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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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WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR By Jonnie Hutchison

Every time there is military action in the Middle East, such as the horror we have witnessed in the nation of Israel, the purveyors of the so called “end times” begin spouting their predictions of the coming of Christ and the end of the world. It seems not to matter that the Bible very clearly states that no one knows when Christ is coming. Jesus Himself said, “*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only*” (Matthew 24:36). All such predictions have failed in the past despite any military action that has taken place in the Middle East. There is no reason to believe that present predictions will be any more successful. We urge our readers not to be caught up in the hysteria that often accompanies such conflicts.

The present war between Israel and Hamas is not a sign of the second coming of Christ or the end of the world. That is true because **no “signs”** will precede the second coming of Christ. How many thieves will give a

homeowner “signs” to warn of his intent to break into his house? Yet, the Bible likens the second coming of Christ to that of a thief. Jesus used this very illustration when speaking of His second coming. Matthew 24:42-44 reads, “*watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*” When Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica he told them, “*But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night*” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2).

In your lifetime and mine there have always been wars and rumors of war. I suppose that

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

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

OUR SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES will resume classes tomorrow evening October 16th. Our studies are the book of Romans taught by Josh Manning and the book of Daniel taught by Luke Puckett. It's not too late to begin attending these classes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our last class has been moved to November 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.

Most people are not ready to die for they have not made preparation for death. That necessary preparation begins with hearing and obeying the gospel of Christ.

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; 8-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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such will be true until our Lord, at the time of the Father's choosing, returns in the clouds to take His faithful home to heaven and to destroy this material universe with fire. In the meantime, our responsibility is to

use the time and opportunities God grants us to prepare for His return. Are you making that preparation? If you do, you will be ready regardless of wars or rumors of war. May we help you make that preparation?

"IF I ONLY KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW"

By Terry Clark

I imagine everyone has made choices in life they regret. Many acknowledge "If I only knew then what I know now, I would have chosen differently."

Our choices can have eternal consequences. Jesus states in Mathew 7:13-14 that narrow and difficult is the way which leads to life, and wide is the gate that leads to destruction. Making choices that lead to destruction may not be fully realized until it's too late. Jesus presents a vivid picture of this in Luke 16:19-31 when he tells of the rich man who is in the place of torment and separated from those in Abraham's care. The rich man pleads to Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's house to warn his brothers so that they may repent and not be destined to the same place. Abraham responds that his brothers have Moses and the prophets and if they refuse to listen to them, neither will they be persuaded by one coming to them from the

dead.

Today, we have the Word of God that calls everyone to repent and obey the Gospel. Sadly, many reject the call and continue to choose the wide path to destruction.

"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21).

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor

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UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting** at the Walnut Grove church of Christ in Benton, KY October 22-23 with Michael May. Theme "We Can Fulfill the Great Commission." Sunday services 9:00 & 10:30 am; 1:30 pm; Monday 7:00 pm.
- ⇒ **1st Annual Tent Singing** at the Coldwater church of Christ, October 27, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm.

See the bulletin board for details

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drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (I Corinthians 6:9-11).

We “know now” only the righteous will inherit the kingdom of God. Choose wisely how you will live!

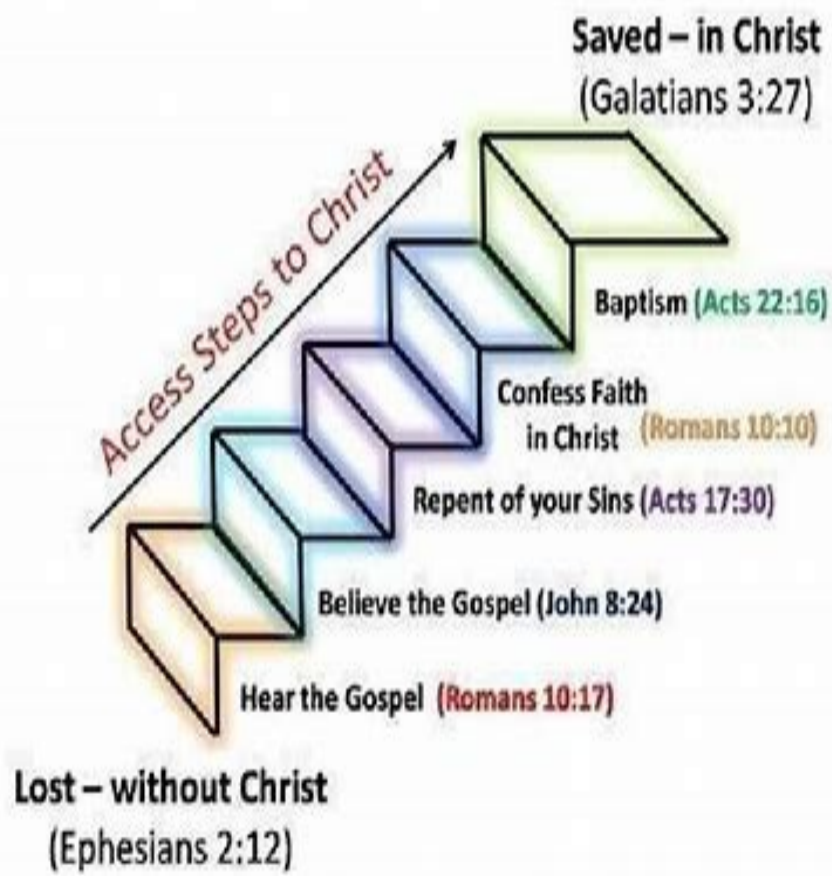
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WORRY is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.



PRAYER is a conversation you have with God about things HE can change.



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
“Examine Yourselves”
2 Cor. 13:1-6

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
“Is Israel Still the Chosen People of God?”

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Matthew



A Bi-Weekly Podcast Available wherever you get your Podcasts