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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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## IS SIN REAL? By Jonnie Hutchison

In answer to the question “Is Sin Real?” one writer expressed her view in the words, “No sin does not exist. Sins are human constructs designed by the early religious leaders to promote a patriarchal society and to control the masses through fear-based living.” In answer to the same question another wrote, “No. Sin is a problem that Christianity created and is now trying to fix.” While both of these statements deny the reality of such a thing as sin, they admit that the concept of sin exists though, in their view, it is only the invention of men with less than honorable intentions. For those of us who believe the Bible the views expressed in the above quotations fall into the realm of absurdity! The Bible clearly states, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Sin exists! Sin is real!

How does the Bible define sin? Sin is a transgression of God’s spiritual law. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4). Any violation of God’s Word, revealed in the Bible constitutes sin and makes the violator a sinner. Is murder a sin? Yes! Why? Because God’s spiritual law forbids murder (Romans 13:9; James 2:11; 1 Peter 4:15; 1 John 3:15). When one commits murder he violates the spiritual law of God and thus sins. Is murder a reality? In the city of Chicago so far this year (2024) 797 murders have been committed. Ask the families of those whose lives were taken from them in Chicago if murder is

real. Since murder is real so is sin for murder violates God’s spiritual law.

Why would anyone deny the reality of sin? If sin does not exist then one is relieved of guilt and personal responsibility for ones actions. In that scenario one could do whatever he wants to do and never be held accountable to anyone higher than himself. Yet the reality is, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). Sinners are held accountable before God for their sins! “The wages of sin is death....” (Romans 6:23). “The soul that sins it shall die” (Ezekiel 18:20). “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Denying that sin is real will have no impact whatsoever on the certain judgment of sinners by God!

Rather than denying the reality of sin, every person should accept it for what it is and utilize God’s plan of salvation to receive forgiveness to escape the eternal consequences of sin. Here is the reality— “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of

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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. Marjorie Grady is in Spring Creek. Jim Lowrie is in the Hospice House in Murray. Continue to pray for Marie Wyatt, Joan Lathrop, Jackie Spiceland and Dave & Ann Thompson. Peggy Jarvis is in Murray Hospital after a fall and is now under the care of Hospice.

**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, Gina Hutchison is as of this writing in Vanderbilt Hospital, Donald Cook and Teri Mercer.

**PANTRY ITEMS October 2024:** 6-Apple Sauce; 13-Peaches; 20-Pears; 27-Pineapple slices. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**October 2024; Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 18-Perry Jarvis; 18-Russell Lathrop; 29-Bibby Hall.

**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!

**GOSPEL MEETING** at the *Coldwater church of Christ* with Kevin Rutherford, instructor at the Memphis School of Preaching, October 27-30, 2024. Sunday Services are at 9:30 am for Bible class; 10:15 for morning worship and 1:00 pm for afternoon services. Monday through Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm.

### **THOSE TO SERVE October 2024**

**announcements:** James Pigg

**Lord's Table AM:** Bobby H. & Russell L.

**Lord's Table PM:** 6-Chad; 13-Bobby; 20-Chad;  
27-Bobby

**Opening Prayer AM:** 6-Chad; 10-Jonnie; 20-Perry; 27-Mike

**Closing Prayer AM:** 6-Roy; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse;  
27-Brent Jr.

**Song Leaders:** Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Mike; Wednesday-Chad

**Count Contribution:** Bobby & Russell

## **SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES**

**Continues Each Consecutive  
Monday through Nov. 4th  
7-9 pm**

**“A Study of Parables”  
Larry Powers**

**“A Study of Hebrews” Part 1  
Jonnie Hutchison**

**Everyone is Invited!!**

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*His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*" (Romans 5:8-9). God does not want any of us to perish in sin (2 Peter 3:9). He sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins and obtain the hope of heaven (John 3:16). Yet, we cannot continue in sin and expect to escape its consequences. We must live a disciplined life, expressing our love for God through obedience to

His will. We must deny ourselves of "*ungodliness and worldly lusts*" and "*live soberly righteously and godly in this world*" (Titus 2:11-12).

Yes, sin is real! The punishment for sin is real! The salvation that is in Jesus Christ is real! We plead with each reader to accept God's plan for your salvation from sin and you will, at the coming of our Lord, enjoy the reality of being with Him in the eternal bliss of heaven!

### **CAN YOU FIND? By Wendell Winkler**

Christ exhorted, "Search the scriptures..."; (John 5:39). The Bereans were noble for, along with receiving the word with all readiness, they "searched the scriptures daily"; (Acts 17:11). Today, we should heed the Lord's exhortation and emulate the example of the Bereans.

Kind reader, as you "search the scriptures," can you find the following? 1. The name you wear in religion? Remember, speaking of the name Christ, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"; (Acts 3:12). In searching the scriptures, can you find, 2. The church of which you are a member? If the Bible is our road map from earth to heaven, how can we expect to reach the desired destination being a member of some institution whose name does not even appear in its pages? Think it over! In searching the scriptures, can we find, 3. The worship you render? Can you present divine authority and sanction for the burning of incense, washing of feet and instrumental music in worship to God today? Where is the scripture? In searching the scriptures, can you find, 4. The confession you made? What confession did you make before you were baptized? Did you confess, "I believe that God for Christ's sake has pardoned my sins?"; Can you find it in the Bible? In searching the scriptures can you

find, 5. The baptism to which you submitted? Did you have water sprinkled or poured upon you when you were an infant – or maybe later? Can you find book, chapter and verse from the scripture for such a practice in the Christian age? Where can we read that sprinkling is baptism or that infants are proper subjects for such? Also, if you were baptized because you were already saved, where do you read of such in the Bible?

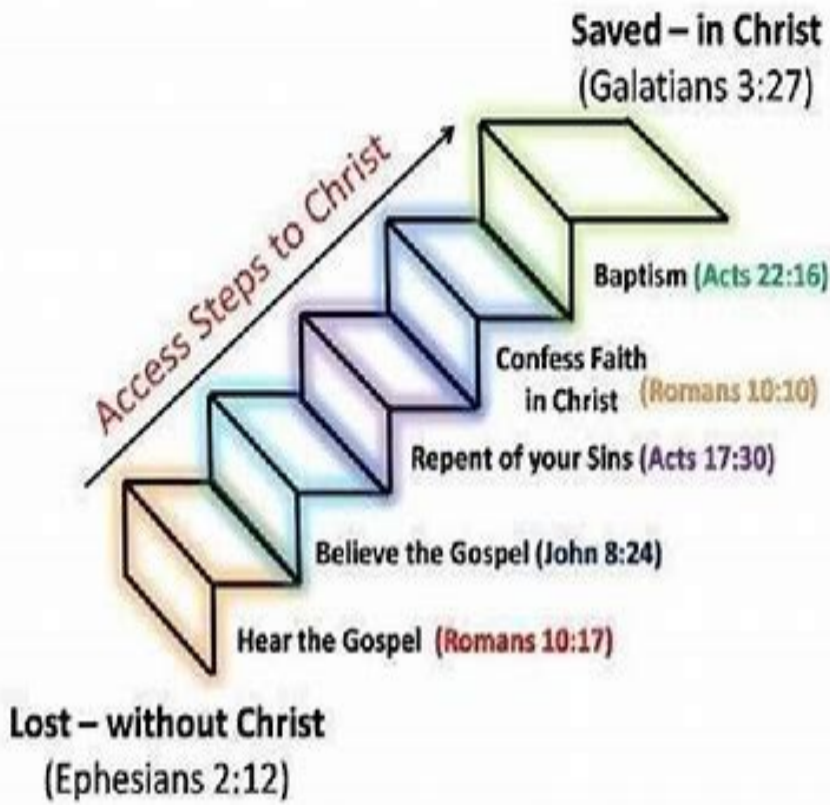
In conclusion, we ask, can you be satisfied rapidly and speedily marching toward eternity having patterned your life after matters which you cannot find in the scriptures? This is a serious matter!

—[CAN YOU FIND? by Wendell Winkler – Lakeside Church of Christ](#)

**Worry** is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

**Prayer** is a conversation you have with God about things He can change!

**"Pray without ceasing"**



**Your diet is not only just what you eat  
It's what you watch,  
What you listen to,  
What you read, and the people you hang around.**

**Be mindful of the things you put in your body  
emotionally, spiritually and physically.**

Watch and listen to our 2024 Spring and Fall Gospel Meeting Series on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Do a search on either site for the *Green Plain church of Christ* to access the fine lessons presented by brothers Bradley Smith and John Sales.

**“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” - 2 Timothy 4:3**

**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 Matthew”**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM**  
**“From Heaven or From Men?”**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 6:00 PM**  
**“The Peace That Surpasses All Understanding”**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**



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