



# 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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## GOSPEL MEETINGS ARE STILL NEEDED

By Jonnie Hutchison

There has been a trend among churches of Christ in recent years to cease having gospel meetings. Those who do have such meetings often shorten them. It is rare to see a gospel meeting lasting an entire week. There seems to be the idea that gospel meetings are no longer the best method for reaching the lost. Admittedly, it is difficult to get folks to come to gospel meetings. That is often true even of the members of the church. So, are gospel meetings no longer needed? Let me respond by considering the following.

**Gospel meetings are needed because they promote evangelism.** Inviting friends, neighbors, family and strangers to the meeting is being evangelistic. Every Christian may use their abilities and opportunities to successfully carry out this endeavor. The more one invites the more likely someone who was invited will come. We should all remember that we are to be “laborers together with God” (1 Cor. 3:9). The Lord’s mission to “seek and save the lost” is our mission (Luke 19:10; Mark 16:15-16). Gospel meetings allow us an opportunity to be

evangelistic and to show our love for both God and the lost.

**Gospel Meetings are needed because preaching the gospel is God’s method of saving souls.**

*“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe”* (1 Corinthians 1:21). Knowing that the gospel is the “power of God unto salvation” should encourage us to make every effort to encourage others to attend our gospel meeting (Romans 1:16-17). Hearing the Word of God is necessary to create an obedient faith that results in salvation (Romans 10:17; Acts 2:36-38, 41; 6:7). Gospel meetings provide that opportunity.

**Gospel Meetings are needed to unite and edify the church.**

No gospel meeting will be completely successful without the participation of the members of the church. Being united in an effort to reach others with the gospel is, in and of itself, a means of edification and encouragement.

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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 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 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 begins next Sunday (April 8-12)/ Announcements are available in the lobby. Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lecture-ship will be held with the themes of “*Golden Ways for Golden Days.*” More info to follow.
- **AREA EVENTS:** *Gospel Meeting* April 8-11 at the Walnut Grove church of Christ in Benton, JY with David Powell preaching.
- **Pantry items for April** . 1—Green Peas 8—Pork-n-Beans 15—Canned Meats; 22—Canned Carrots; 29—Canned Potatoes.
- 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>.
- 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.
- 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. Thanks for your interest.

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

**Each Consecutive Monday**

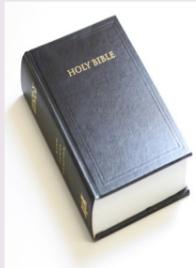
**March 5—May 28, 2018**

*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 New Life  
in Christ”

**Sunday PM**  
“The Backsliding  
Apostle”

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Working together to save souls brings us closer together in spiritual fellowship with one another. Whether it be knocking doors to invite others, mailing or handing out announcements, putting attendance cards in the pews, welcoming visitors or feeding the visiting preacher, there is a way for all to become involved in a gospel meeting. Personal participation and attendance shows, not only ones personal support of the effort, but exhibits a love for the Lord, His church and the lost.

Perhaps an argument could be made that people just aren't interested in attending gospel meetings. That is no doubt true of many. However, maybe we need to examine ourselves. Could it be that as members of the

church we have failed to contribute to the effectiveness of gospel meetings? Could it be that we are not showing the interest and excitement that we should show which would encourage others to attend? Could it be that we are not doing our part to make our meeting a success through hard work, prayer and personal effort? Could it be that we no longer believe that gospel meetings are needed? With such a mindset no gospel meeting will accomplish what it otherwise could.

Let us be diligent in preparing for our upcoming gospel meeting. Become personally involved using whatever abilities and opportunities God has blessed you with and pray that this effort may accomplish much good for the cause of Jesus Christ.

### **MORE ABOUT OUR GOSPEL MEETING**

Each member should be glad that the meeting has been planned and should be thankful to be able to attend every service. Psalm 122:1 – “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’”

1. Let us go into the house of the Lord for every one of the services.
2. Let us go into the house of the Lord to worship and praise Him.
3. Let us go into the house of the Lord to draw closer to God and our Savior.
4. Let us go into the house of the Lord to introduce others to our saving Christ.
5. Let us go into the house of the Lord in appreciation for the salvation that has been brought down to us.
6. Let us go into the house of the Lord and show the world that God still is , , , And that He is in control of our lives.
7. Let us go into the house of the Lord for the

revival of our spirits and the renewal of our faith and commitment to remain faithful in service to our God.

- Excerpt from “*A Successful Gospel Meeting*” - <http://www.biblecharts.org/sermons/asuccessfulgospelmeeting.pdf>

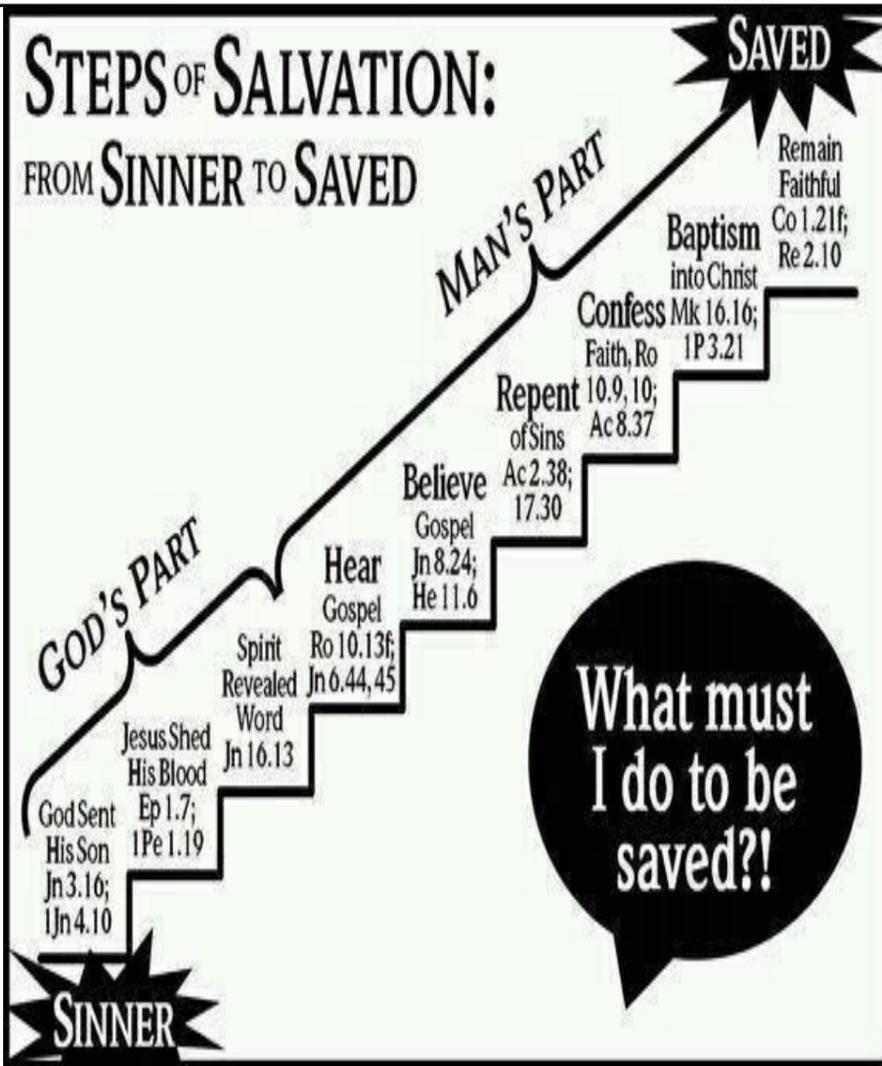
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR SPRING**

**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!



**Birthdays/Anniversaries' for April 2018**

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Happy Birthday:               | 24th—Dave Thompson        |
| 1st— Tina Wyatt & April Fuqua | 27th—Steve Enoch          |
| 3rd—Mary Lowrie               | 29th—Sue Hall             |
| 8th—Katelyn Canter            | <b>Happy Anniversary:</b> |
| 22nd—Lori Brandon             | 1st—Shaun & April Fuqua   |

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
 April 2018**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** B bobby Hall  
**PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE**  
 AM: James Pigg & Mike Ernestberger  
 Substitute: Larry Enoch

**ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
 AM: Dave Thompson & Preston Barrett  
 Substitute: Cody Canter

**Sunday PM**

- 1—James
- 8—Mike
- 15—James
- 22—Mike
- 29—James

**OPENING PRAYER:**

- 1—Larry enoch
- 8—Jonnie Hutchison
- 15—Hayes Grady
- 22—Jim Lowrie
- 29—Charles Enoch

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

- 1—Chad Canter
- 8—Roy Wyatt
- 15—Preston Barrett
- 22—Dave Thompson
- 29—Jesse Vincent

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**

Dave & Preston

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS**

Nathan

**SONG LEADERS:**

- Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis
- Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch
- Wednesday: Chad Canter
- Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

**USHER:** Chad Canter

**Lawn Care:** Mike Ernstberger

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

**Thank YOU For Serving!!**