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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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## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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## IS JESUS REAL? By Jonnie Hutchison

Did Jesus, the Jesus we read about in the New Testament, actually exist? Surprisingly, to those of us who believe the Bible is the Word of God, there are those who deny that the one called Jesus Christ ever existed. Israel Shank, a Jewish historian, wrote, “No wonder there are a thousand different Jesuses – only a void can support simultaneously such a plethora of speculation. The truth is simpler: Jesus never existed.” Books have been written on this subject with titles such as *The Fable of Christ* by Luigi Cascioli and *The Christ Myth* by Nicholas Carter the intent of which is to prove that the Jesus of the Bible was not a real person. The internet is filled with web pages questioning the reality of Jesus. Raphael Lataster asks, “Did historical Jesus really exist? The evidence just doesn’t add up.” Another webpage is entitled, “The top ten reasons Jesus Christ never existed.” Amazing! In a world where the ranks of unbelievers are growing ever greater and where so many once faithful Christians are turning away from Jesus, we need to know that Jesus not only existed, He is the Divine Son of God and the only means by which one

may be saved from the eternal consequences of sin (Acts 4:12).

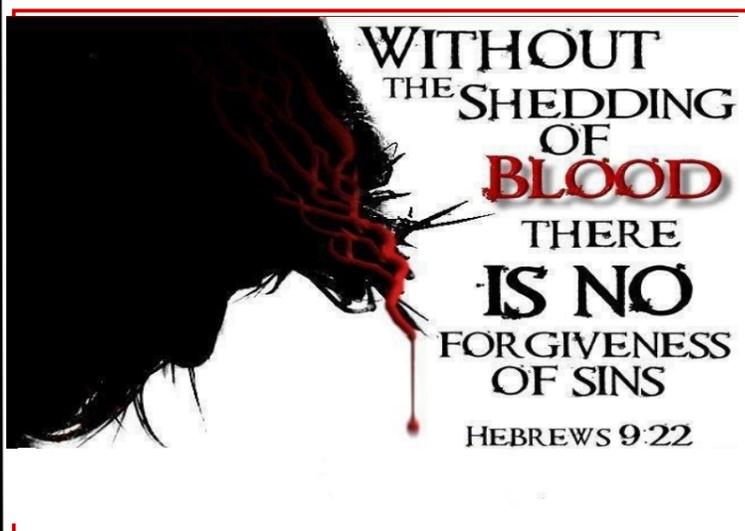
### HISTORICAL EVIDENCE:

There are several references to the existence of Jesus Christ in the historical records and writings of His day. Tacitus was a first century Roman historian who mentions a man called Christ in his historical work called *Annals*. 15, 44. Flavius Josephus, a Jewish historian of this period in his book *Antiquities*, refers to James “the brother of Jesus, who is called Christ.” The following account is also found in the writings of Josephus: “*At this time there was a wise man named Jesus. His conduct was good and [he] was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. But those who became his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion, and that he was alive; accordingly he was perhaps the Messiah, concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders.*” A Roman named Julius Agri- canus quotes the historian Thal-

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## NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon , Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Katelyn and Vickie Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Debbie Ernstberger, and Carolyn Bryars. **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Kenneth Mizell, Will and Nancy Winchester, Lora Pettigrew, Nancy Flowers, Nolan Murray, Tina Adams, Kristen Scott, Marilyn Machado, Brittany Jackson Jaclyn Jillion. Les Kiser (currently under the care of Hospice), Mike Kiser 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 , Noleen Shivel , Lucy Irvin, Bobby Patton, Shirley Darnell and Jane Steely. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Deborah Galloway who passed from this life this past week. Deborah is the mother of John Sales. Please remember her husband Ned and all the family in prayer.
- A memorial service is scheduled for Roy Enoch here at Green Plain on June 30th at 2 pm.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** Coming August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of "Golden Ways for Golden Days."
- **AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting** at the Dexter church of Christ July 15-18 with John Sales preaching. **Gospel Meeting** at the Williams Chapel church of Christ July 15-18 with Kevin Williams preaching. See the bulletin board for details.
- **Pantry items for June.** 3—Pinto Beans ; 10—Jelly; 17—Beets; 24—Corn.
- 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.
- Watch "**A Bible Answer**" each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at [abibleanswerstv.org](http://abibleanswerstv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.



## LESSONS TODAY

### Sunday AM

**"The Seriousness of Marriage"**

### Sunday PM

**Guest Speaker: Glen Tattersall**  
**Glen will report on the Lord's**  
**work in Tasmania.**

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lus in discussing the darkness that followed the crucifixion of Christ (*Extant Writings*, p. 18). Pliny the Younger was a first century Roman lawyer, author and magistrate who wrote hundreds of letters of which 247 survive. In one of these letters (designated at *Letters* 10:96) he recorded the worship of early Christians and included the fact that they worshipped Jesus as God and were very ethical and refers to love feasts and the Lord's Supper. These various references (and there are others) prove that Jesus Christ was indeed an historical person. Even though His ministry was limited to a relatively small area, His existence was known by both Roman officials and by historians.

**BIBLICAL EVIDENCE.** Some might deny that the New Testament should be used to prove the existence of Jesus Christ. However, the New Testament has been proven to be accurate in every historical detail that it records. Why then would one reject this historical account of the existence of Jesus Christ? The first four books of the New Testament prove the existence of Jesus Christ. These books contain a record, written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit of the events that occurred in the life of Jesus Christ. The book of John tells us why these were written: *"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name"* (John 20:30-31).

The proof that Jesus existed is not limited to just the first four books of the New Testament. Note this reading found in the book of Acts: *"let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before*

*you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* Note the historical references to Nazareth, the place where Jesus grew up, and to His crucifixion and resurrection and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (Psa. 18:22; Isa. 28:16; Matt. 21:42-45). Again Peter gives this historical account including himself as an eyewitness: *"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly"* (Acts 10:38-40). Throughout the rest of the New Testament the actual existence of Jesus is affirmed over and over again. Perhaps one of the greatest proofs for the existence of Jesus was the willingness of His disciples to suffer and give their lives to spread the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world.

The proof of the existence of Jesus Christ is overwhelming. Jesus really was born into this world (Matt. 1:18ff). He really lived in the presence of men on this earth. He really did confirm His Deity by miracles, signs and wonders (Hebrews 2:3-4). He really was crucified on a Roman cross and buried in a borrowed tomb (Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:25, 46). This is the real Jesus who rose from the dead and ascended to heaven to set at the right hand of God (Acts 1:1-10; 2:22-38).

Denying the reality of Jesus will change neither the evidence He is real nor ones accountability before the real Jesus (John 12:48; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11).

**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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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED ?**

Both Jesus and the apostles (guided by the Holy Spirit) taught that to be saved, it is necessary that one:

<b>Hear</b>	Romans 10:13-17 Revelation 1:3	John 6:45
<b>Believe</b>	John 2:30-31 Acts 16:31	Hebrews 11:6
<b>Repent</b>	Luke 13:3-5 Acts 17:30-31	Acts 2:38
<b>Confess</b>	Matthew 10:32-33 Romans 10:9-10	
<b>Be Baptized</b>	Mark 16:15-16 Acts 2:38	1 Peter 3:21 Acts 22:16
<b>Live Godly</b>	Titus 2:11-14 2 Peter 1:5-11	Romans 12:1-2

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
**June 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: Charles Enoch & Jackson Hale  
 Substitute: Bobby Hall

**Sunday PM**  
 3—Chad  
 10—Larry  
 17—Chad  
 24—Larry

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
 3—Mike Ernstberger  
 10—Jim Lowrie  
 17—Perry Jarvis  
 24—Hayes Grady

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
 3—Preston Barrett  
 10—James Pigg  
 17—Bobby Hall  
 24—Jonnie Hutchison

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
 Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS**  
 Hayden Fuqua

**SONG LEADERS:**  
 Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis  
 Sunday Evening: Larry Enoch  
 Wednesday: Chad Canter  
 Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

**USHER:** Jesse Vincent

**Lawn Care:** Chad Canter

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

**Thank YOU For Serving!!**