



# 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  
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## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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- Jonnie Hutchison  
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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster  
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## LOVE SWEET LOVE By Jonnie Hutchison

Several years ago a popular song contained the words, “What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It’s the only thing that there’s just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love. Not just for some, but for everyone.” It saddens us that there is so much anger, hatred, malice, suspicion and self-centeredness in the world in which we live. Proper love is conspicuously absent when these exist in the attitudes and actions of people. The Bible indicates that such is characteristic of the “perilous times” of the “last days” stating, *“For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”* (2 Timothy 3:2-4). There are two forms of “love” stated in this passage that is not needed by anyone.

**No one should be a lover of self.** This phrase has nothing to do with self-esteem or self-worth. Every life is valuable and important. Every person has the po-

tential to contribute to the good of society. To be a lover of self speaks to an attitude of unwillingness to use one’s life for the benefit of anyone other than self. It is selfishness, self-centeredness, a refusal to sacrifice for the good of others or in service to God. One with this attitude will not take up his cross and follow Jesus for he or she is not willing to deny self (Matthew 6:24). Being a “lover of self is not the sweet love God desires.

**No one should love pleasure more than they love God.** There are many things which bring pleasure in this world. Many of these are legitimate and proper and given for man’s enjoyment. Yet, there are also pleasures that are sinful. The Hebrew writer used Moses to illustrate this when he wrote that Moses chose *“to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”* (Hebrews 11:25). Anything that brings pleasure that one puts before God fits the description of loving pleasure more than loving God. For example, engaging in recreational activities instead of attending worship expresses a love for

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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, Carolyn Bryars and Marjorie Grady
- **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. 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, Haskell Smith and Jane Steely. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** On August 18, 2018 a one day lectureship will be held with the themes of “*Golden Ways for Golden Days.*” This is not just for those older in age. All ages will profit from these lessons. Announcements for this event are available in the lobby for you to invite others.
- **AREA EVENTS:** . **Gospel Meeting** at the Greenfield church of Christ in Greenfield, TN August 5-10 with Wade Webster preaching. See the bulletin board for details and additional announcements.
- **Pantry items for July.** 1—Peanut Butter ; 9—Canned Peaches; 15—Toothpaste; 22—Bath Soap; 29—Pork-n-Beans.
- 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. 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.
- Did you do something this past week that God has said in His Word not to do? Did you fail to do something good that God said to do? If your answer is “yes”, then you have sinned. (1 John 3:4; 5:17; James 4:17).

### “Golden Ways for Golden Days”

August 18 2018—9:00 am - 2:30 pm

**A lectureship on Aging for All Ages**

#### Subjects and Speakers

Church Demographics: The Challenge of Attending to Each Age—**Alan Adams**

The Patriarchs in Old Age—**Chris Lyden**

Renewing the Inward Man Day by Day—**Dan Sikes**

Don't Stop Now, We're on the Home Stretch—**Jack Phillips**

*Lunch Will Be Provided in the Annex*



### LESSONS TODAY

**Sunday AM**

**“Faith”**

**Chad Canter**

**Sunday PM**

**5th Sunday Singing**

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pleasure more than one loves God. Engaging in acts of sexual immorality—adultery, fornication, homosexuality—shows one loves pleasure more than one loves God. In the parable of the sower Jesus explained that the “thorny ground” represented one who hears the Word but is “choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life and bring no fruit to perfection” (Luke 8:14). Loving pleasure more than one loves God is not the “sweet love” God desires for the world.

Love, the sweetest love, is that which God has shown to every person in the giving

of Jesus as a sacrifice for sin (John 3:16). This is not only the sweetest love, it is the greatest love (John 15:13). It is a love that none of us deserve but which is directed to all of us (Romans 5:8-9; Titus 2:11-12). This is the sweet love that the world needs, a love, not just for some, but for everyone. Let us “love not the world, neither the things in the world” (1 John 2:15-17). Rather, let us love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind and our neighbor as our self (Matthew 22:37). This is the love, the sweet love, that the world needs now!

## **I COULD, BUT I DON'T** *By Victor Eskew*

There are many things that people COULD do, but they DON'T do.

1. I could attend Bible classes, but I don't.
2. I could study my Bible, but I don't.
3. I could be there for Sunday night services, but I don't.
4. I could give more, but I don't.
5. I could visit the hospitals and nursing homes, but I don't.
6. I could use more of my talents for the Lord, but I don't.
7. I could be involved in more works of the church, but I don't.
8. I could seek lost souls, but I don't.
9. I could be more holy in my life, but I don't.
10. I could pray more, but I don't.
11. I could be a better example for others, but I don't.
12. I could love others more, but I don't.
13. I could forgive someone who hurt me, but I don't.

14. I could be more like Jesus, but I don't.

15. I could be a much better member of the church, but I don't.

The words, "could" and "don't," are very telling. COULD shows that one has the ability to do something. DON'T means that the individual is not willing to do what he is capable of doing. We often ask: "Why don't you?" NOTE: The Lord is not concerned about the why. Most of the time it is just a piddly excuse. Regardless of the why, they still don't. Don't indicates inaction. Two verses come to mind. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Luke 12:43). We need to change: "I could, but I don't" to "I could, and I will."





### 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 GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK GBNTV.ORG



The Gospel Broadcasting Network delivers the message of salvation to people of every age through a variety of resources. GBN live Christian radio is changing hearts with the truth of the Gospel all day every day. Our goal is to save souls for eternity, worldwide, by providing free online Christian resources that answer your faith-based questions.

For a programming schedule go to

[http://gbntv.org/whats\\_on\\_tonight/](http://gbntv.org/whats_on_tonight/)

**The following sources are available on the internet to increase your knowledge of God's Word and strengthen you in the faith:**

1. Gospel Broadcasting Network—24/7 at [gbntv.org](http://gbntv.org)
2. World Video Bible School (WVBS) [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org)
3. Bible Study Web—[biblestudyweb.org](http://biblestudyweb.org)
4. Green Plain church of Christ webpage—[greenplainchurchofchrist.org](http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org).
5. A Bible Answer—<http://abibleanswertv.org/>
6. Apologetics Press—<http://www.apologeticspress.org/>

### THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

**July 2018**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bobby Hall  
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE  
AM: James Pigg & Mike Ernstberger  
Substitute: Larry Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:  
AM: Dave Thompson & Preston Barrett  
Substitute: Jackson Hale

#### 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 Hale

#### SONG LEADERS:

Sunday Morning: Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger  
Wednesday: Larry Enoch  
Substitute: Perry Jarvis

#### USHER: Chad Canter

#### Lawn Care: Larry Enoch

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