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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am  
and 2:00 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

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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### Supporting Works

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Nance. & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## “THE WOLF SHALL DWELL WITH THE LAMB”

By Gary Colley

During a recent Gospel meeting it was requested that we have a question and answer period during each service. This was the general practice of former years and we rejoice to see those interested in its return. It is beneficial to those whose questions are answered by the Bible and in understanding the thoughts of the audience and their needs.

One question answered concerned the prophetic words of Isaiah 11:6-7, *“And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.”* The question was, “To what does this refer? Is it literal language?”

The rationalist and premillennialist refer to this literally as what will happen in the “coming

millennial period,” or that perhaps it has already literally happened in the time of Isaiah. Evidently they think, in some unknown way to us, this would be beneficial to mankind for the wolf to dwell with the lamb literally, etc., but when asked of what possible benefit this could be to man they have no answer.

Clearly, this beautiful and figurative language is prophetically to be understood. The several metaphors and allegorizes are spoken while looking forward to the rule of Christ. The lessons pictured of peace in the kingdom of Christ are to be learned from these rich truths.

The wolf is known for being an uneasy, ravenous animal, which attacks the sheepfold! The lamb is usually devoured by the wolf. The leopard follows or stalks a kid in order to overcome and finally kill. It is a known fact that the lion, the king of the beast,

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady is at Raymond's home. Continue to pray for Marie Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Roy Wyatt.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, and Teri Mercer.

**PANTRY ITEMS January 2025:** 5- Sweet Pickles; 12-Dill Pickles; 19-Canned Carrots; 26-apple Sauce. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**January 2025; Anniversaries:** None **Birthdays:** 18th-Karen Elkins.

**HOME BIBLE STUDY;** Request a **FREE** home Bible study—“*Back to the Bible*” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible.

**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 enroll online on our webpage. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge. Enroll Today!



**VISIT OUR YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.** Search for Green Plain church of Christ to find videos of last years Gospel Meetings with Bradley Smith (Spring 2024) and John Sales (fall 2024).



## **DEAD OR ALIVE** By Jonnie Hutchison

Did you know that one can be dead and alive at the same time? Yes, one may be dead spiritually and alive physically. Sadly, this is true of the majority of this world's population (Matthew 7:13-14). Sin brings spiritual death. To be spiritually dead is to be separated from God (Isaiah 59:2). The Bible tells us, “*For the wages of sin is death....*” (Romans 6:23a). When Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus he addressed their past life before becoming Christians in the words, “*And you He made alive, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air; the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts*

*of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others”* (Ephesians 2:1-3). The spiritually dead are those who are walking according to the course or direction of this world. The spiritually dead are fulfilling their own fleshly lusts and desires of the mind. The spiritually dead are enslaved in the bondage of sin. Jesus said, “... *whoever commits sin is a slave of sin*” (John 8:34). But the Ephesians, who had been spiritually dead, had been made alive spiritually. How? Inspiration answers, “*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been*

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is able to kill and carry away an ox. For these to “dwell” or “lie down” together would represent one of the greatest of changes in the known practices of these animals.

From the context we understand that the Messiah is described as the “shoot out of the stock of Jesse” (Isa. 11:1) which shows that He is from the Royal Family of David, son of Jesse. Centuries later, Christ came, as also predicted in Micah 5:2. These figures represented men who conducted their lives like these animals.

Then is given the description of the Kingdom where men who formerly acted like wild beasts, as Saul of Tarsus, would grow tame, with peace and resulting in Christ, in the church! *“for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the wa-*

*ters cover the sea”* (Isa. 11:9). This corresponds with Jesus’ giving of the Great Commission and saying in the Sermon on the Mount, *“the meek: for they shall inherit the earth”* (Mat. 5:5), that is, by their teaching. Even the angels said at His birth, *“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased”* (Luke 2:14). Among those who formerly were as dangerous as deadly reptiles, after conversion and entering the Kingdom, the most helpless are safe, because of the wonderful effects of the Gospel in the hearts of men under our Savior’s rule (Rom. 6:16-18).

We exhort all who have not entered the Kingdom by obedience (John 3:5) to obtain these blessings for themselves!

-Via “The Messenger” Coldwater, MS

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saved)” (Ephesians 2:4-5). Yes, God has provided through the precious blood of Jesus the means by which one may be forgiven of sin and be made spiritually alive thereby escaping spiritual death and its eternal consequences (Romans 5:8-9; 1 Peter 1:19).

Are you dead even as you now live? Have you made the proper response to God’s gracious offer to forgive you of your sins and make you alive in Christ Jesus? Have you exercised your faith in obeying His command to hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and to be immersed in water for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38)? If not, then you are dead while you live. We plead with you to accept the freedom from spiritual death that Jesus pro-

vides. Obey Him today before time and opportunity are no more. Yes, today is the day of salvation for tomorrow may be too late! (2 Corinthians 6:2).

### **TOMORROW**

He was going to be all that a mortal should  
be

Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder or braver than he  
Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he  
knew,

Who’d be glad of a lift and who needed it,  
too;

On him he would call and see what he could  
do

Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters he’d

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write  
Tomorrow.  
And thought of the folks he would fill with delight  
Tomorrow.  
It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,  
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;  
More time he would have to give others, he'd say  
Tomorrow.  
The greatest of workers this man would have been  
Tomorrow.  
The world would have known him, had he ever seen  
Tomorrow.  
But the fact is he died and he faded from view,  
And all that he left here when living was through  
Was a mountain of things he **intended to do**  
**Tomorrow.**

—[Tomorrow poem - Edgar Albert Guest](#)

### **THOSE TO SERVE January 2025**

Announcements: James Pigg  
Lord's Table AM: Mike E. & Jimmy C.  
Lord's Table PM: 5-Mike; 12-Jimmy 19-Mike;  
26-Jimmy  
Opening Prayer AM: 5-Bobbg; 12-Jonnie;  
19-Perry; 26-Russell  
Closing Prayer AM: 5-Roy; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse;  
26-Junior  
Lead Songs: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Mike;  
Wednesday-Chad  
Count Contribution: Mike & Jimmy

### **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!

## Bible Study Opportunities

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM**  
**"A Study of Mark"**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM**  
**"Leave, Live, Look and Labor"**

**SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM**  
**"Having A Positive Attitude"**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
**"A Study of Ecclesiastes"**



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