



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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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  
Cell: 270-978-7569

### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

### Location

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## GOD IS ON THE THRONE, NOT ON STAGE *By Dalton Key*

The God we serve is an august, spiritual being both deserving and desirous of our deepest respect. Though described in Scripture as a friend to man (Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23), He is not some sort of "good buddy" to joke with or about. Our God is still on the throne (Psalm 45:6); His ways remain higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9), and His authoritative Word still promises to judge us in the Last Day (Revelation 20: 12). No measure of self-appointed, flippant familiarity with the God of heaven detracts one bit or whit from His inherent majesty. Our God is eminently worthy of our reverence; thus we must serve Him "acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28). Truly, reverence is the 'very first element of religion.' Moreover, our periods of public worship should express this spirit of reverence. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all about him" (Psalm 89:7). Worship performed "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) suggests a demeanor of awe and reverence. We agree that our worship ser-

vices should be permeated with expressions of joy and thanksgiving - they should not come to resemble a congregational visit to the dentist, but neither should the reverent worship of our heavenly Father be confused for a carnival or rock concert. Regardless of where, when, or by whom the worship is performed - it must be characterized by reverence and decorum. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). The worship assembly is not the proper setting for screaming, whistling, clapping, and stomping the feet in response to a speaker's message. We do not gather to pay homage to men but to worship God. We do not come together as we would at football game or a band concert; we come to worship God. We do not assemble with the intent of being entertained; we come to worship God. Any assembly of saints with the intent of worshipping and praising the God of heaven should reject that which emphasizes the carnal emotions and minimizes the spiritual man. An outsider should be able to attend one of our assem-

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

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

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

**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.



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28, 2023  
5:00 PM**

**“In God’s embrace, you find strength to conquer any challenge.”.**

**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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blies and see a marked difference between the worship of God and a stage show performance. In the realm of worship, zeal without knowledge (Romans 10:2) paves a dangerous road toward pagan, fleshly-oriented, and riotous assemblies. Most of our denominational neighbors have long gone this

route, with services geared more toward entertaining man than worshipping God. May we learn to temper our joy in Christ with a Christ-like reverence for things holy. And may we teach our children so. Remember, our God is on the throne - not on stage.

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## “HE PREACHED RIGHT AT ME”

By James Hahn

I have heard this statement made many times by individuals who have just heard a sermon presented which exposed some wrong in their lives. Did you ever wonder why anyone would feel that the preacher had "preached right at" him?



Suppose the preacher has just preached against lying. Who in the audience will feel that he has preached right at him? It could only be one who is guilty of lying. The same would hold true on any other subject.

What we need to do is examine the things taught in the light of God's word. If we find them to be true we should accept them. If they expose some wrong in our life we need to change and thank God that there is someone concerned enough about our soul to teach us what we need to hear.

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### **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:**

- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting** at the Sharon church of Christ in Sharon, TN, October 22-25 with Andy Brewer. Monday-Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm.
- ⇒ **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 additional details***

**THE BIBLE  
IS A GOLD MINE,  
WAITING FOR SOMEONE  
TO TAKE OUT  
ITS RICHES.**

*Lee Robertson*

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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!

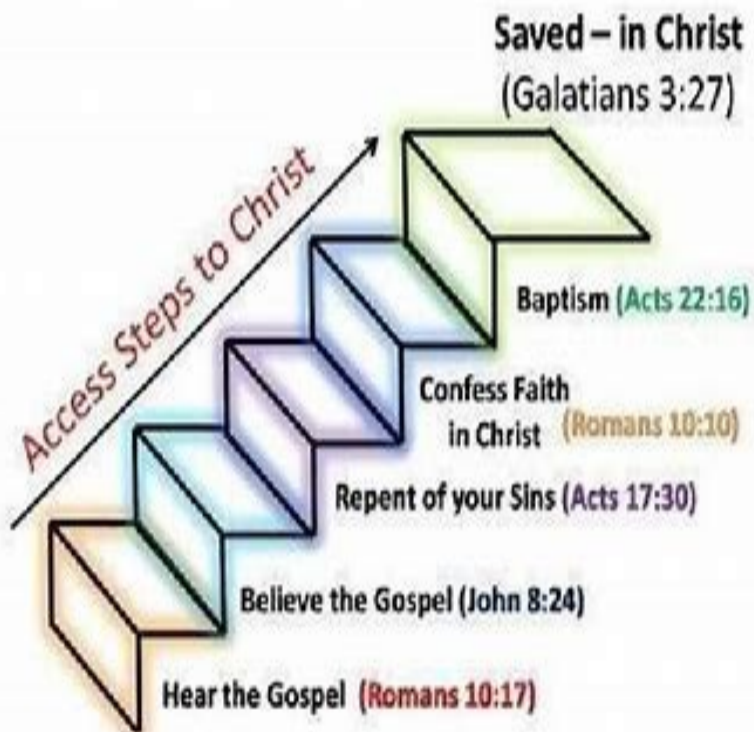
**Bible Study Opportunities**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM**  
**Study of Matthew**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
**"Three Steps to Heaven"**  
**2 Cor. 13:1-6**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"God Is On My Side"**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
**Study of Premillennialism**



Lost – without Christ (Ephesians 2:12)



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