



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
270-753-2108
- James Pigg
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Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster
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Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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You Are Invited to Our Fall

GOSPEL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2018

With
Mike Kiser

at the
Green Plain church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY

Sunday Services

Bible Classes 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 7:30 pm
Monday—Thursday 7:00 pm

NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Will Ed Travis, Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Tina Wyatt, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes Grady, Carolyn Bryars and Marjorie Grady
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Anna Arant, Walter Bryars, and Ann Workman. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please let us know.
- **LOCAL EVENTS: Our Fall Gospel Meeting** with Mike Kiser is scheduled for **September 9-13**. Our Fall session of the **School of Biblical Studies** begins September 17th. Announcements for these event are available in the lobby for you to invite others.
- **AREA EVENTS:** See the bulletin board for the latest announcements.
- **Pantry items for August:** 5-Green Beans; 12-Spinach; 19-Carrots; 26-Kleenex.
- 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 abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

2018 Fall Session
Sept. 17—Dec. 3



Each Consecutive Monday 7—9 pm

Subjects and Teachers

Galatians—Luke Puckett

Ephesians—Joey Glisson

1 Corinthians—Larry Powers

Philippians—Jonnie Hutchison



LESSONS TODAY

Sunday 10:45 AM

**"Using Our Abilities to Do What
We Can Do"**

Sunday 6:00 PM

"Jonah: The Preaching Prophet"
**We Look Forward To Seeing You
at Worship!!**

WHEN THINGS DO NOT GO YOUR WAY *By Jonnie Hutchison*

“I have prayed and prayed to God but things are just not going my way. Why doesn’t God answer my prayers?” Though one may not express it precisely in these words, Christians sometimes struggle with why God seemingly fails to answer their prayers. Consider the following thoughts.

First, God promises to hear and answer the prayers of His faithful children.

“*And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight*” (1 John 3:22). Again, “*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him*” (1 John 5:14-15). Note the conditions given in these passages to having ones prayers answered. It is those who “keep His commandments and do what is pleasing in His sight” and ask “according to His will” who will have their prayers heard and answered by God. In approaching God in prayer one must ask himself or herself whether or not his or her request is in harmony with divine truth. James 4:3 states, “*You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*” Obviously God will not answer prayers that are motivated by greed, selfishness or malice all of which are sinful. Make sure you are living faithful to God, putting Him first in every area of your life, and that the content of your prayers are according to His will and He has promised to hear and answer your prayers.

Second, God has never promised not to say no to our prayers. Paul prayed three times for the removal of his “thorn in the flesh” but God said no (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Why would God say no to Paul’s re-

quest, for after all, he was a faithful Christian and had suffered much for the cause of Christ. The simple answer is that God knew best. When Paul’s request was not granted he accepted it, trusting that God’s promise of sufficient grace was enough and that he should rather “glory” in his “infirmities” gaining strength from weakness. Like Paul, we need to trust that God knows what is best and will answer our prayers accordingly.

Third, understand that God has His own timetable which may differ from ours.

It is often the case that one expects God to answer his prayers immediately and if He does not it creates doubt in his mind. Let us never doubt God for if we do our prayers will not be answered! The Bible tells us, “*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord*” (James 1:5-7). When it comes to our prayers we need to take the advice of God through the Psalmist who wrote, “*Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!*” (Psalms 27:14).

If things are not going your way, please do not blame God. Instead, follow the divine directive to “*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves....*” (2 Corinthians 13:5a). Make sure you are living right and making choices in life that are in harmony with the will of God. Above all, do not lose confidence in the One who has blessed you in giving you the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. Remember, heaven will be worth every sacrifice you make in this life.

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
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**Life Is Filled With
Choices**

**The Choices We Make
Decide Our Eternal
Destiny**

**If You Desire Heaven
You Will Choose to
Serve God!**

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE****August 2018**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter
PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie
Substitute: James Pigg

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Roy Wyatt & Shaun Fuqua
Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Sunday PM

5—Bobby
12—Jim
19—Bobby
26—Jim

OPENING PRAYER:

5—James Pigg
12—Mike Ernstberger
19—Hayes Grady
26—Preston Barrett

CLOSING PRAYER:

5—Jesse Vincent
12—Larry Enoch
19—Dave Thompson
26—Charles Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Roy & Shaun

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

London & Peyton

SONG LEADERS:

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

USHER: Jesse Vincent

Lawn Care: Shane Smith

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

Thank YOU For Serving!!