



# 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

- Jonnie Hutchison  
Cell: 270-978-7569

## Supporting Works

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

## Location

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## EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY

By Jonnie Hutchison

Thanksgiving 2020 will look much different in many homes than past celebrations. The pandemic has impacted almost every area of our lives including family gatherings. With conditions seemingly getting worse, some will not be able to have those much loved family celebrations this year. Sadly, some have lost beloved family members to the virus and others will spend Thanksgiving Day receiving treatment in hospitals.

In spite of the pandemic and its social restrictions faithful Christians still have so much for which to be thankful. The salvation that is in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10), continual access to the blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7-9), the reception of “all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3), the avenue of prayer by which we are able to approach the throne of God with assurance to find help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16), fellowship with God, Christ and the church (1 John 1:3), and the great hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2). Yes, how thankful we should be each and every day for

the tremendous gifts God has given those who serve Him.

**Thanksgiving Day** is a national holiday, not a religious holy day. Yet, it serves to remind us of the need of expressing our thanksgiving to God continually. 1 Chronicles 16:34 reads, “*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*” The Psalmist declared, “*O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.*” (Psalms 30:12b). When Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus he told them to be “*giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Ephesians 5:20). And to the church in Colossae, “*giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light*” (Colossians 1:12).

Regardless of the trials we may suffer in this life, including the present pandemic, God has greatly blessed us and given us so many reasons to continually offer our thanksgiving to Him. Let us honor and offer our thanks to Him every day for very day is Thanksgiving Day for the saved!

## 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. Jim Lowrie had sugary this past Tuesday and is at home recovering.

**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 Dale Pentecost.

- **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).

## ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network  
<https://gbntv.org/>

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<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer  
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

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

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



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** In the Old Testament, who was Laban?

**Last Week:** Where is the Christian's citizenship?

**Answer:** Philippians 3:20 answers, “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,”

## THE LAWSUIT OVER A PENNY

In 1973, the price of copper was starting to increase dramatically. To cut costs, there was a proposal sent to Congress to produce aluminum pennies instead of copper. The Mint made about 1.6 million of these pennies and brought them to Congress for approval. They were rejected. So, all the coins were taken back and destroyed, except for just a few of them. Randall Lawrence inherited one of these coins from his father, a former Mint official. Since this penny is extremely rare, it was valued at \$2 million at auction.

The problem started when the federal government demanded the penny be turned back over to the Mint. Since Lawrence was about to sell the penny at auction, he decided to sue the federal government in hopes of keeping it. The prosecutors' claim was that all coins from the U.S. Mint remain government property and cannot be handed down as souvenirs by government employees to their children. Lawrence lost, had to surrender the coin, and was likely stuck with some hefty legal fees.

It is hard to imagine just how devastating this was for Lawrence. Losing a coin of this value would be terrible whether he was legally entitled to have it or not. About 2000 years ago, there was also someone who lost a coin of great value. [Luke 15:8-9](#) details it out, "Or what woman, if she has ten silver

coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'"



In both stories, great effort was put forth to get the coin back into their possession. In the parable in Luke, however, Jesus ties it in with something that far surpasses the value and importance of any coin, "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" ([Luke 15:10](#)).

Without a doubt, a person's soul is easily more valuable than any coin or possession ([Matthew 16:26](#)). A person's soul is more precious even than the earth itself. Let us keep this perspective in mind, putting souls above all else. Then, we can join in with the sweet celebration in heaven when someone makes the most important decision in life and chooses to be faithful ([Acts 2:38](#); [2 Peter 3:9](#)).

—Via Forrest Hill church of Christ  
Memphis, TN



**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**  
**EACH WEDNESDAY**  
**7:00 PM**



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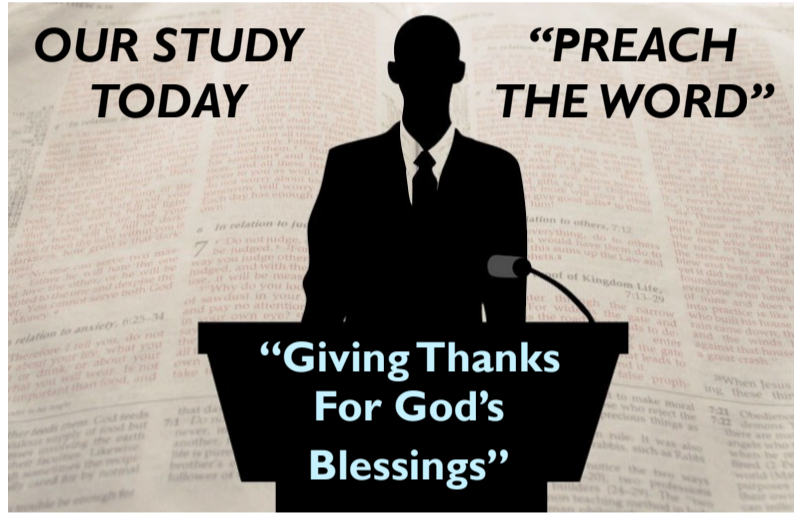
The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!  
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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**“Giving Thanks For God’s Blessings”**

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FROM SINNER TO SAVED**

