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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

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- Bobby Hall
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## RESISTING THE DEVIL *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The devil or Satan is pictured in the Bible as the great enemy of mankind. He is the great deceiver who does everything within his power to destroy precious souls. He would have every person to exist eternally with him in the fires of hell. (Matthew 25:41).

The Bible teaches that the devil is “a liar” and the “father of lies” having originated the first lie which deceived Eve and then Adam to sin in the very beginning of man’s existence on this earth. Indeed, Jesus said that there is NO truth in the devil (Genesis 3; John 8:44). That indicates that the devil will use every deceptive means at his disposal to destroy us. He will never “play fair” or have any mercy or sympathy for any of us. Inspiration describes the devil as a “roaring lion” who walks about “seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Does a lion show mercy to its prey? Neither does the devil show mercy toward us. You will receive no sympathy or reprieve from the devil, ever. He is relentless in his pursuit of your eternal soul.

The inspired Paul wrote that he knew of the devil’s “devices” (2 Cor. 2:11). The word

translated “devices” refers to the devil’s thinking or disposition. Paul was aware of how the devil thought and how the devil operated and in the context was warning his readers to not allow the devil to get an advantage over them. The more aware we become of who the devil is, his total disposition toward evil, and how he operates to deceive us, will help us to overcome his efforts to lead us to eternal damnation.

In spite of the seeming power of the devil and his ability to deceive, the truth is that the devil has only as much power over an individual as that individual allows him to have. We are assured in no uncertain terms that we have it within our power to actually RESIST THE DEVIL! ***“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you”*** (James 4:7). How do we resist the devil? The Bible tells us in verses 8-10 what is necessary to resisting the devil:

(1) ***“Draw near to God.”*** As we draw near to God through the study and application of His will to our lives, He will draw near to us. He thus provides us with the

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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, Patricia Dowdy and Joanne Hutchison. Darren Mays has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for the success of his treatments.

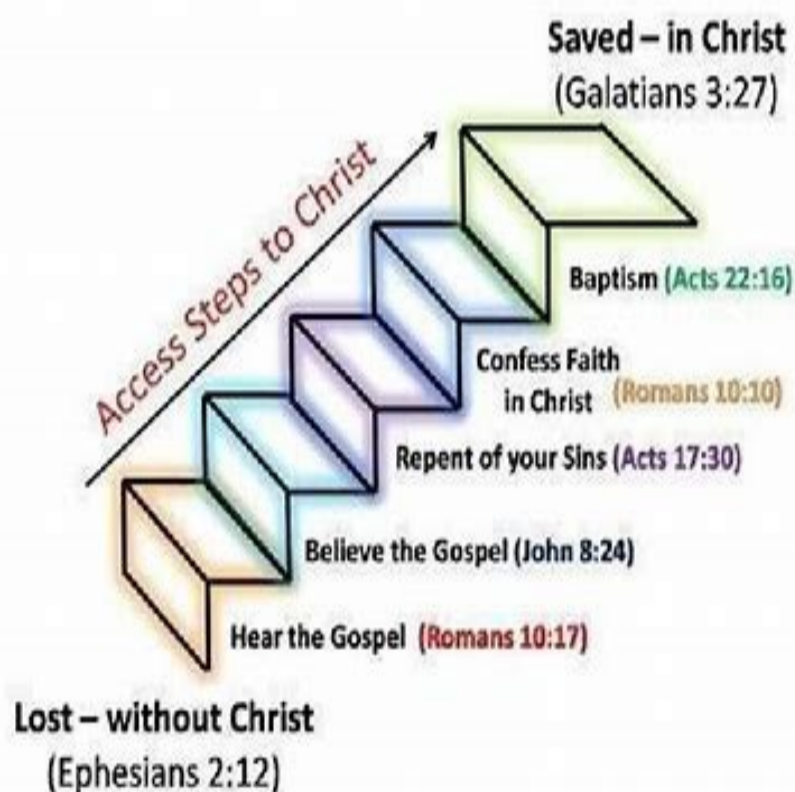
**PANTRY ITEMS November 2025:** 2-Spigetti Sauce; 9-Canned Potatoes; 16-Pork-n-Beans; 23-Diced Tomatoes; 30-Peaches. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**November 2025; Anniversaries:** 1-Ann & Dave Thompson; 17-Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; 23-Joan & Russell Lathrop. **BIRTHDAYS:** 11– Joan Lathrop; 15-Jonnie Hutchison

**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, 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.

For additional Bible study visit the **Gospel Broadcasting Network** <https://gbntv.org> for on demand videos and live broadcasts on a variety of Bible subjects. Another very helpful internet site is **Apologetics Press** at <https://apologeticspress.org>.



## **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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necessary guidance to help us in our desire to resist the efforts of the devil.

(2)“*Cleanse your hands...purify your hearts.*” (verse 9). If one would resist the devil he must genuinely and in godly sorrow repent of his sins (2 Corinthians 7:10). He must truly “*lament and mourn*” over what his sins has done to God and to himself. No one may resist the devil who continues the intentional practice of sin. Give it up! Turn from it and embrace the will of God.

(3)“**Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord**” (verse 10). Humility comes before exaltation. The Lord will lift up those who humble themselves in loving obedience. The humble person is the one who has it within his power to resist the devil. Pride and selfishness are of the devil while humility and selflessness are of the Lord. The Bible reads,

“*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall*” (Proverbs 6:18). Pride is a “fiery dart” of the devil which he uses frequently to his advantage. Humility is the shield which will quench that “fiery dart” allowing one to go on the offence with the sword of the Spirit in hand. (Ephesians 6).

Resisting the devil requires both a desire and a willingness to do so. Without a desire to live ones life in harmony with divine truth, the devil already has the advantage. But with that desire to resist and the willingness to do whatever it takes to resist, one may set the devil to flight!

Brothers and sisters let each of us make up our minds that we are not going to allow the devil to win the war for our souls. “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*”

**DOES WHAT GOD WANTS MATTER TO YOU?** Victor M. Eskew

We live in a world wherein individuals are consumed with satisfying their personal wants. If these personal wants are not satisfied, individuals act like children, becoming depressed and throwing tantrums until they get what they want.

This has carried over into the spiritual world as well. People want what they want religiously. It is one of the reasons there are thousands of churches scattered throughout the United States. Too, it is the reason we have mega-churches that take a market approach to religion, seeking to satisfy the wants of as many people as they possibly can.

Isn't Christianity supposed to be about Jesus?

Isn't Jesus the Son of God?

Isn't Jesus our Master and Lord?

Isn't what He wants supposed to matter

to us?

Isn't His will far more important than our wants?

The answer to all of those questions is "Yes!" For some, yes to these questions does not matter. They are convinced that the things they long for are the very things that Jesus wants for them as well.

Did the Lord's will matter when it came to...

- 1. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:11).
- 2. The building of the ark (Heb. 11:7).
- 3. The bringing forth of water out of a rock (Num. 20:12)
- 4. The spoils of the city of Jericho (Josh. 7:1).

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- 5. The destruction of the Amalekites by Saul (1 Sam. 15:22-23).
- 6. The proper worship in the Northern Kingdom (1 Kings 13:1-20).
- 7. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary (Matt. 26:39).

Dear friends, a person cannot honestly read the Bible and fail to come away with the understanding that God's will is the only thing that matters. Doing our "own thing" here may bring immediate satisfaction, but it will not bring satisfaction to the Lord. Too, it will not bring everlasting rewards from the Lord in the last day. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" ought to be on the lips of every child of God. Too, he/she must possess a heart that is committed to doing God's will once it is known. *"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* (Matt. 25:21).

-Via Sharon church of Christ bulletin, TN

WHAT OTHERS CAN DO FOR YOU

• The **TEACHER** educates your children • The **BANK-ER** looks after your money • The **DOCTOR** treats your illnesses • The **ARMED FORCES** defend your liberty • The **LAW-YER** draws up your will • The **FUNERAL DIRECTOR** buries you

But only the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** can save your soul! *"Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him"* (Hebrews 5:8-9). *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me"* (John 14:6) *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* (Titus 2:11-14) Romans 1:16-17; Matthew 7:21-23; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27; Revelation 2:10—St. Peter's church of Christ—MO

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  
"Does Everyone Have A Right To His/Her Own Belief?"

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM  
"The Christian Graces—2"

Wednesday 7:00 PM  
"A Study of I Kings"



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