



# 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  
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- James Pigg  
270-759-2145

## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

## Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster  
MSOP—Bradley Smith

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## TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS By Jonnie Hutchison

One thing that all humans have in common is the necessity of dealing with trials and tribulations in this life. Sometimes we are responsible for creating those things that afflict us by making bad choices. At other times trials come upon us through no fault of our own. Regardless of the cause we must learn to cope with trials and tribulations in our lives.

Christians are not immune to trials and tribulations. Paul and Barnabas revisited the cities where they had established congregations *“strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must **through many tribulations** enter the kingdom of God.”* (Acts 14:22). Faithfully serving the Lord in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation will create trials for one who so does. The Bible tells us, *“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution”* (2 Timothy 3:12). Knowing that we must suffer trials and tribulations in life begs the question of how do we deal with them?

**MAINTAIN A STRONG COMMITMENT TO GOD.** As long as we live in this world we will experience suffering, sorrow,

pain, temptation and all the other negative occurrences that are a part of this life. The attitude of the Christian in the face of trial is well expressed in the words, *“For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day”* (2 Timothy 1:12). Even through all the trials that afflicted Paul as he preached the gospel he maintained his faith and commitment to God. He had the strongest confidence that God would not desert him nor fail in His promises. God will not let us down either. Even though we may suffer trials and tribulations God will see us through.

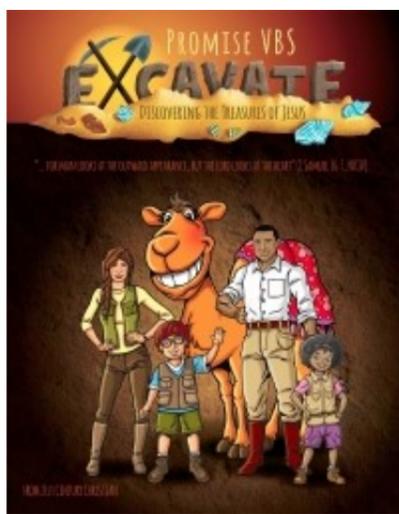
**UTILIZE THE COPING MECHANISMS GOD HAS PROVIDED.** God has not left us without guidance and help to cope with trials and tribulations.

1. *He has given us the avenue of prayer.* The Hebrew writer tells us, *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of*

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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, Robin Pera, Marilyn Machado, Brittany Jackson Jaclyn Jillion. Les Kiser. Mike Kiser, Debra Galloway, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Mark Hatcher, Karen Burkhardt, Ken Holt , Meredith Enoch, Fred Watkins, Anna Arrant, Annette Mason, Cynthia Kearnbey, Garneida Parker, Lonnell Parker, Ruthie Parker, Gale Worley, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman , Noleen Shivel and Lucy Irvin. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **Our sympathy** is expressed to the family of Dean Crutchfield who passed from this life this past week. Please remember Mary and all the family in prayer.
- **Our sympathy** is extended to the Enoch family at the passing of Rex's brother Roy Enoch. A memorial service is scheduled for Roy here at Green Plain on June 30th.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** 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."
- **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.
- "For it is written: As I live, says the Lord: Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:11-12).



**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL**  
**June 11-13, 2018**  
Classes for all ages  
including an adult  
class  
**7:00—8:30 pm**  
At  
**Green Plain  
church of Christ**

## LESSONS TODAY

### Sunday AM

**"The Good Life"**  
Do the "rich and famous" live  
the good life?

### Sunday PM

**"The Glory of God &  
the Christian"**  
How does the Christian share in  
the glory of God?

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need” (Hebrews 4:16).

2. ***He has given us a spiritual family, the church.*** As the family of God we have the same care for one another (1 Cor. 12:25). We seep and rejoice with one another (Rom. 12:15). We encourage and build up one another (Acts 16:5). We are kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love (Rom. 12:10). We are patient, loving, forgiving, tenderhearted and kind to one another (Eph. 4:2, 32; Col. 3:13). In times of trial or tribulation we can turn to our spiritual family for support, comfort and help.
3. ***He has given us His Holy Word.*** The Bible provides the direction we need in order to properly handle trials and tribulations. It helps us in providing the necessary knowledge to deal with specific problems and gives words of comfort, assurance, encouragement and hope. The Psalmist declared, “*You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word*” (Psalm 119:114). Again, “*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*” (Psalm 119:105). Paul commended the elders of Ephesus to “*God and the word of His grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified*” (Acts 20:32). The powerful Word of God can help us through any trial or tribulation of this life (Hebrews 4:12).

**KEEP FOCUSED ON YOUR FINAL GOAL.** We should always remember that this life is only a temporary existence. For the faithful child of God there is a permanent dwelling place where there are no trials and tribulations. Whatever we must face in this life will ultimately be behind us forever. When problems arise in our lives, when we face pain or sorrow, that is when we should reflect upon heaven. Jesus told His disciples

that when they faced persecution they should rejoice and remember their “*reward in heaven*” (Matthew 5:11-12). Peter, by inspiration, addressed Christians who would suffer various trials speaking of their faith as being “*more precious than gold*” and the end of their faith as the “*salvation of our souls.*” He wrote of their reservation in heaven describing it as being that which is “*incorruptible, undefiled and that fades not away.*” (1 Peter 1:3-5). With our focus on our final goal of heaven we can endure any trial or tribulation that comes upon us in this life knowing that such will end in eternal peace in heaven.

Yes, trials and tribulations will come but by trusting in God and faithfully serving Him in this life we can not only endure them, we can rejoice in spite of them. ***“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:”*** (Hebrews 10:35-36).

#### **DEAN CRUTCHFIELD 1932-2018**

*Our brother in Christ passed from this life this on May 27, 2018. Dean was a faithful gospel preacher who served the Green Plain church of Christ two different times for several years. Dean and Mary are loved by the members of this congregation and we mourn his passing. Yet, we are confident that Dean had made the necessary preparation to face death with confidence. Dean had a great love for the lost as evidenced by his mission work in India and other countries in Asia as well as his local work over the years. Only God knows how many souls will be in heaven because of his willingness to dedicate himself to the Lord's work. We are confident that his work will continue to produce fruit for generations yet to come.*



### 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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## 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

**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!!**