



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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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

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance. & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY OF A PARENT *By Jonnie Hutchison*

To be a good parent one must supply the needs of their children. Basic physical needs would include providing food, clothing, shelter, an education, consistent discipline, and a loving and safe environment. When these basic physical needs are met a child will be able to thrive and have the potential of growing into a well-adjusted adult. However, there is one more basic need that every child has which many parents are failing to provide. Dear parent, are you providing for your child's spiritual needs?

Every child is both a physical and a spiritual being. The inspired Paul described man as having an "outward man" and an "inward man." He wrote, "... Even though our **outward man** is perishing, yet the **inward man** is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). It is obvious that the "outward man" refers to the physical part of a person while the "inward man" is his spiritual essence. For a parent to provide for the physical needs of children but neglect the spiritual needs is to fail as a parent. The

child God has placed within your hands is your responsibility both physically **and spiritually**. That is why the Bible tells parents to "... bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). The spiritual education of one's children is more important than their



secular education. Why? Because the spiritual education or training of a child has eternal consequences. The soul of every child will exist eternally either in heaven or in hell. As a parent, you have the opportunity to influence your child's eternal destiny. Through proper spiritual training and by a godly example, you can help your child prepare to exist eternally with God in heaven. Neglecting that opportunity may very well result in your child's eternal loss. No loving parent wants that!

As a parent, you cannot provide for the spiritual needs of your children while neglecting your own salvation. You must set the example of what it means to love and obey God. Your children will most likely follow where you

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jan Pigg. Marie Wyatt is home recovering from surgery. Please pray for Debbie and Mike Ernstberger and Debbie's father Calvin Hall.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess (Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville), David Lemmons, Kim Burrows, Calvin Hall, Eddy Craft, , and Lucetria Hutchison.

**OUR SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Due to a conflict the School of Biblical Studies **will not meet** on Monday, October 9th. We will resume classes the following Monday, October 16th. Due to this change, our last class originally scheduled for November 6th will be extended to November the 13th.

**TRACTS & DVD'S AVAILABLE** for **free** in the front lobby on a variety of Bible subjects. Feel free to browse these titles and take those of interest to you.

**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 October 2023:** 1—Pork-n-Beans; 8-Peaches; 15-Stewed Tomatoes; 22-Soups; 29—Childrens tooth brushes. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**October 2023; Anniversaries:** None **Birthdays:** 18-Perry Jarvis; 29-Bobby Hall. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.

### THSE TO SERVE October 2023

Announcements: James Pigg

Table AM: Bobby H. & Mike E.

Table PM: 1-Chad; 18-Bobby; 15-Chad;  
22-Bobby; 29-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 1-Jonnie; 18-Perry;  
15-James; 22-Jim; 29-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 1-Roy; 8-Dave; 15-Junior;  
22-Chad; 29-Jesse

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

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike

### **Fall Session School of Biblical Studies**



**September 18-November 13**

**Each Monday 7:00—9:00 pm**

**Everyone Is Invited!**

**Romans—Josh Manning**

**Daniel—Luke Puckett**

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lead. Will you lead them to heaven or to hell? God gave this very relevant command to Israel concerning the Word of God in Deuteronomy 4:9, “**Only take heed to yourself**, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the

days of your life. **And teach them to your children and your grandchildren.**”

Yes, the physical needs of your children are very important and should never be neglected. But providing for **their spiritual needs is your greatest responsibility** as a parent!

### **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:**

⇒ **Gospel Meeting** at the Eastwood church of Christ in Paris, TN October 1-4, 2023 with speaker Bryan McAlister.

⇒ **Gospel Meeting** at the Coldwater church of Christ, October 8-11, 2023 with Alan Adams.

⇒ **1st Annual Tent Singing** at the Coldwater church of Chris, October 27, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm.

***See the bulletin board for details***

### **THE HIGH COST OF HEALTH CARE**

It is reported that our country has one of the highest costs of healthcare in the world. In 2021, U.S. healthcare spending reached \$4.3 trillion, which averages to about \$12,900 per person. Without health insurance, it is likely that most of us could not afford to be cared for and treated if we were to become injured or seriously ill.

When it comes to our spiritual lives, we all are in need of spiritual healthcare. The Preacher of Ecclesiastes stated, “For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.” (Ecclesiastes 7:20) Romans 3:23 also says that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” In our sinful state, we need spiritual healing which can only come from God. However, forgiveness and salvation comes at a great price! Our spiritual healthcare premium has been paid by the precious, innocent blood of Jesus

Christ. “For He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The wonderful news is that God’s spiritual healthcare is available to all people everywhere. “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.” (Titus 2:11) We must always remember the great cost of our spiritual healthcare and that we are forever indebted in His service.. “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:20)

—Jay Launius – 2023 Maud church of Christ— [Short Bulletin Articles — Maud Church of Christ](#)

### GOD CARES *By John Gilbert*

When all the world seems to forsake you,  
And there's chaos in all your affairs;  
When you're blue, disappointed and lonely,  
Of one thing be certain...  
**God Cares!**

When your plans and your dreams come to nothing,  
And your troubles show up in pairs,  
That's the time to use your last ounce of faith  
And remember that always...  
**God Cares!**

We don't know the "why" and the "wherefore"  
For the pain and sorrow one bears;  
But we do know this beyond doubting,  
We are not forgotten...  
**God Cares!**

*—Fifth & Pine church of Christ  
Rector, AR Via Bulletin Digest*

### 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!

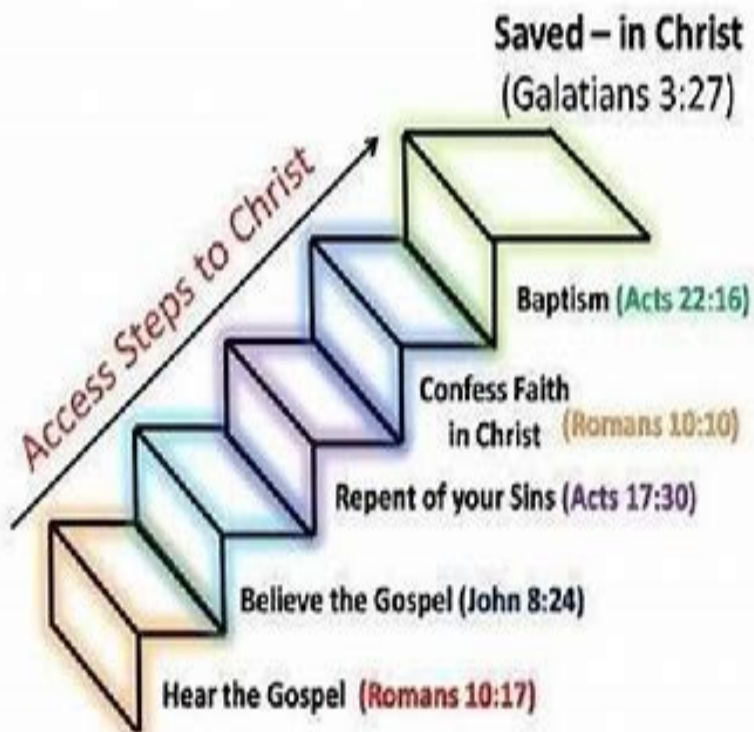
## Bible Study Opportunities

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM**  
**Study of I Thessalonians**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
**"A Visit To A Cemetery"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"The Christian's Relationship to God"**

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



**Lost – without Christ**  
(Ephesians 2:12)



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