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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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## THOUGHTS ON HEAVEN

Revelation 21:23-25, *“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).”*

As a child I was taken to visit a mansion, an extraordinary structure built in the early 20th century. As we were walking to the site my attention was occupied by a rather ornate fountain and did not realize how close I was to the building we were there to see. When I eventually turned and saw the mansion for the first time my breath was taken by the beauty and the scale. My breath was taken as though someone lightly punched me in the chest. I was stunned. I had never seen anything like it. It rose from the ground in sure stone toward the sky filling my eyes. I remember the experience well. But that

mansion, as impressive as it was, cannot match what awaits those who love God.

There is no greater place than Heaven, and it is meant to be our home. Earth is nothing when compared to it. Heaven holds the throne of God. It will be home to the righteous of mankind. It is the abode to the holy angels. In Heaven the Godhead, angelic beings and humanity will be together in one grand city. The righteous are brought to a home designed for humanity and open to any and all who obey God. It is made with you in mind. Jesus describes Heaven and tells us what He is going to do in John 14:2-3 *“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”* Jesus will see to it that the righteous will be brought to His Father’s house after final judgment. He will see to

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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.

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** We will have our regular worship this morning. This being a 5th Sunday we will meet at 6:00 pm for our 5th Sunday singing. Please come and enjoy this period of worship and praise to our God.

**SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES** continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm. If you have not attended any of these classes, it's not too late to profit from those that remain. This class will continue each Monday through 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.

### 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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it that it is perfectly fit for them. They will continue with God and nothing can separate them from God: no enemy, not time, and not death.

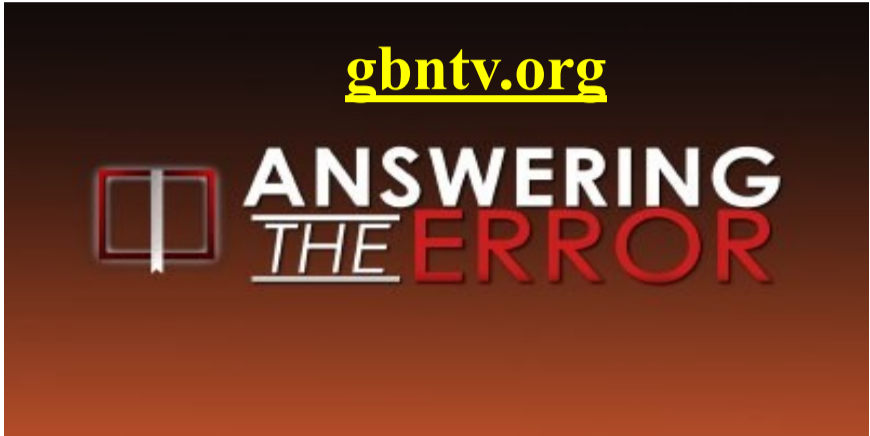
The language used to describe Heaven is wholly resplendent. Nothing depicting Heaven is of minor detail and nothing about it could exist on this earth. It would be impossible for it to be inside this material realm. Heaven will outlast our universe. The universe is steadily running down and cannot sustain itself indefinitely. This world was never meant for anything but a temporary place for us to grow and be tested. Heaven, on the other hand, is eternal. Heaven possesses things not found here as John described in Revelation 21:21, *“The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”* The construction of the gates would be impossible here. Earth has no pearls that size. The gold is like transparent glass. Gold is not transparent on this earth. Heaven is a new place beyond the temporal. It is greater than what we now have with the earth in every way. The words used to describe Heaven help us comprehend the magnitude of its splendor which is beyond anything this world can offer.

What of life in Heaven? The residents of Heaven will live forever with God Himself. John hears a message concerning this in Revelation 21:3-4, *“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His peo-*

*ple. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”* Living in the nearness of God is the greatest experience the human soul can attain. If we were to take eternity to stand before Him, there would never be a dull moment. Being in the presence of omnipotence can never be boring. What could possibly outshine the majesty, the glory, the imagination and power of God? Worshiping at the throne of our Creator will never become a drudgery. He will fulfill every need of the soul – love, belonging, purpose, worth, joy, validation, family. Individuals are reunited with those they knew in this life and joined with the multitude of all righteous from beginning to end. They all are together with the Godhead in a city whose magnificence does not fade. Heaven will always shine and amaze. It will always be stunning every soul who sees it. The truth is we were made for Heaven and Heaven for us. But not everyone will enter its gates.

Revelation 21:7-8, *“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*

- [Thoughts on Heaven – New Hope Road church of Christ \(nhrchurch.org\)](http://nhrchurch.org)

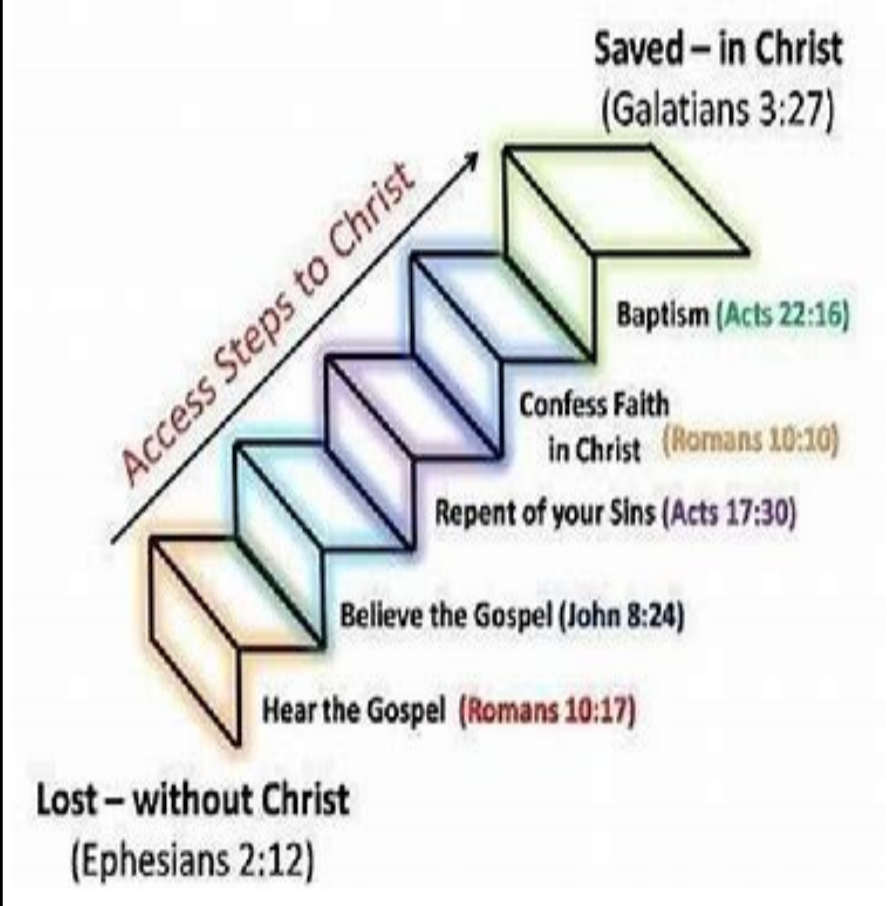


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 On Demand



“A Bible Answer”  
 “In Search of the Lord’s Way”  
 “International Gospel Hour”

“Good News Today”



**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**  
“The Importance of Remembering”
- SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
Worship in Song
- Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
Study of Premillennialism



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