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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
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270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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Location

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New Year's Resolutions John Isaac Edwards

With the coming of a new year, perhaps you've made some resolutions. It's a good time to resolve to do some things of a spiritual nature. As the man in the Parable of the Unjust Steward said, "I am resolved..." (Lk. 16:4), let me suggest some things we may resolve to do in 2024.

1) To Be a Christian.

What better way to start off the new year than by being a New Testament Christian as "... the disciples were called Christians first in Anti-Antioch" (Acts 11:26)? Men of God in the first century tried to per-persuade folks "...to be a Chris-tian" (Acts 26:28). Peter penned, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Pet. 4:16). Let this be the time that you become a Christian by hear-

ing, believing, and obeying the gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

2) To Return.

There are sheep who have wandered away from the flock that need to come home. James wrote about this, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (Jas. 5:19-20). If this time finds you out of step with the Savior, we plead with you to now return "... unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls" (1 Pet. 2:25).

3) To Be At Every Service.

It's a good time to attend every service of the Lord's church. This is part of putting first things first

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Marie Wyatt and Jim and Mary Lowrie.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison, and Ted Clark.

ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY: Russell and Joan Lathrop 1707 Calloway Ave, Murray, KY 42071. Phone: 817-304-0006. We welcome the Lathrop's into our fellowship.

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.

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. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

PANTRY ITEMS January 2024: 7—Peanut Butter; 14-Jelly or Jam; 21-Tooth Paste; 28-Toothbrushes. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

January 2024; Anniversaries: None **Birthdays:** 18-Karen Elkins; 28-Marjorie Grady.

CAN YOU OVERCOME TEMPTATION? “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Cor 10:13). **YES YOU CAN!**

THSE TO SERVE January 2024

Announcements: James Pigg

Table AM: Bobby Hall & Mike Ernstberger

Table PM: 7-Chad; 14-Bobby; 21-Chad; 28-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM: 7-Jonnie; 14-Perry; 21-James; 28-Jim L

Closing Prayer AM: 7-Roy; 14-Dave; 21-Brent; 28-Jesse

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

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike

If you cannot serve contact Chad Canter



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as Jesus taught, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...” (Mt. 6:33). The Psalmist said, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord” (Ps. 122:1). Make it your aim to have perfect attendance this year and see how much you “...grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...” (2 Pet. 3:18).

4) To Read the Bible Daily.

It’s a good time to start a daily Bible reading schedule. Remember the Bereans, who “...searched the scriptures daily...” (Acts 17:11)? Daily Scripture searching helps one to know (Jn. 8:32), to keep from being misled (Acts 20:30), and grow as a child of God (1 Pet. 2:2).

5) To Pray Always.

How about worrying less and praying more in the new year? Paul declared, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6). The Lord spoke a parable to this end, “...that men ought always to pray...” (Lk. 18:1). The Psalmist had a good prayer habit — “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray...” (Ps. 55:17).

6) To Win One to the Lord.

Since “...he that winneth souls is wise” (Prov. 11:30), how about making it

your resolution to find one and win one to the Lord in 2024? Resolve to be an Anna — speak of the Redeemer as she did (Lk. 2:36-38) — and to be an Andrew — find one and bring him to Jesus as he did (Jn. 1:40-42). Think what it would do to the church, if each of us would do that! The church would double by this time next year!!

7) To Be Given to Hospitality.

Christians in the first century were found “...breaking bread from house to house...” (Acts 2:46). How about opening up your home for such occasions in 2024? We find a way to do what we want to do, right? Peter penned, “Use hospitality one to another without grudging” (1 Pet. 4:9). Romans 12:13 says, “... given to hospitality.” May this describe each family here.

8) To Go to Heaven.

Let’s make it our spiritual resolution to live in such a way as to go to Heaven. This requires keeping the Lord’s commandments as John said, “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Rev. 22:14). Let’s be firmly determined to do the will of the Lord **this year!**

-Edited. [New Year’s Resolutions - Articles From Our Bulletins < Southport church of Christ \(southportcofc.org\)](#)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Brush away old heartaches.
Learn from our mistakes.
Another year is finally over.
A new dawn awakes.

Let the old year out.
Welcome the new one in.
Bury the bad things of the

past
As a new year now begins.
Make your New Year wishes
As simple as you can.
Pray for peace and love,
Not for wealth or fame.
Pray for health and happi-

ness.
Pray for your fellow man.
Pray for all the ones you
love.
Pray for those who've lost
their way.

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As the midnight hour chimes,
 We leave the old and embrace the new.
 I wish the things you wish for yourself,
 And may God's love stay with you.

John P. Read. "Happy New Year!" Family Friend Poems, December 31, 2018.
<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/happy-new-year-9>

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!

"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

Hear the Word **(Rom 10:17)**

Believe the Jesus Christ is the Son
 of God **(John 8:24)**

Repent of sins **(Luke 13:3)**

Confess Christ **(Rom 10:10;
 Acts 8:37)**

Be Baptized **(Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16)**

Remain Faithful **(Rev 2:10;
 Acts 8:12-24)**

Heaven can be your home
 if you obey God!

Heb 5:8-9

May We Help?

Bible Study Opportunities

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
 CLASS 10:00 AM
 Study of Matthew**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
 "New Beginnings—1"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 2:00
 "New Beginnings—2"**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm
 Study of Premillennialism**



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