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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

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Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

By Jonnie Hutchison

Have you made your New Years resolutions? This is the traditional view of each New Year. It is viewed as a time both to reflect on one's life the previous year and to make changes to one's life to improve it in the New Year. There is certainly nothing wrong with such a view. But how many actually follow through on the resolutions they make for the New Year?

In the beginning of this New Year it is imperative that each of us do as instructed in 2 Corinthians 13:5, "**Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.**" This examination of self applies to one's present spiritual condition. Are you in Christ where salvation is located? (2 Timothy 2:10). Have you as a penitent believer confessed your faith in Christ and been baptized into Christ which allows Him to be "in you"?

(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10; Galatians 3:26-27). Without your submission to the commands found in these verses, you will remain outside of Christ, spiritually lost, and without hope (Eph. 2:12). If you obey the commands of the gospel of Christ, you will receive the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life (Eph. 2:13; 1 John 2:25). John writes, "*And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son*" (1 John 5:11).

Is there any better way to begin this New Year than to humble yourself before our loving God and accept His offer of pardon through the blood of Jesus?

As we each examine ourselves in light of God's Word let each of us ask, will I live in 2025 as a faithful servant of Jesus the Christ? (Romans 12:11). Will I be the good steward of what He has entrusted to my keeping? (1 Peter

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Beginning today our Sunday evening services will be changed to **2:00 pm**. See you at **2:00 this afternoon**.

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!

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



“The word of God is the one source which we can completely rely upon; it is the one reliable foundation for our understanding of everything.” — Paul Gaughan via [What is Truth? - Online Articles < Cedar Park church of Christ](#)

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4:10). Will I be a shining light for Him in this world of darkness? (Matthew 5:16). Will I continue to study the Word of God, growing in faith and knowledge as I prepare myself for an eternity with my God? (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18).

Dear reader, where are you in your relationship to God as this New Year has begun? He loves you and desires to save you from the eternal consequences of your

sins. He has given His only begotten Son to shed His blood on the cross to make your salvation possible (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). Up to this point in time, in His longsuffering and concern for your soul, He has given you opportunity to begin this New Year as a saved person who has been granted the hope of eternal life (2 Peter 3:9). Even now, He awaits your decision. What better way could you begin this New Year than by giving your life to your God?

FOLLOWING THE SCRIPTURE IN HAVING A HAPPY NEW YEAR *By Jerry Joseph*

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| <p>⇒ “Hate the evil, and love the good...” – Amos 5:15</p> <p>⇒ “Abstain from all appearance of evil” – 1 Thess. 5:22</p> <p>⇒ “Pray without ceasing” – 1 Thess. 5:17</p> <p>⇒ “Ponder the path of thy feet ...” – Proverbs 4:26</p> <p>⇒ “Yield yourselves unto God...” – Romans 6:13</p> <p>⇒ “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another...” – Heb. 10:24-25</p> | <p>⇒ “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...” – 2 Cor. 13:5</p> <p>⇒ “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong” 1 Corinthians 16:13</p> <p>⇒ “Yield your members servants to righteousness...” – Rom. 6:19</p> <p>⇒ “Exalt ye the Lord our God...” – Psalm 99:5</p> <p>⇒ “Add to your faith virtue...” – 2 Peter 1:5-11</p> <p>⇒ “Remember the Words of the Lord...” – Acts 20:35.</p> |
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—St. Peter’s church of Christ, MO

FOR WHOM ARE CHRISTIANS TO PRAY? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The Bible teaches us to “**pray without ceasing**” which emphasizes both the important of prayer and the effectiveness of prayer (1 Thess. 5:17). The God of heaven assures us that He will both hear and answer the prayers of His faithful children in accordance with His divine will. “*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 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). Knowing that God hears and answers our prayers, for whom should we be praying?

We are to **pray for enemies** who hate and mistreat us—Matt 5:44, “*But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.*”

We should pray for **those ensnared in**

religious error. Paul prayed for His fellow Jews who had rejected Jesus—Rom 10:1-4, “*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.*”

We should pray for the church. Ephesians 6:18 reads, “*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.*”

We should **pray for those in positions of authority.** 1 Tim 2:1-2, “*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and*

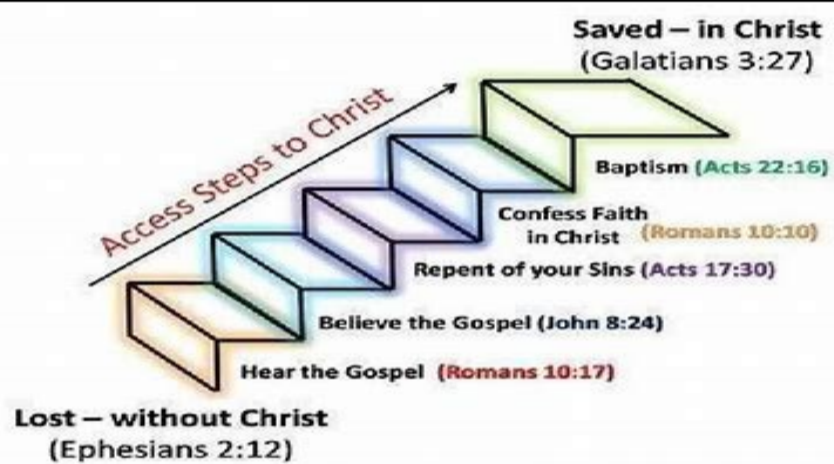
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peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”

We should **pray for ourselves**. That we enter not into temptation (Luke 22:40), pray when guilty of sin (Acts 8:22-24), pray when feeling anxious (Phil. 4:6), pray to offer thanksgiving to God (Col. 4:2), and pray for strength and courage to resist the devil and draw ever nearer to God (James 4:7-8).

Always remember that *“the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”* (James 5:16b).



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-Bobbgy; 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
“Thinking of Heaven”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“The Christian’s Advantages”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of Ecclesiastes”



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