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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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WHEN YOU LOOK AT OTHERS

It is so easy to “look at others” and to be jealous (even slightly so) when they “have more” than you do, “have it easier” than you do, “get to do more fun things” than you do, etc. In “looking at others,” it becomes very easy to forget what you have or minimize the value of what you have.

In 1897, Johnson Oatman, Jr., in a beloved hymn, wrote, “When you look at others with their lands and gold, think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold. Count your many blessings, money cannot buy Your reward in Heaven, nor your home on high.”

Scripture tells us that playing the “comparing-ourselves-to-others” game is “not wise” (2 [Cor. 10:12](#)). Faithful children of God, do what the song calls for! “Count your many blessings!”

You are a child of God. You have every sin forgiven by the precious blood of Jesus. You have a spiritual family in Christ’s church. You have direct access to the throne of God. You have the promise of eternal life! Don’t “look at others”! Look at your blessings and “See what God hath done!”

—David Sproule, Palm Beach
Lakes, Florida

WHAT THE WORLD OFFERS YOU

By Jonnie Hutchison

Each of us have a choice to either include or exclude God from our lives. Jesus taught the necessity of counting the cost of following Him. He speaks of one who had plans to build a tower indicating that he would surely “count the cost” before he started building “lest after he had laid the foundation, and is not able to fin-

ish it” all who see it “mock him” (Luke 14:28-29). The point is that it **does cost** to follow Jesus. Jesus said, “*And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple*” (Luke 14:27). The question then becomes, “Am I willing to make the necessary sacrifices in

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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. Marie Wyatt is back home. Continue to pray for Joan Lathrop, Jackie Spiceland and Dave & Ann Thompson. Peggy Jarvis has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and needs our prayers and encouragement.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of our dear sister in Christ, Mary Lowrie, who passed from this life last Tuesday. We will certainly miss Mary here at Green Plain. Please pray for Jim and all the family at this time of loss.

NEW BIRTH: We rejoice with Jimmy Cochran who was baptized into Christ this past Sunday evening. Welcome to God's fellowship Jimmy. Continue to pray for our new brother in Christ.

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. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge. Enroll Today!

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

Sept 16-Nov 4, 2024

**Each Consecutive Monday
7-9 pm**

**"A Study of Parables"
Larry Powers**

**"A Study of Hebrews" Part 1
Jonnie Hutchison**

Everyone is Invited!!

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my life to receive what God offers? To help us make an informed decision God reveals both what the world offers and what He offers. The world offers the temporary pleasures of sin while God offers the permanent joy of heaven. Yes, there is pleasure in sin. The Bible admits as much in the case of Moses who made the choice to suffer affliction with God's people rather than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin (Hebrews 11:24-25). The key phrase is "passing pleasures of sin." The pleasure of sin does not last – it does not completely satisfy. While the pleasure of sin is temporary, the consequences of sin are eternal. The pleasure of sin comes at great cost. In eternity, those few moments of pleasure will have cost you everything (Matthew 25:46). God offers forgiveness of sin and eternal life in heaven. The world offers slavery while God offers freedom. *"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves to whom you obey, whether of sin leasing to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?"* (Romans 6:16-17). You have the choice to obey the

devil or to obey God. The devil is the slave owner of every person who chooses the world over God. But God offers freedom from the dominion, guilt and consequences of sin. *"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."* (Romans 6:17-18). The world offers death but God offers life. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). Spiritual death is separation from God (Isa. 59:2), from an abundant life (John 10:10), from all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), and leads to eternal separation from God in the punishment of hell (Romans 6:23). But God offers spiritual life through Jesus Christ and everlasting life in eternity. What does the world offer you? Temporary pleasure, slavery, and death. Is what the world offers worth rejecting what God offers? He offers permanent joy, freedom and life. Dear reader, have you counted the cost

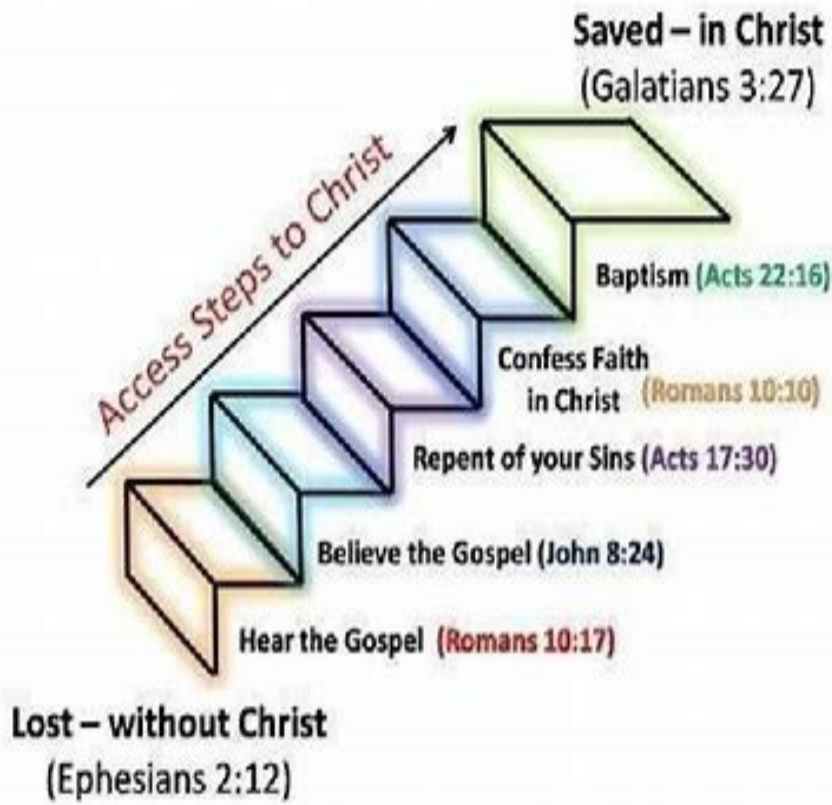
TRULY HAPPY NOW AND IN THE HEARAFTER

By Jerry Joseph

Every accountable person must make the decision to either be a servant of sin or a servant of righteousness (Romans 6:16-18). It does not just happen. Does our decision have anything to do with "happiness now and in the hereafter"? It certainly does! The issue that plagues many people is the source of this happiness. In the thinking of many today, true, lasting happiness is found in popularity, power, possessions, and pleasure. Solomon learned that happiness is not found in these things (Ecclesiastes 1:16-17; 2:1-10). He summed it up by saying, "... behold,

all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:11). Then in verse 13 of chapter 12 here is the conclusion "...Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." The Apostle Paul reminds us that joy and lasting happiness are found "in the Lord" (Philippians 4:4). When one submits to the Lord in obeying the Gospel in faith (Hebrews 11:6); repentance (Luke 13:3); confessing Christ (Matthew 10:32-33) and by being baptized (Mark

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16:16), they are “in the Lord” (Galatians 3:26-27). Our relationship with God has changed; sins have been forgiven; we have all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3) with the hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2). Don’t delay in remembering the Lord by becoming a child of God while you have the time, the opportunity, and the desire. Don’t wait until it is too late! Think about it!

-- St. Peter’s church of Christ

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
“Basic Facts About the Bible”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“How to Handle Burdens”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of Ecclesiastes”



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