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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

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HAS GOD ANSWERED YOUR PRAYER?

By Jonnie Hutchison

Among the great blessings and privileges of being a Christian is the opportunity to approach the God of heaven and earth through the avenue of prayer. The Hebrew writer declares, *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16). We are assured that God will hear and answer our sincere prayers as we ask in harmony with His revealed will. *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him"* (1 John 5:14).

God's greatest servants have always been men and women who prayed regularly and consistently. The Bible records the prayers of Abraham (Gen. 15:7; 17:18; 20:17), Daniel (Dan. 2:17-18); Solomon (1 Kings 3:6-9), David (1 Sam. 23:10-13; 2 Sam. 7:18; Psalm 51:10-13), Ezra (Ezra 9:6); Gideon (Judges 6:36); Habakkuk (Hab. 1:2-4); Hannah

(1 Sam. 10:11), Isaac (Gen. 25:21), Jesus (Matt. 11:25; John 17:1-26; Luke 23:34, 46), Paul (Acts 28:8; Eph. 3:14-21; 2 Cor. 12:8), Peter (Acts 9:40); the church (Acts 12:5) and the disciples (Acts 4:29-30) just to name a few. The prayers of these faithful men and women were answered by the very same loving God that we serve.

Sometimes people will pray to God expecting their prayers to be answered but are disappointed in the outcome. They may express this disappointment in words like "I prayed about it, but God didn't answer my prayer. Why?" In answering this question consider the following:

Did you ask according to His will? According to 1 John 5:14, asking according to God's will is a condition to acceptable prayer. If one asks for something which is contrary to the will of God as revealed in the Bible, then he need not expect his prayer to be answered.

Did you ask in faith with no doubting? Regarding the subject

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Joan Lathrop, and Roy and Marie Wyatt.

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, ,Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Janice Canter, Peyton Mays and Patricia Dowdy. Darren Mays has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for the success of his treatments.

PANTRY ITEMS October 2025: 5-Kool-aid; 12-Tea Bags; 19-Bath Soap; 26-Shampoo. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

October 2025; Anniversaries: 19-Wanda and Jimmy Cochran. **BIRTHDAYS:** 18-Perry Jarvis; 18-Russell Lathrop; 29-Bobby 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!

What can wash away your sin? “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in **His own blood**” (Revelation 1:5).

THOSE TO SERVE October 2025

Announcements: James Pigg

Lord’s Table AM: Mike & Russell

Lord’s Table PM: 5-Mike; 12-Russell; 19-Mike;
26-Russell

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Bobby; 12-Jonnie; 19-Jimmy;
26-Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Roy; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse;
26-Chad

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

Count Contribution: Mike & Russell

**GREEN PLAIN
SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL
STUDIES**

FALL SESSION 2025
Sept. 22—Nov. 10
Each Monday 7-9 pm

A Study of Jude
Eli Sales

A Study of Amos
John Sales

**ALL ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND!**

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of praying for wisdom the book of James affirms, *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord”* (James 1:6-7). The faith in this passage refers to one's personal faith. How confident were you in your prayer that God would both hear and answer it? Or, did you doubt He would? Jesus said, *“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them”* (Mark 11:24). “The doubter forfeits all legitimate expectation that his prayer may be answered” (Coffman).

Have you forgiven others? Jesus taught, *“But when you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses”* (Mark 11:25-26). One who harbors a grudge or an unforgiving attitude toward others is not ready to seek God's forgiveness. Until one repents of such an attitude he need not expect God to forgive him even if he asks in prayer. (See Ephesians 4:32 and Colossians 3:13).

Did you pray with humility and reverence in recognition of your own unworthiness? Jesus told the parable of the Pharisee and the publican (Luke 18:9-14) to contrast two different attitudes that impact prayer — self-righteousness and humility. The parable speaks of a Pharisee and a tax collector who went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee's prayer showed an utter disregard for his own guilt as well as a lack of respect for others. While the Pharisee exalted himself, telling God all the good things he had done and how much better he was than others, the tax collector, in humble recognition of his own un-

worthiness, refused to raise up his head before God, beat himself on his chest and said, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.” Jesus ended this parable by explaining the tax collector was justified before God *“...for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”* (Luke 18:14). One ought to approach God in prayer with the deepest of humility and reverence if he expects God to accept his prayer.

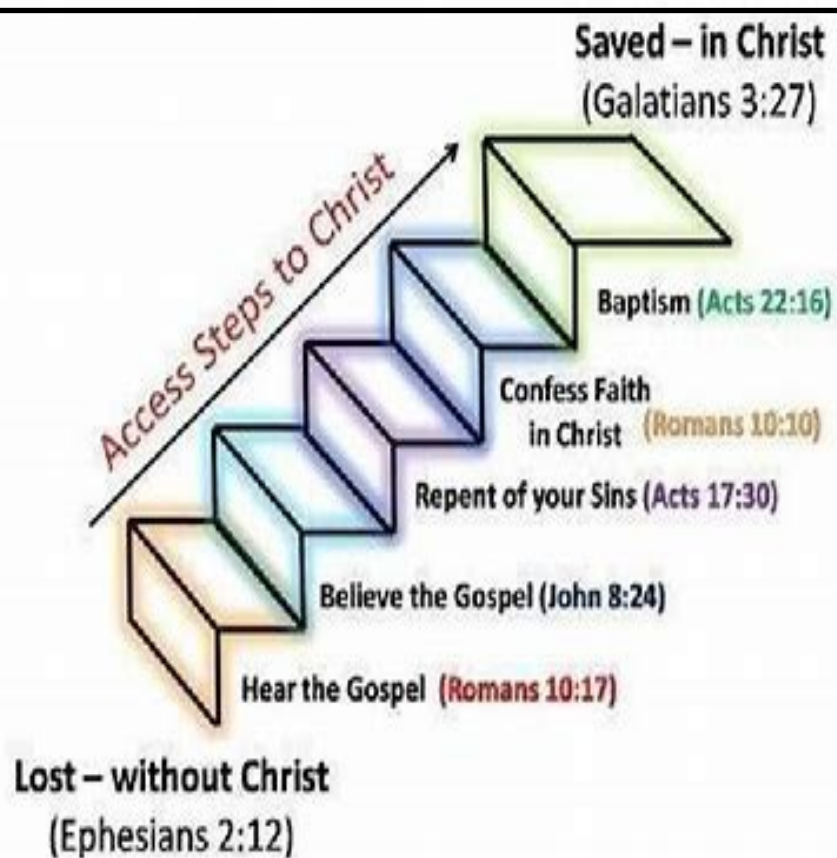
Are you an impenitent sinner? Are you truly doing God's will in your life? The Bible reads in John 9:31, *“Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, He hears him.”* According to these words God does not hear impenitent sinners in the sense of answering their prayers. On the other hand, God does hear the prayers of those who do His will. The inspired Solomon wrote, *“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is His delight”* (Proverbs 15:8). The prophet Isaiah was inspired to reveal, *“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear”* (Isaiah 59:2). Obeying God and becoming a faithful Christian assures us of the fact that God will hear and answer our prayers according to His will.

God will hear and answer our prayers but He will do so in agreement with His unlimited knowledge and according to His eternal purpose. He may not always answer our prayers in the way that we expect or on our timetable. Sometimes God may say “no” in answering our prayers. We should accept that He will hear our prayers and place our trust in Him that He will answer our prayers as to what is best spiritually for all involved. Then with confidence we can say with the Psalmist, *“But certainly God has heard me; He has*

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attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer; Nor His mercy from me!" (Psalm 66:19-20).



ARE YOU IN OR OUT?

- ♦ Salvation is **“in Christ”** - 2 Timothy 2:10.
- ♦ Redemption is **“in Christ”** - Romans 3:24.
- ♦ One is dead to sin but alive to God **“in Christ”** - Romans 6:11.
- ♦ Eternal life is available **“in Christ”** - Romans 6:23.
- ♦ There is no condemnation to those who are **“in Christ”** - Romans 8:1.
- ♦ The sanctified are **“in Christ”** - 1 Corinthians 1:2.
- ♦ Those **“in Christ”** are a new creation—2 Cor. 5:17.
- ♦ All spiritual blessings are **“in Christ”** - Eph. 1:3.
- ♦ Baptism, preceded by faith, repentance and confession of faith, puts one **“into Christ”** - Acts 2:38; 9:37; Rom 6:3-5; Gal. 3:26-27.

So, are you in or out?

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 Mark”

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
“The Valleys of Life”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“The Christian Graces—I”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of I Kings”



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