



# 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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- James Pigg  
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- Chad Canter  
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- Jesse Vincent

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Dean Crutchfield—India  
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## THOUGHTS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN *By Steve Klein*

Vines grow the way they are trained. Children do too. Like the gardener who trains vines to grow on a trellis according to his design, parents are to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 20:6). Fathers are to bring up their children "in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Vines and children trained improperly when they are young and tender cannot easily be re-trained after they have been stiffened with age. Godly parents will make a sincere and serious-minded effort to properly train their children by word and by example. Here are some practical Bible based tips for parents who are interested in having their children grow the way God wants them to grow in three important areas -- worship, morality and Bible knowledge.

### TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN TO WORSHIP

Attend every assembly possible (Hebrews 10:25). The example parents set will have more effect on a child than anything parents say. When parents neglect assembling they are training their children to do likewise. If there is a discussion in the home each week about "whether or not we are going to church today," the child gets the message that worship is unimportant and optional.

Do not allow school age children to draw, play or sleep during a worship assembly. If they are expected to pay attention in school because "education is important," surely they should also

pay attention during worship to Almighty God.

Encourage children to pray -- at mealtime, bedtime or anytime they have a problem.

Encourage children to sing -- during worship assemblies, in the car -- anytime they are cheerful (James 5:13).

### TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN TO MAKE MORAL DECISIONS

Teach children to respect authority. Children who are allowed to be disrespectful to teachers and parents are not being trained to respect the God of heaven. A child who is allowed to constantly question authority will be an adult who questions God's authority. It is one thing to explain to a child the reason for something when he needs to know it; it is quite another to indulge every "why" question a child asks in defiance of plainly spoken commands. Children must know that the proper response to expressed authority is simple obedience. Do not allow children to engage in activities which God will consider immoral when they become adults. For instance, it may not be a sin for an eight year old girl to wear a bikini in the presence of eight year old boys, but if parents allow it, what are they training their child to do when she is eighteen years old? Following this advice may mean that a child will be looked upon as being different from other children. Children need to know that God's people are special to Him

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Mary Lowrie, Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Alex Barrett, Rex Enoch, Peggy Jarvis, and Teresa Enoch. **Nursing Homes:** Frank Pool, Marguerite Stubblefield, , Nancy Meacham, and Binitta Irvan. **Family and Friends:** Jerry and Patricia Lovett, Hugh Bolton, Stacy Hedrick, Harold Pond, Harry Lovett, Naomi Pigg, Norman Parker, Janie Suiter, Betty Jeffcoat, Virgil Hale, Kim Thomas, Kenneth Mizell, Cynthia Kearbey, Will and Nancy Winchester, Eva Darnell, Jason Sales, Todd Hill, Wallace Parker, Ruthie Parker, Lonnell Parker. Donna Boyd and Kenneth Starks.
- **Elders/Deacons Meeting** today following the evening services..
- **2016 Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for June 14-16. Please mark your calendar for this important event. If you can help teach a class please see Larry Enoch.
- **Pantry items for May:** 1st—Peanut Butter; 8th—Jelly; 15th—Mac and Cheese; 22nd—Apple Butter; 29th— Soups.
- **LOCAL EVENTS.** The School of Biblical Studies continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm. Only three more sessions remain in our Spring school. Come and see what you have been missing.
- Please remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby. Thanks for supporting this program.
- Continue to pray for Dean Crutchfield and the Lord’s work in India and brother Adam Evans and the Lord’s work in Tanzania. See the mission board for the latest reports from these respective works including letters from some of the Indian preachers supported by this congregation.
- If you have announcements for the bulletin, please write them out and hand them to Jonnie before Thursday of each week. Thanks.
- **PASS IT ON!!** Please pass this bulletin on to a friend, relative, neighbor or fellow employee when you have finished reading it. Use it as a means to evangelize. Pick up some extra copies and distribute them to others.
- We are presently in the process of redoing the website for the church. We hope to have this completed before the end of May.
- Did you know that the Bible does not identify the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as an **apple**? Yet, many believe that it was simply because some human said it was. This simple statement shows that if one really desires to know the truth he must go to the word of God! (John 8:32; 17:17).

**Lessons Today**

Morning: “Take the Name of Jesus With You”

Evening: “Gender Neutral” Bradly Smith



**RESEARCH QUESTION**

**By what power did God create the material universe?**

**Last Week** How old was Jesus when His parents found him in the temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions?

**Answer:** Twelve years old (Luke 2:42-46).

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precisely because they are different from the world (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:17-18).

Discuss with your children the moral training they receive from other sources. Children in school may often be shown standards of morality which are out of harmony with the Bible. Not long after my own son began elementary school, his teacher explained to the class that there were certain circumstances under which it is alright to lie! Parents should make it their business to know what others teach their children.

#### TIPS FOR TRAINING CHILDREN TO KNOW THE BIBLE

Take children to every Bible class arranged by the church. More than one adult has commented that they never had the learning opportunities found in our Bible classes when they were growing up. It would be a shame to let such an opportunity go to waste.

Make sure children get their Bible class lessons ahead of time, and that they do any memory work that has been assigned. It does little good to get

"little Johnny" to Bible class if he is not prepared to learn when he gets there.

Study the Bible with your children. When they ask a question about God's will or right and wrong, open a Bible and read together the verses that answer their questions. Setting aside time for Bible study can greatly benefit both you and your child.

In his book, *Good Homes in a Wicked World*, Irvin Lee wrote the following:

"The child is like a mound of potter's clay. The potter can take the clay and fashion it into whatever form he chooses. He can then dry and temper it, and the form is set into its permanent shape. That is a frightening thought. As the twig is bent, so the tree is inclined. As the child is molded and shaped so the man will be. The challenge is very great when the parents realize that they have the power to shape the very eternal destiny of the soul that inhabits the body of their little child. How many parents will be lost because they failed in their duty to their children?"

—From *Liledoun Road Anchor* (NC)

## TIME DOESN'T HEAL SIN By Jonnie Hutchison

An old proverb says, "Time heals all wounds." the comedian Groucho Marx put a twist on this phrase in the 1940 film "Go West" in the words, "Time wounds all heels." Levity aside, does time really heal all wounds?

Some seem to have the idea that time will heal the guilt and consequences of the sins they commit against God without repentance on their part. Perhaps they believe that if enough time passes that God and those around them will forget what they have done. It is true that people forget many things with the passing of time. However, God does not forget. He is not governed by time as are His creatures. "...with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:9). The unforgiven sins one commits, though years may pass, are ever fresh in the mind of the ONE who inhabits eternity. Time does not take away the guilt nor ones accountability before his/her Creator.

The only circumstance in which God forgets sin is when He forgives sin. God's promise to those who accept His forgiveness is "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their

iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12). However, time is no companion to one who refuses to turn from his/her sins in genuine repentance. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Consider the following truths:

1. Time does not diminish the guilt of sin.
2. Time does not change unscriptural marriage relationships into acceptable ones.
3. Time does not correct personal offenses between brethren.
4. Time does not take away the Christian's responsibilities to faithfully serve the Lord.
5. Time will not relieve any individual of his accountability before God for his actions.

Time may heal many wounds but it will never heal the guilt or take away the consequences of unforgiven sin! Only the blood of Jesus Christ can wash away the stain of sin. And only those who meet His requirements to reach that blood, including repentance of their sins, receive the cleansing of His precious blood. (Hebrews 5:8-9).

**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!

**THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE** By Jonnie Hutchison

- ♦ Is the hope of the resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6).
- ♦ Is the hope promised by God (Acts 26:6).
- ♦ Is a rejoicing hope (Romans 5:2).
- ♦ Is a saving hope (Romans 8:24).
- ♦ It is an abounding hope (Romans 15:13).
- ♦ Is the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19).
- ♦ Is the hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2).



**GOSPEL BROADCASTING  
NETWORK**

*The Truth Proclaimed 24/7*

Watch online at [gbntv.org](http://gbntv.org)  
YouTube, Apple & Android Apps, WK&T (ch. 46),  
6:00 am Sunday: Dish Network (ch. 276) and  
Direct TV (ch. 376)

**Green Plain  
School of Biblical Studies  
March 7—May 30, 2016**

Each Consecutive Monday  
7:00—9:00 pm  
Studies on the books of  
Genesis & Joshua

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
May 2016**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Perry Jarvis

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE

AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:

AM: Cody Canter & Lofton Pigg

Substitute: Chad Canter

Sunday PM

5-1—Bobby Hall

5-8—Jim Lowrie

5-15—Bobby Hall

5-22—Jim Lowrie

5-29—Bobby Hall

OPENING PRAYER:

5-1—James Pigg

5-8—Mike Ernstberger

5-15—Hayes Grady

5-22—Rex Enoch

5-29—Preston Barrett

CLOSING PRAYER:

5-1—Larry Enoch

5-8—Jesse Vincent

5-15—David Thompson

5-22—Charles Enoch

5-29—Perry Jarvis

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Chad Canter & Lofton Pigg

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

London & Peyton

SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch

Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday: Larry Enoch

Substitute: Perry Jarvis

GREETERS: Jim & Mary Lowrie

USHER: Larry Enoch

Greet the Elder: Chad Canter

Lawn Care: Jesse Vincent

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

**Thank YOU For Serving!!**