



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:50 am  
and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible

### 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;  
MSOP—Eli Sales

### Location

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## WHEN A CHRISTIAN DIES

By Jonnie Hutchison

Death is common in our world. It is an appointment that all of us must keep (Hebrews 9:27). Since none living have experienced death it is usually something that is feared. Most do not want to even think about the subject of death. However, its reality demands that we do.

When a Christian dies what takes place? Every death that occurs involves a separation of the spirit or soul from the physical body. This is stated clearly in both the Old and New Testaments. Speaking of death Ecclesiastes 12:7 reads, *“Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.”* The dust is a reference to the physical body which originally was created from the “dust of the ground” (genesis 2:7). In the New Testament the book of James tell us, *“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also”* (James 2:26). It should be noted that even though the physical body dies, the spirit does

not and continues to exist and be conscious of its surroundings.

That brings us to another things that happens when a Christian dies. In the record of what we commonly refer to as “the rich man and Lazarus” Jesus indicated that at death those who are saved (as represented by Lazarus) will be in that part of the Hadean realm (the place of departed spirits) described as “Abraham’s bosom” or paradise. This is the same location as Jesus said the penitent thief on the cross would be with Him (Luke 23:43). In the record of the death of Lazarus, Jesus said he was *“carried by angels into Abraham’s bosom”* (Luke 16:22). What a tremendously comforting thought! No faithful Christian is ever alone in death. For the faithful child of God death is simply the transition from this world to paradise, there to await the second coming of Christ and the judgment.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

**Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Charlotte Parker, Roger Rhoades,, Joel White, Mary Lou Joseph and Jennie Pool. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **OUR SUYMPATHY:** We were all saddened at the death of our sister Faye Travis this past week. We extend our love and sympathy to Diana and Eddie and all the family and friends of Faye. She will be missed here at Green Plain. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...." (Rev. 14:13).
- **COVID INFO:** Our Covid safety measures remain in effect for our worship services and Bible classes. It is recommended that we wear our masks, social distance and refrain from hand shakes and hugs. Let us consider one another's safety and act accordingly.
- **PANTRY ITEMS October 2021:** 3—Paper Towels; 10—Baked Beans; 17—Pickles; 24—Jelly; 31—Peanut Butter. Please bring any additional items you wish for the "blessing box" which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **October 2021 Anniversaries:** 21-Vickie & Chad Canter . **Birthdays:** 8-Jim Fielder; 18—Perry Jarvis; 29-Bobby Hall. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to the address on the first page of this bulletin.
- **"Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord" " (Psalms 31:24).**

## Those to Serve October 2021

Announcements—Mike Ernstberger

Preside at Lord's Table—Bobby Hall & Larry Enoch

Lord's Table PM: 3rd-Bobby Hall; 10th-Larry Enoch; 17th-Bobby Hall; 24th-Larry Enoch; 31st-Bobby Hall

Opening Prayer AM: 3rd-Jonnie Hutchison; 10th-Chad Canter; 17th-James Pigg; 24th-Jim Lowrie; 31st-Mike Ernstberger

Closing Prayer AM: 3rd-Perry Jarvis; 10th-Mike Ernstberger; 17th-Junior Morris; 24th-Roy Wyatt; 31st-Jesse Vincent

Song Leaders: AM-Perry Jarvis; PM-Mike Ernstberger; Wed: Chad Canter

Counter Contribution: Bobby & Larry Usher: Chad

## LESSONS TODAY

AM Bible Study

*The Book of Acts*

Worship

AM— *The Thief on the Cross*

PM— *This World Is Not Our Home*

Wednesday Bible Class

*A Study of 1 John*

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The death of a faithful Christian will bring an end to all the suffering and trials of life that are common to our existence in this world. In the case of Lazarus Jesus pictures a conversation between Abraham and the rich man. The rich man, being tormented, requests relief from Abraham that he might send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool his tormented tongue. But “Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now **he is comforted** and you are tormented’” (Luke 16:25). At death the Christian ceases earthly labor and enters into rest leaving behind a legacy of good works which follow him/her into eternity. Revelation 14:13 reads “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write:’ Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

Some in the church in Thessalonica expressed concern regarding their brothers

and sisters who had “fallen asleep” (died). Paul assured this concern in the words of 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17, “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” Yes, the ultimate destiny of the faithful Christian will be his or her eternal home with Christ in heaven.

The faithful Christian has much assurance in the face of death and, unlike the unbeliever or non-Christian, need not fear death as those who have no hope (2 Thess. 4:13-18). Dear reader, are you a faithful Christian?



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### 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!

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### If It Smells Like a Skunk...



Last week when entering the church building we were met with an all-too-familiar odor. Unfortunately, some of us know firsthand just how bad a skunk can really smell. Whether you've encountered a skunk one-on-one or not, when you smell the distinctive odor produced by these little varmints, you can immediately identify it. If it smells like a skunk, then it probably is a skunk. Sin is like that. If some action or emotion feels like it could possibly be sinful, then there's a good chance that it probably is:

- ◆ If it feels like pride, then it probably is
- ◆ If it sounds like gossip, then it probably is
- ◆ If it seems to be petty, then it probably is

- ◆ If it feels lukewarm, then it probably is
- ◆ If it looks like it might be a sin...

You get the idea. The Christian life is a constant growing experience and God want us to continue to learn about Him and His will through study and meditation of His Word. Outlined in the Scriptures are corrections and guidance to help us avoid the stench of sin.

*"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ."* Philippians 1:9-10.

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