



# 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  
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### Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## DISTRACTIONS FLYING OVERHEAD

By Robert Lupo

Yesterday, I was doing some yard work in North Alabama and two fighter jets flew overhead. I watched them the entire time they were in view. In my head, I was thinking, what are they doing all the way out here? Could they be responding to some foreign threat? The answer, though, was a lot less exciting. We aren't too far from an Air-force base, and they're probably just doing a training exercise.

These days, we probably find ourselves making many dramatic assumptions. There are two wars involving nuclear powers going on and the United States is heavily involved in both. Every time our government promises more money to these efforts, we wonder how close we are to entering the wars ourselves. If we are not careful, this amount of worry can lead us to sin.

In Matthew 6:25, Jesus spoke one of His most famous sayings, "...do not worry about your life." But doesn't everyone worry? Worrying is a natural reaction to help us stay focused on the things that matter to us. We have families to provide for,

work to do, and obligations to uphold, and God expects us to do these things (cf. 1 Tim. 5:8). So, what is Jesus talking about here?

The word being translated "worry" is the Greek word *merimnao*. This word means "to be apprehensive, have anxiety, be anxious, be (unduly) concerned." So, what Jesus has in mind is not the legitimate concerns we have that motivate us to meet our responsibilities. He is talking about the worrying that lingers despite the promises God has made to us.

God has promised us that He will take care of our needs. Look back at Matthew 6. Jesus points out everyday things that people worry about (what we eat, what we drink, what we wear) and tells us that God has already taken care of them. He says, "For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (6:32-33). God has more important things for us to do. If we are busy worrying about the

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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, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison and Mike Smith who is in Lourdes Hospital suffering from a stroke. We express our sympathy to the family of David Lemmons, a faithful gospel preacher, who passed from this life last week. Keep this family in your prayers.

**TENATIVE TIME CHANGE:** The elders are considering changing the time of Sunday evening services from 6:00 pm to **2:00 pm** for the months of December through March. Please let them know how you view this possible change. Thanks.

**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 November 2023:** 5—Apple Sauce; 12-Peanut Butter; 19-Peas; 26-Corn. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**November 2023; Anniversaries:** 1st— Ann & Dave Thompson (71); 13-Jane & Brent Morris; 17-Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. **Birthdays:** 15-Jonnie Hutchison.. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.

**The fall session of our School of Biblical Studies** is now history. Our thanks to all who attended, brought food and to our excellent instructors, Josh Manning and Luke Puckett.

### **THSE TO SERVE November 2023**

Announcements: Chad Canter

Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Table PM: 5-Roy; 12-Junior; 9-Junior; 26-Roy

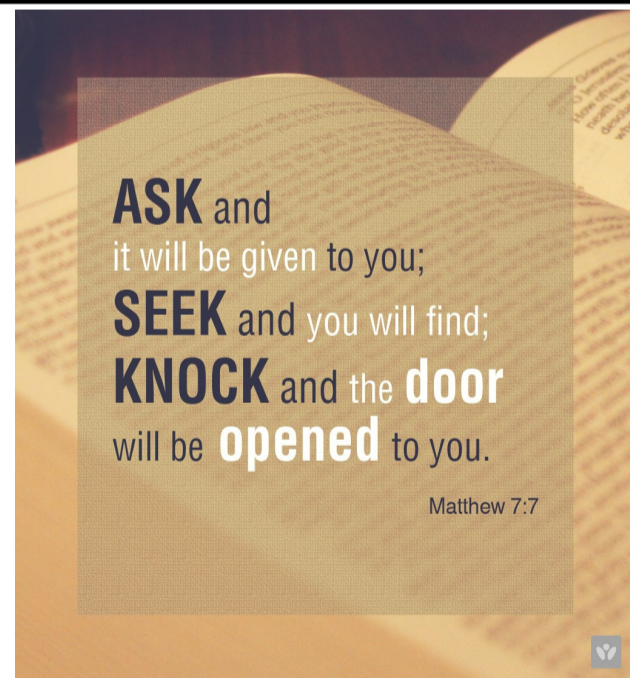
Opening Prayer AM: 5-Jonnie; 12-Bobby  
119-James; 26-Jim

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

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

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

**If you cannot serve contact Chad Canter**



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things God is going to take care of, we will be of no use to Him.

The world is fighting for our attention. While we certainly need to be aware of possible threats to our families, we cannot allow the temporary fears of this world to distract us from our eternal purpose. When the media inundates us with wars and ru-

mors of wars, Jesus says, “See that you are not troubled...” (Matt. 24:6). We have work to do (Matt. 28:19-20) and our mission to proclaim the gospel does not end until Jesus returns (1 Cor. 11:26). So, don’t worry about the jets flying overhead. Stay focused and see how God might use you today.

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## STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

*By Jonnie Hutchison*

The title of this article comes from an old song which has been sung down through many years in churches of Christ. The first stanza of the song is: “Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thro’ eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.” One who sings these words and means what he sings trusts in the promises that God has made. To be “standing on the promises of God” is not only to have complete assurance in their fulfillment, but to live one’s life in faithful service to the One who made those promises.

God has already fulfilled many of the promises He has made to mankind in the past. God promised to Abraham that through his seed all nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18). The Bible shows that Abraham believed God’s promise and that the promise was fulfilled

through Jesus Christ (Romans 4:1ff; Gal. 3:5-9, 16-18). God promised to give to Abraham’s seed the promised land of Canaan stating specifically what area the promise included (Genesis 15:18-20). This land promise was fulfilled in the days of Joshua. “And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it and dwelt therein” (Joshua 21:43; See also 21:45). Many other examples of God’s fulfilled promises are found in the Bible.

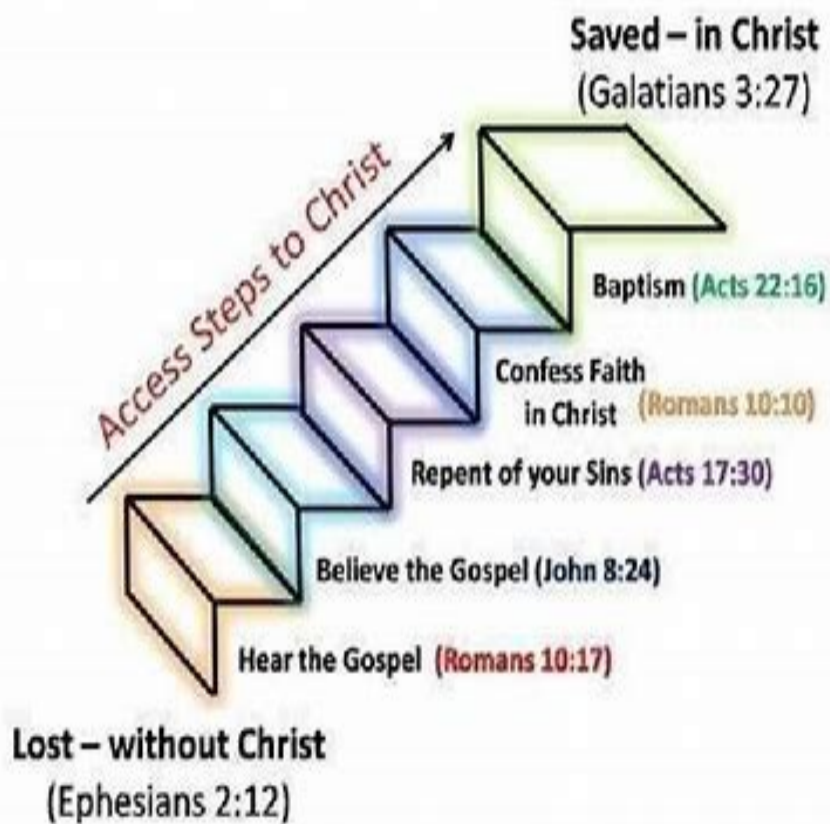
Another promise made by God is found in Hebrews 9:15 which reads, “And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.” John writes, “And this is the promise that He has promised us — eternal life” (1 John 2:25). Can we with confidence “stand” on this promise of God? Will He

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fulfill this promise to His faithful? Absolutely! The faithful Paul affirmed that he had fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith and with confidence stated, “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7-8). How could Paul be so confident? Because, in his life, Paul was standing upon the promises of God. This is evident by his willing submission to the will of God as he fought the good fight, finished the course and kept the faith. Dear reader, are you standing on the promises of God?

**The Lord is Coming! If He comes today, are YOU ready? Please, don't put off making the necessary preparation to meet the Lord!**  
**Read Acts 17:30-31**



**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**  
**"Payday"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"Effective Fervent Prayer?"**

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



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