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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY 42049
- Phone: (270) 492-8206

AT THE START OF THE YEAR BY JONNIE HUTCHISON

The year of 2021 is now history. A New Year has begun. This is the time when resolutions are made and hopefully kept. It is easy to make resolutions but much more difficult to actually keep them. Let me suggest some resolutions that must be made and kept.

I resolve to dedicate my life to serving the God of the Bible. This begins with ones obedience to the gospel of Christ. Hearing (Romans 10:17), believing Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30), confessing ones faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and reaching the cleansing blood of Jesus in baptism (Acts 2:38-41; 22:16; Romans 6:3-5).

I resolve to fulfill my God given responsibilities to my spouse and my family. To love them, to provide for their needs and to put their spiritual welfare first (Ephesians 5:22-

33).
I resolve to bring my children up in the nurture and training of the Lord. To fulfill my responsibility as a father or as a mother. (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4) and to exercise proper loving discipline (Proverbs 22:15; 23:15).

I resolve to treat others with kindness and tenderness even those who view me as their enemy (Matthew 5:43-45; Ephesians 5:32; Romans 12:20-21).

I resolve to let my light as a Christian shine daily and never hide it so that God may be glorified by my good works. (Matthew 5:16).

I resolve to use every ability and opportunity God gives me to lead some precious soul to a knowledge of the truth. (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:1-3).

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, and Mary and Jim Lowrie, Jesse and Mary Vincent. Vickie Canter will be receiving treatment in Louisville followed by radiation and Chemo treatments at Murray. Please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Family and Friends: Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Mary Lou Joseph, Jennie Pool. Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt. Pray for all those who lost loved ones, homes & their livelihood in the recent storm.

- **PANTRY ITEMS January 2022:** 2—Peaches; 9—Peanut Butter; 16—Carrots; 23—Peas; 30— Canned Potatoes. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **January 2022 Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 14—Shane Smith; 18—Karen (Hall) Elkins; 26—Marjorie Grady; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com.
- Watch *A BIBLE ANSWER* each Sunday at 8:00 am locally on the CW WQQW TV in Paducah, KY.
- The Lord is coming (John 14:1-3; Hebrews 9:28). We do not know when He is coming (Matthew 25:19). The burning question for each of us is “Am I ready for His coming?” (Luke 2:40). Are you ready?

THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 2021

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Larry & Junior

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 2—Larry; 9—Bobby;
16—Larry; 23—Bobby; 30—Larry

Opening Prayer AM

2—Jonnie; 9—Chad; 16—James; 23—Jim;
30—Mike

Closing Prayer PM

2—Jesse; 9—David; 16—Roy; 23—Bobby; 30—Perry

Song Leaders: AM Perry-; PM Mike-; WED Chad

Count Contribution: Larry & James

Usher: Chad

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— “*What Will You Do in 2022?*”

6 pm— “*Adorning the Doctrine of God*”

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

7:00 PM

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I resolve to be sober and vigilant in face of the efforts of the devil to lead me away from the Lord to eternal destruction. (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 3:17-18).

I resolve to study and meditate upon the Word of God daily so that my faith may be strengthened and maintained (Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:14).

I resolve to add the virtues of a Christian to my life and rid myself of the works of the flesh (2 Peter 1:5-10; Galatians 5:19-21).

I resolve to trust in the promises of

God and prepare myself to live with Him in eternity (Psalm 18:2; Proverbs 3:5; 1 John 2:25).

I resolve to serve my Lord in His church which He purchased with His precious blood (Acts 20:28). I resolve to assemble for worship and to use my abilities in carrying out the work of the Lord's church (Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 2:10; 2 Corinthians 1:24; Philippians 4:3).

Are any of these resolutions necessary for you, dear reader? Let us not only resolve but implement these New Year resolutions into our lives as we start and finish this New Year.

THE CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE By Mike Riley

The story is told of a Christian high school senior who was honored as one of the best and brightest in his community because he provided a forceful demonstration of integrity.

When his school team was given the word "auditorium" in a regional spelling bee, he glanced down to ponder his response and noticed that the word was printed on the microphone stand. He called this to the attention of the judges who responded with a more difficult word. The young man did what he knew was right whether others noticed or not.

We don't know when our actions may become an example to others — we're always on display. But if we live each day to honor Jesus, our behavior will model His righteous life (Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:5-6), no matter who is watching.

Uprightness and honor should be goals for Christians of every age. Paul told Timo-

thy: "*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity*" (1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV).

As Christians, one of our goals in life should be to change the world around us **for good** while never compromising ourselves — one person at a time (Acts 10:38 NKJV; cf. 2 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV; 1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV).

*O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.
O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.* —W.J. Kirkpatrick

—via [Our Christian Example - GEWatkins.net](http://OurChristianExample-GEWatkins.net)



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THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Down through the year's baptism has been a controversial subject. Many disagree as to the purpose of baptism and how it relates to salvation. However, the Bible clearly teaches both the purpose of baptism and its relationship to salvation. To see the purpose of baptism one only needs to read Acts 2:38, "*And Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" What does this passage say baptism is for? The answer is "**for the remission of sins.**" In addition, the Bible teaches that the purpose of baptism is to put one "into Christ" where salvation is located. 2 Timothy 2:10 speaks of "*the salvation which is IN CHRIST JESUS with eternal glory.*" The question is how does one get into that spiritual location or relationship which is described as being "in Christ"? The Bible answers in Galatians 3:27, "*For as many of you as have been **BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST** have put on Christ.*"

The Bible also teaches that the purpose of baptism is to place one into the spiritual body of Christ which is His church (Ephesians 1:22-23). This is equivalent to being "in Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:13a reads, "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.*"

Since the purpose of baptism is to provide the forgiveness of sins, to place one "into Christ" and thus into His church then where does that leave the person who has not been baptized? The obvious answer is without forgiveness, outside of Christ and outside of His church.

How baptism relates to salvation can be seen in the connection the Bible makes between baptism and the death of Jesus. The Bible teaches that Jesus shed His blood in His death on the cross (John 19:34). His blood was shed "*for the remission of sins*" (Matthew 26:28; Revelation 1:5) The Bible connects baptism with the death of Jesus, "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life*" (Romans 6:3-4). Since Jesus shed His blood in His death and baptism puts one in contact with His death it follows that it is in baptism that one reaches the blood of Jesus and one's sins are washed away.

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