



# 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

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- Jesse Vincent

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## THE HORROR OF HELL By Jonnie Hutchison

The word “horror” is defined in a standard dictionary as “an overwhelming and painful feeling caused by something frightfully shocking, terrifying, or revolting.” The descriptions found in the Bible of hell should provoke “horror” in the minds of all who contemplate it. Hell is indeed frightful, shocking, terrifying and revolting.

Many deny the existence of hell. However, simply denying the existence of hell does not remove it from reality. The Bible testifies that hell is a real place which has been “*prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matthew 25:41). The book of Psalms tells us that “*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God*” (Psalm 9:17). Jesus warned in Matthew 10:28, “*And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*” None of these passages make any sense if hell is non-existent.

The horror of hell is seen in the Bible’s description of it as a place of fire. Jesus described it as “*hell fire*” (Matthew 5:22) and as

“*the fire that shall never be quenched*” (Mark 9:43). Fires on this earth eventually burn themselves out, but not so with the fires of hell which will be fueled constantly and eternally. The horror of existing in such a place should strike godly fear in every person. Dear reader, do you really want to exist in the horror of a never ending fire?

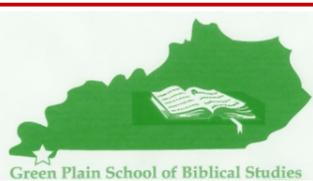
The horror of hell is further emphasized by who will be there. The devil will be there with his angels. The father of lies and murder, the enemy of all righteousness, the instigator of all evil, suffering and the tempter of mankind—the roaring lion who now walks about seeking whom he may devour—will be in hell (Matt. 25:41; John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8). Who knows what horrors the devil has in store for those who follow him to hell. Dear reader, do you really want to exist with the devil in hell?

The horror of hell is also seen in the separation that it will bring. In the picture of the judgment, Jesus separated the “goats” (the lost) from the “sheep.” (the saved). This was a permanent separation

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## NEWS AND NOTES

- **WELCOME VISITORS:** If you are visiting with us today we want to express our appreciation for your presence. It is our hope that you will feel welcome and have a desire to return and be with us again. If you have any questions please ask them and we will do our best to give you a Bible answer.
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon 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, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Mike Ernstberger, London Smith 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 Kiser, 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, Gale Worley, Walter Bryars Ann Workman 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:** 5th Sunday Singing at the evening service. We will not have a potluck.. School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday evening at 7:00 pm. This years **VBS** is scheduled for June 11-13,. 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 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>.
- **India Work:** 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.
- When you have doubts about serving God, when your faith begins to waver, that is the time to read and study the Bible. Remember: “*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God*” (Romans 10:17).



### Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

Each consecutive Monday  
**April 23– May 28**  
7:00—9:00 pm in the Annex

Proverbs—Jack Phillips  
2 Kings—Chris Lyden



### LESSONS TODAY

**Sunday AM**

“*The Steps of  
Araham*” Hayes Grady

**Sunday PM**

**5th Sunday Singing**

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as can be seen in the words, “*These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life*” (Matthew 25:46). This separation is from God, from loved ones who have entered into heaven, and from the joy, peace and rest that will only be experienced in the presence of God. In hell there will be no joy, no peace, no rest, only pain, sorrow and separation. Dear reader, do you really want to be separated eternally from God and your loved ones?

Jesus pictured the horror of hell as the place “*where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched*” (Mark 8:44, 46-48). This is a picture of the never ending agony which will be experienced in hell. There will never be any relief nor any cessation of the experience of horror for those who exist eternally in that place of punishment. Do you want to experience this horror?

In hell there will be the horror of eternal regret. Regret for knowing the truth but refusing to obey it. Regret for trading ones soul for a few moments of sinful pleasure. Regret at the separation from loved ones. Regret in knowing that one influenced oth-

ers to follow him/her to hell. Regret at rejecting God’s great love and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Regret at never having another opportunity to be saved. Regret at leaving the Lord and returning to the practice of sin. Regret at stomping underfoot the blood of Jesus and crucifying Him afresh. Regret at failing to keep ones marriage vows made before God and man. Regret for failing to study the Word of God. Regret at failing to bring ones children up to know and obey the Lord. The utter despair, the complete sense of hopelessness, the sadness and disappointment in oneself will be overwhelming and never ending. This is the horror of regret—the horror of hell. Will you experience this eternal regret?

Yes, hell is frightening, shocking, terrifying and revolting. It is full of horror. Yet, the fact is that no one need experience the horror of hell. Through the precious blood of Jesus ones sins can be washed away and through continued faithfulness one will escape the horrors of hell. Friend, nothing in this world is worth the loss of your eternal soul. Nothing is more important that accepting God’s plan for your salvation so that you can be saved from the horror of hell!

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## DIFFERING PATHS

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys.

As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dis-

honest in much.” (Luke 16:10) The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn’t it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn’t measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a

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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!

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step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshiping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.

**Gregory Alan Tidwell**  
Editor, the *Gospel Advocate*

### The Five Steps of Salvation!

- ★ One must **hear** the Word!  
★ Rom. 10:17
- ★ One must **believe** in Jesus!  
★ Jn. 8:24; Heb. 11:6
- ★ One must **repent** of sin!  
★ Lk. 3:3,5; Act. 17:30-31
- ★ One must **confess** Christ!  
★ Mt. 10:32-33; Act. 8:37
- ★ One must **be baptized** into Christ!  
★ Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Act. 2:38; 22:16

### 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!!**