



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM Sunday Worship
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
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- James Pigg  
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- Larry Enoch
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- Jesse Vincent

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- Jonnie Hutchison  
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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## IS THE BIBLE REALLY THE WORD OF GOD?

By Mike Riley

Throughout the centuries, various skeptics have sought to discredit the Bible as the Word of God. Let us ask ourselves this question: "How can we be certain that the Bible is really the Word of God?" In this short article, let us consider the following thoughts along with related secular documentation and Scripture:

1) **The Bible is a perfectly conceived document** — There are over two hundred separate compositions in the Bible, counting the Psalms. A span of more than 1,500 years separates the writing of the first book (Genesis, by Moses) from that of the last (Revelation, by John). More than forty individuals had a hand in the writing, most of whom lived in different places at different times, and never met any of the other writers. If the Bible does not represent supernaturally inspired authorship, how else can we explain its consistency over that long period of time, with many hands involved in its writing and preservation? There is only one logical explanation — Almighty God is its Author (Hebrews 1:1-2

– NKJV; cf. Romans 16:25-26 – NKJV; Ephesians 1:3-11 – NKJV).

2) **The Bible is historically flawless** — In the recording of secular events, the Bible accurately describes those events in every detail. For centuries, the Bible has been used as a sourcebook by archaeologists, because it tells of nations, cities, and people known only because the Bible revealed their existence and location. For example, the Hittites were a forgotten people until the second half of the nineteenth century. In 1832, the Hittite capital of Boghazkoy (located in Turkey) was discovered by Charles Texier. More than 10,000 clay tablets have been unearthed from the site. The evidence gathered from this site not only has significantly advanced Hittite studies, but has confirmed the Bible's account of their existence (cf. Genesis 23:1-20).

3) **The Bible has never been successfully challenged** — We've all heard people say, "The Bible is full of contradictions."

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members**: Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends**: Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely, Carol Pigg and Lucetria Hutchison.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study. All other services are cancelled until further notice.
- **PANTRY ITEMS October 2020:** 4—Canned Tomatoes 11—Spaghetti Sauce; 18—Canned Peas; 25—Tuna. 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.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **October 2020 Anniversaries:** 21-Chad & Vickie Canter. **Birthdays:** 8—Jim Fielder; 18—Perry Jarvis; 29—Bobby Hall; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at [greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).
- **Should we not all be expressing the sentiment of the publican, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:13). “For all have sinned....” (Romans 3:23a).**

### ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network  
<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School  
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer  
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today  
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord’s Way  
<http://searchtv.org/>



### **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION**

**This Week:** Who said, “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

**Last Week:** To whom did Jesus say, “Get behind Me Satan”?

**Answer:** Jesus addressed these words to Simon Peter (Matthew 16:23).

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The simplest way to answer one who expresses this view is to hand him or her a Bible and say, "Show me one." Yes, there are slight differences in the details where an event is described by two Bible authors, just as two artists painting the same landscape will not paint it exactly alike. One sees things the other does not see, or omits details the other uses. But that is not the same as a contradiction. There are no so-called conflicts between Bible authors when their inspired writings come under close scrutiny.

**4) The Bible never argues in its own behalf as being valid** — The inspired writers simply state factual accounts and move on. When miraculous happenings are recorded, there are no explanations of how these things took place; we just learn that they occurred. A human author would likely have tried to present all sorts of evidence to support his views, but God just tells us exactly what He wants us to know, no more and no less, and then leaves it to us either to believe or to disbelieve (cf. Acts 14:4 – NKJV; Acts 17:32 – NKJV; Acts 28:24 – NKJV).

**5) The Bible does not try to make its characters look good** — Although the Scriptures present numerous individuals as examples of faith (Hebrews 11:1-40), it always displays these people in a very human light. We hear of the steadfastness of Abraham (Hebrews 11:8-10), but we also see instances where he was willing to sacrifice his wife's virtue to save his own neck (cf. Genesis 20:1-18). We have David described as "the man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22 – NKJV; cf. 1 Samuel 13:14 – but we also see him fall into temptation (2 Samuel 11:1-5 – NKJV). We read of the instability of Peter in the same gospels where his faith is praised (Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27; cf. Matthew

16:17-19). It would have been easy to have recorded only the positive qualities of these men, but instead we see them presented as they were — imperfect and in need of a Savior.

**6) The Bible tells us everything we need to know, and no more** — Although the Scriptures contain the greatest prose and poetry ever composed (the Psalms), and tell the most wonderful stories of God's amazing love and grace (read the prodigal son story – Luke 15:11-32 – NKJV), not a word is wasted. Unlike a book written for entertainment, adjectives and descriptions are used only when necessary to make a point. For instance, not a word appears to tell us exactly what Jesus looked like (cf. Isaiah 53:2). Why? Simply because God didn't deem it as being important, so it isn't recorded. No secular historical book is written in so clear, precise, and direct a manner as the Bible.

We could go on and on listing all sorts of other indicators of the fact that the Bible is what we believe it to be — the complete, inerrant, and inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17 – NKJV). The few indicators that we have listed above will suffice. Let us be sure to mention them to the next Bible skeptic that we run across

## Bible Study



**EACH WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 pm**

**Book of 1 Timothy taught by  
Jim Lowrie**



### 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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### OUR STUDY TODAY

### "PREACH THE WORD"

#### "Hearing in God's Plan"

### GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK



[GBNTV.ORG](http://GBNTV.ORG)

## PLAN of SALVATION

#### Hear

The Gospel

[Romans 10:17](http://Romans 10:17)

#### Believe

In Christ

[John 8:24](http://John 8:24)

#### Repent

Of Sins

[Acts 17:30-31](http://Acts 17:30-31)

#### Confess

Faith in Christ

[Acts 8:37](http://Acts 8:37)

and  
 Be Baptized

[Mark 16:16](http://Mark 16:16)  
[Acts 2:38](http://Acts 2:38)