



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 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
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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Hazel, KY 42049
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LIFE'S OBSTACLES *By Johnny Ramsey*

When problems or difficulties come our way, we either profit from them or wilt under the pressure. We can count them as obstacles or as golden opportunities. Persecution can be a blessing if those moments are used to press on to nobler dedication and loyalty to a cause that is worth the tribulation and pain. If we suffer due to our own foolishness, the Bible makes it abundantly clear that only our suffering for Christ is profitable, productive and blessed by God. *"But if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name"* (1 Pet. 4:16). A happy person is not someone in a certain set of circumstances, but rather is a person with certain set of attitudes. The happy person is:

- ⇒ Not ashamed of the gospel. Rom. 1:16.
- ⇒ Pure in life. Phil. 2:15,16.
- ⇒ Not discouraged by hardship. Rom. 8:31.
- ⇒ Deeply love one another. Col. 2:2.
- ⇒ Putting the kingdom of God absolutely first. Matt. 6:33.

The very opposition that

Satan sent their way made the servants of the Redeemer stronger in their journey toward heaven. Obstacles deepened their resolve to be what Jesus said of them: *"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of men"* (Matt. 5:13).

When our fervent desire is to follow the Lamb of God, our lives are so much richer and meaningful than those who pursue earthly fame and temporary wealth. If we would ever eliminate the pessimism so many members of the church drag with them throughout their lives, and fortify our daily conduct with optimism, we would be much more like zealous children of God depicted in the book of Acts. A great poem by Edgar A. Guest captures this commitment:

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure.

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarete Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder,, Griselda Adams and Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, and Larry Wyatt.
- **Pantry items January: 5—Children's Toothpaste; 12 —Canned Chili; 19—Apple Sauce; 26—Canned Potatoes; All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.**
- 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>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- 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 and on GBN and YouTube.
- **January 2020 Anniversaries:** 27th Carolyn & Walter Byars; **Birthdays:** 14th-Shane Smith; 18th-Karen Workman; 26th-Marjorie Grady; Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will include them next week.
- **If you are able to receive the MyTV channel (WDKA Channel 49 in Paduka and on WK&T and other providers), tune in to the “Good News” program with Jim Dearman each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.**
- **If you enjoy good book, chapter and verse preaching tune in to the GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK 24/7 online at gbntv.org. Lots of very fine study material is available on this website.**
- **Material possessions are not nearly as important as the spiritual blessings from God!**



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who sold his birthright to his brother for for “red stew”?

Last Week: In the Old Testament, what was the “birthright?”

Answer: The birthright of the firstborn consisted in the first place of a double portion of what his father had to leave. This probably means that he had a double share of such property as could be divided. (ISBE). (Gen. 25:29-34; Heb. 12:16; Gen. 43:33).

LESSONS TODAY

Sunday AM

“Be Encouraged & Be An Encourager”

Sunday PM

“Jesus and Pilate”

*“Preach the Word”
2 Timothy 4:2*

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There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of grin,

Then take off your coat and go to it;

Just start to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done" - and you will do it!

We need to sing more evangelistic songs in our assembly worship to stir and challenge all of us to realize the potential of lost mankind. *"Seeking the lost and pointing to Jesus, Souls that are weak and hearts that are sore, Leading them forth in ways of salvation, Showing the path to life evermore!"*

Forget the obstacles and always search for the opportunities of life.

—*Gospel Minutes*, Vol. 50, No. 48,
Nov. 30, 2001.

YOUR HUT'S ON FIRE!

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost.

He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, "God! How could you do this to me?" Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island!

It had come to rescue him! "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

Moral of the Story:

It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad or things have caused undue

stress, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain, suffering, or stress. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

—*Bulletin Fodder*



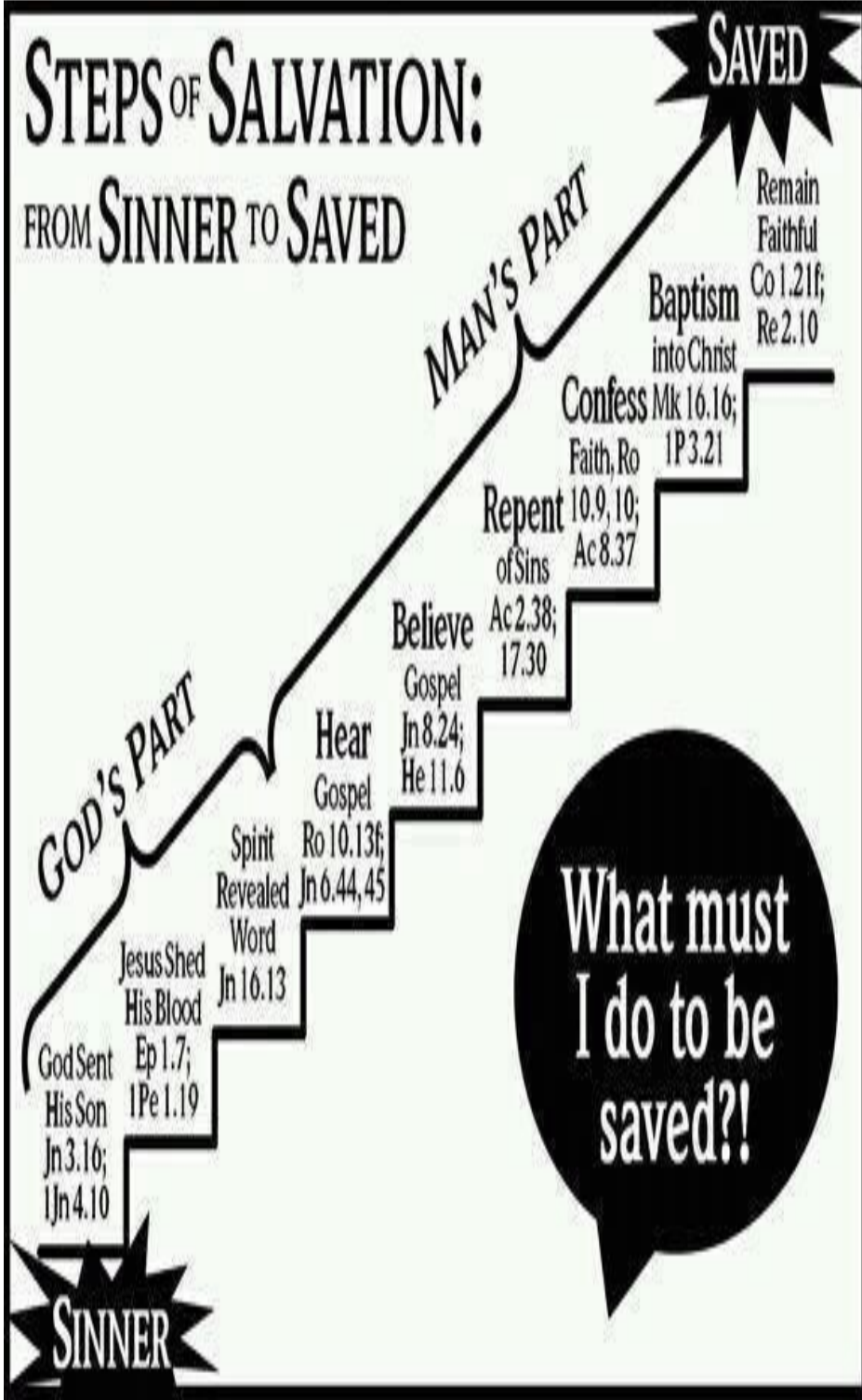
"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved."

Psalms 62:1-2 (KJV)



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!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!



THOSE TO SERVE

January 2020

Announcements

Perry Jarvis

Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

Assist at Lord's Table

Dave t=Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table PM

5—Mike

12—James

19—Mike

26—James

Opening Prayer

5—Bobby Hall

12—Jonnie Hutchison

19—Perry Jarvis

26—Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer

5—Chad Canter

12—Roy Wyatt

19—Preston Barrtt

26—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Dave & Bobby

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Chad Canter

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

Thanks for Serving!