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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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## WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE SOUL WINNERS By Mark Posey

Did you know that 97% of the world has heard of Coke-a-Cola? Did you know that 72% of the world has seen a can of Cole-a-Cola? Did you know that 51% of the world has tasted a can of Coke-a-Cola? Coke has only been around for some 100 years, not too bad! In knowing that, compare it to the fact that only some 20% of the world's population has heard the Gospel message! We need to get our attention back on that which is eternal and focus on the lost. Therefore, why should Christians be Soul Winners?

1. **The COMMAND** from above (Matthew 28:18-20). Since Jesus has all authority we are commanded to go, make disciples of all nations, baptize them and teach them to obey. This commission is given in light of the authority of Jesus; it is an authoritative command, not a suggestion. It is the same idea as an officer reminding a private of his rank before he gives the orders. Because He has this authority, He can send whomever He wills to do whatever He pleases. One problem for many Churches and Christians today is the Great Com-mission has become the Great Omission! Cf. Jn. 14:15.

2. **The CRY** from beneath (Luke 16:27-28). Remember the rich man who died and woke up in hell begging for someone to go and tell his brothers? "I pray thee, therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house (for I have five brethren), that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (vv. 27,28).

There is the cry from beneath. If you and I could hear the cries of people in a lost eternity right now, we'd realize how important and urgent it is to get the Gospel out. Cf. 2 Cor. 5:11, 20.

3. **The CALL** from without (Acts 16:9-10). The Macedonian man wanted help. So Paul went to bring Macedonia the gospel! The greatest help we can bring anyone is the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ! It is good for us to bring other help along with the gospel, but without the gospel, what real help have you given them? Cf. 2 Timothy 2:2.

4. **The CONSTRAINT** from within (2 Corinthians 5:14). Paul felt compelled by the love of Christ. If someone asked, "Why are you doing it all? Why all the pain and all the trials?" Paul would answer, "I have to. I have received the love of Christ. I have the love of Christ in my heart in the sense that I love Jesus. And I have the love of Christ in my heart for all the people Jesus loves. I am compelled by the love of Christ!" The apostles labored much, but all their labor sprang from the impulse of the love of Jesus Christ. Just as Jacob toiled for Rachel solely out of love to her, so do true saints serve the Lord Jesus under the omnipotent constraint of love. Cf. Rom. 9:3; 10:1.

Conclusion: Paul Harvey said, "Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men but keepers of the aquarium." Brethren, this must change. **PREACHERS**—preach on evangelism!

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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, Jackie Spiceland and Dave & Ann Thompson. Peggy Jarvis is under the care of Home Health. Joan Lathrop had surgery this past Thursday and as of this writing is recovering in Murray Hospital.

**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, 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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ELD-ERS—lead in evangelism! DEACONS—practice evangelism! CHRISTIANS—be evange-

lists. May the day come when Col. 1:23 is repeated.

## WHY ARE YOU HERE? By Jonnie Hutchison

If you are a New Testament Christian, you were raised from the waters of baptism, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and forgiven of all past sins. At that point your spiritual slate was absolutely clean. That would have been the perfect time for God to take you directly to heaven. Why didn't He?

**First, God has a purpose for your life in this world.** When you became a Christian you were "raised to walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). You could not do that if you were not allowed to continue to live your life on this earth. This "new life" gives you purpose. You have put aside the "old man" and put on the "new man" (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:9-10), and now you are to "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2-3).

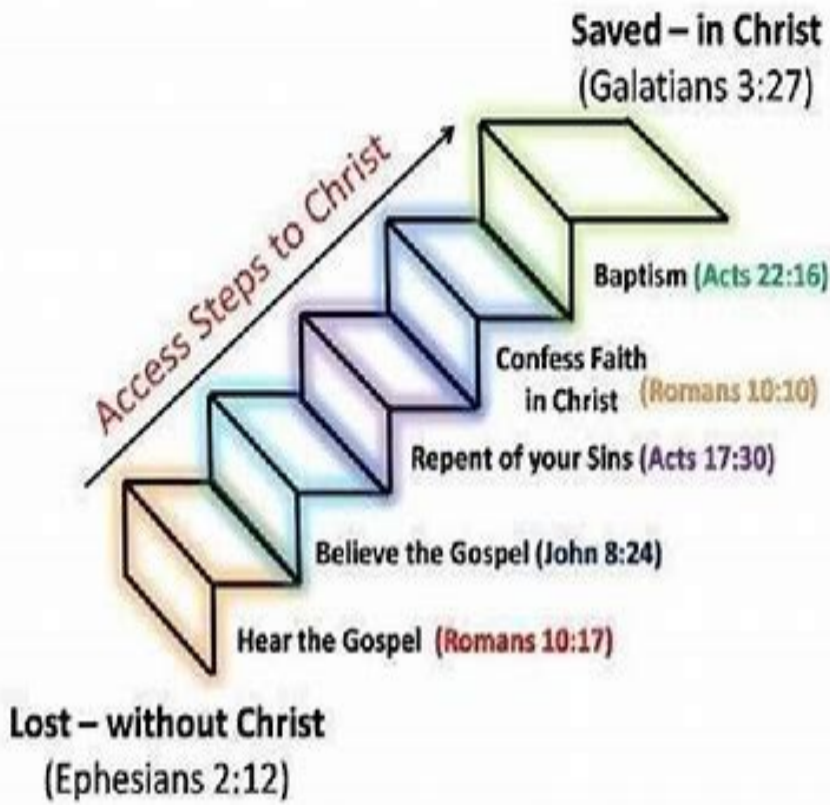
**Second, you are here to serve.** Romans 12:11 reads, "not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, **servicing the Lord.**" The life of a Christian is to be spent daily serving God and others. Hebrews 12:28 tells us to "**serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.**" Galatians 5:13 says, "through love **serve one another.**" The inspired Paul assured the Christians in Colossae, "knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for **you serve the Lord Christ**" (Col 3:24).

**Third, you are here to "fear God and keep His commandments"** Solomon in his search for the true purpose of life was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

*Fear God and keep His commandments For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing Whether good or evil" (Eccl. 12:13-14).* To fear God involves a healthy appreciation and recognition of the supremacy of God in one's life. He is to be respected and revered. He is to be loved and His Word treated with the deepest esteem. We show our love for Him in our submission to His Word. 1 John 5:3 reads, "*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*"

**Fourth, you are here to prepare for your eternal existence.** This present life is the only time granted to you to make preparation for what comes after this life. "*It is appointed unto man once to die and then comes the judgment*" (Hebrews 9:27). Death seals one's eternal destiny. This makes our present life and how we live it of extreme importance. This life is brief (James 4:14). We have only a short time to prepare for eternity. God will not fail in His promise to grant His faithful an eternal home in heaven. But we must follow the example of Paul who wrote, "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

If you truly understand why you are here, and act upon that knowledge, you can enjoy this life and an eternity in heaven.



**“A lie doesn’t become the truth, wrong doesn’t become right, and evil doesn’t become good, just because it’s accepted by a majority.”**  
**Ex 23:2a**  
**“You shall not follow a crowd to do evil”**

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**  
**“What We Can Learn From the Salvation of Noah”**

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

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**



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