



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM  
Sunday  
Worship
- 7:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Bible Study

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
270-753-2108 Home  
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
270-759-2145 Home  
270-293-2319 Cell

## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

## Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## THE BLOOD OF JESUS By Jonnie Hutchison

Some may find it difficult to understand or accept the connection of the blood of Jesus, shed upon a Roman cross almost 2,000 years ago, and God's plan for man's salvation from sin. Yet, the Bible is very clear in describing the connection between the two.

Those who spoke for God during the Old Testament period prophesied that the Christ would "be wounded for our transgressions" and "bruised for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). Philip applied this prophecy to Jesus (Acts 8:10ff). The prophet Zechariah adds, "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity" (Zechariah 13:1). Burton Coffman comments on this passage writing, "This is the fountain of the blood of Christ, the only fountain in all history that ever afforded cleansing from sin and uncleanness." (from *Coffman's Bible Commentary*, Copyright © 1971-1993 by ACU Press, Abilene Christian University. All rights reserved.).

The New Testament affirms that Jesus shed His blood "for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). The book of Revelation tells us that it is the blood of Jesus that has "washed us from our sins" (Revelation 1:5). The inspired Peter wrote to his readers that they were not redeemed with corruptible things "but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish without spot" (1 Peter 1:8-9). In view of these passages can there be any doubt as to the place of the blood of Christ in God's plan of salvation?

To contact the blood of Jesus is to receive cleansing from the spiritual defilement of sin. How does one contact The blood of Jesus to have his or her sins washed away? The answer is clearly seen in the example of the conversion of Saul, the great persecutor of the church. Saul came to believe that Jesus is the Son of God as he was confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6). It is obvious that Saul repented of his

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars and Mary Lowrie.

**Family and Friends:** Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, , Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely, Carol Pigg and Lucetria Hutchison.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study. All other services are cancelled until further notice.
- **PANTRY ITEMS November 2020:** 1—Sweet Pickles 8—Green Beans; 115—Canned Meats; 22—Peas 29— Diced Tomatoes. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **November 2020 Anniversaries:** 1st—Ann & David Thompson; 13th—Jane & Brent Morris; 17th—Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. **Birthdays:** 15th—Jonnie Hutchison; 23rd—Vickie Canter. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail. Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at [greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).**

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Good News Today  
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way  
<http://searchtv.org/>



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** To what nation was Jeremiah sent to prophesy?

**Last Week:** Whom did Jesus call hypocrites in Matthew 15:7?

**Answer:** Jesus called the scribes and Pharisees “hypocrites” (Matthew 15:1, 7).

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sins as he waited in Damascus, neither eating nor drinking, for three days, for someone to come and tell him what he must do (Acts 9:9). The Lord sent a man by the name of Ananias to Saul who told him, *“And now, why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:16). What was necessary to the washing away of Saul’s sins? He believed Jesus to be the Son of God. He confessed his faith directly to Jesus and was in an agony of repentance while he waited for instructions to tell him what he was required to do. But his sins were not washed away until he obeyed the command of the Lord to be baptized. Since Saul was clearly told to be baptized to wash away his sins, and since the Bible clearly teaches that it is the blood of Jesus that washes away sin, then it follows that it is in baptism that one

contacts the blood of Jesus and receives the forgiveness of sin. Understanding this connection between baptism and the blood of Jesus helps one to understand why Jesus said, *“he who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who does not believe shall be condemned”* (Mark 16:16).

Dear reader, have you followed God’s plan for your salvation from sin? Have you contacted the cleansing blood of Jesus by submitting in obedience to God’s commands to believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24), to repent of your sins (Acts 17:30), to confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:10) and to be baptized to wash away your sins (Acts 22:16)? It is our prayer that each one will accept the place of the blood of Jesus in God’s plan of salvation for only by submitting to His plan may one enjoy the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life.

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### THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE *By Jonnie Hutchison*

One of the arguments often used in an attempt to justify abortion is that every woman has the right to choose what she will do with her own body, thus, she has the right to choose to abort the life of the child in her womb. It never seems to occur to those who use this argument that if a woman does not desire a child that she has it within her ability to make the choice in the first place not to engage in the act that results in a pregnancy or to use other legitimate methods to prevent it. . Of course, that would mean taking personal responsibility for one’s actions which is becoming more rare all the time in our society.

We understand that pregnancy may result from actions beyond a woman’s control such as in the case of rape, a horrible and heinous crime. However, when a woman is in control of her choices is she not personally

responsible for her actions? If she chooses **not** to exercise proper restraint and becomes pregnant, is she not responsible for the life of the child she has helped to create? Does choosing to have that baby killed through the process of abortion relieve her of that personal responsibility? Will God not hold her accountable for her choice?

The choices we make in life will determine where each of us will exist in eternity. Making wrong choices will result in eternal separation from God in the punishment of hell. Making right choices will allow one to exist eternally with God in heaven (Matthew 25:46). Whether one takes personal responsibility for his or her choices or not does not relieve anyone of their accountability to God (2 Corinthians 5:10). We urge every reader to choose to follow the Word of God. Choose life, not death!



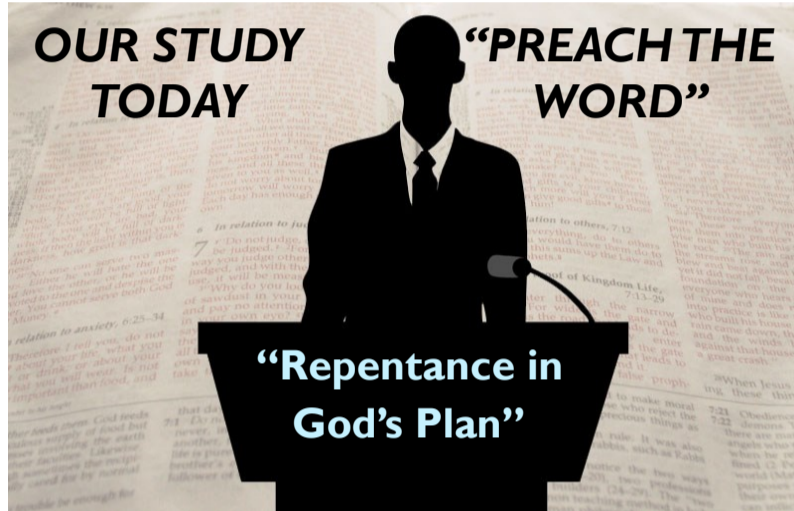
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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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# PLAN *of* SALVATION

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<b>Hear</b>	<b>Believe</b>	<b>Repent</b>	<b>Confess</b>
The Gospel	In Christ	Of Sins	Faith in Christ
<b>Romans 10:17</b>	<b>John 8:24</b>	<b>Acts 17:30-31</b>	<b>Acts 8:37</b>

*and*  
**Be Baptized**

**Mark 16:16**  
**Acts 2:38**