To SUCCEED AGAINST THE DEVIL. (Psalms 119:11; James 4:7-8)

- To SPEAK THE TRUTH. (Eph. 4:15; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; 1 Peter 4:11)

- To STAND FOR THE TRUTH. (Jude 3; 1 Corinthians 16:13)

- To SUPPLY SCRIPTURAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. (1 Pet. 3:15)

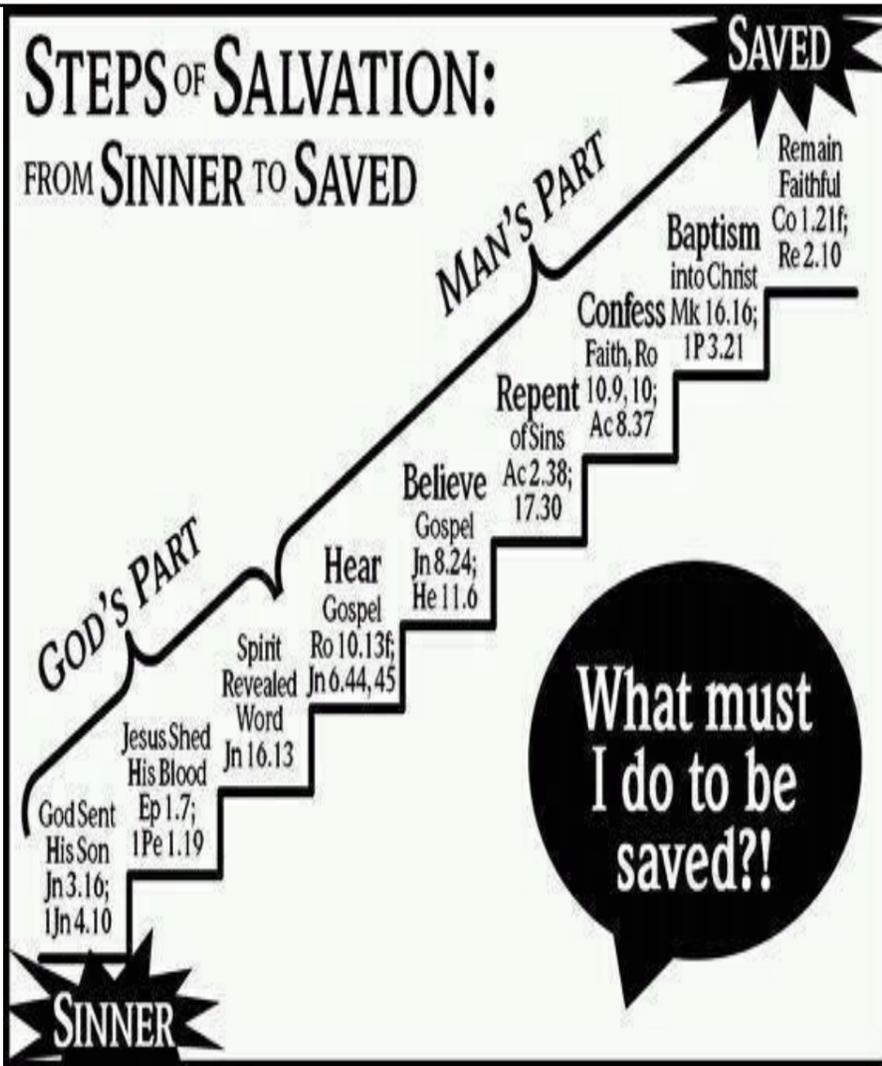
- To SUSTAIN FAITHFULNESS. (2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:18)

- To SEEK THE RIGHT THINGS IN LIFE. (Matt. 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3)

—St Peter's church of Christ, Missouri

**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!!**