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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

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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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COMPETING WITH CULTURE

By Bart Warren

King Solomon knew he was in for a fight. He knew it would be a challenge to keep his children from giving in to the pagan culture that surrounded them. He would plead with his son to listen, knowing it was a very good possibility he wouldn't.

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent...my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths..." (Proverbs 1:8-10, 15).

Solomon lamented that rebellion against godly parenting led to heartache and grief:

"A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him" (Proverbs 17:25).

"The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding, but a companion of gluttons shames his father" (Proverbs

28:7).
Apparently, it has always been difficult to get the next generation to see the urgency and value of godliness. The peer pressure to go along with the waves of the current culture is powerful. We are made to feel ignorant and unloving if we hold to the ways of God rather than to the worldly philosophies of the moment.

With this in mind, we must believe and emphasize the following ideas to the next generation (from the book Faithfully Different).

The "nicest sounding" beliefs are not necessarily the right beliefs. Saying "love is all that matters" sounds nice, but it isn't true (cf. I Corinthians 13:6; John 15:18-19).

The truth is narrow—and that's ok! $2 + 2 = 4$ and Jesus is the only way to heaven (John 8:24; John 14:6; Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23)!

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady is back at Raymond's home. Continue to pray for Marie Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Peggy Jarvis is in Murray Hospital room 2528. Her condition is serious. Joan Lathrop is home.

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, Teri Mercer and Neal Parker.

OUR SYMPATH AND LOVE is extended to the family of Marjorie Grady who passed from this life this past week. Marjorie was a faithful Christian who was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by all including all of us at Green Plain. Our love is extended to Hayes and to their children, Vickie, Raymond and David and all the family. Visitation is scheduled for today (24th) from 4 to 8 pm and funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10:30 am at the J.H. Churchill funeral home in Murray. *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."*

TRY ITEMS November 2024: 3-Spaghetti Sauce; 10-Salt; 17-Soups; 24-Tuna. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

November 2024; Anniversaries: 1-Ann & Dave Thompson; 13-Jane & Bent Morris; 17 Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; 23-Joan & Russell Lathrop. **Birthdays:** 11-Joan Lathrop.

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 or enroll online on our webpage. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge. Enroll Today!

**ANNUAL
ORNAMENT PARTY**
December 14, 2024
5:30 pm
At the Home of
Jane Morris
Bring an ornament and
finger foods



"The measure of our faith is not found in the absence of difficulties but in how we handle them."

"Love is not just a feeling; it is an action that brings others closer to Christ."

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." – Hebrews 10:23

Read 1 Corinthians 13:13

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Godly humility does not require indecision about our beliefs. We can't know everything, but we are not so naive as to think we can't know some things (John 8:32).

Experience does not supersede the Bible as a source of knowledge. We must test

our experiences against Scripture, not change our beliefs to fit our experiences.

The cure for cultural disagreement will never be to compromise biblical beliefs (I Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:13; II Thesalonians 2:15).

—From Hugh's News & Views

THE RESTORATION PLEA *By Alan Highers*

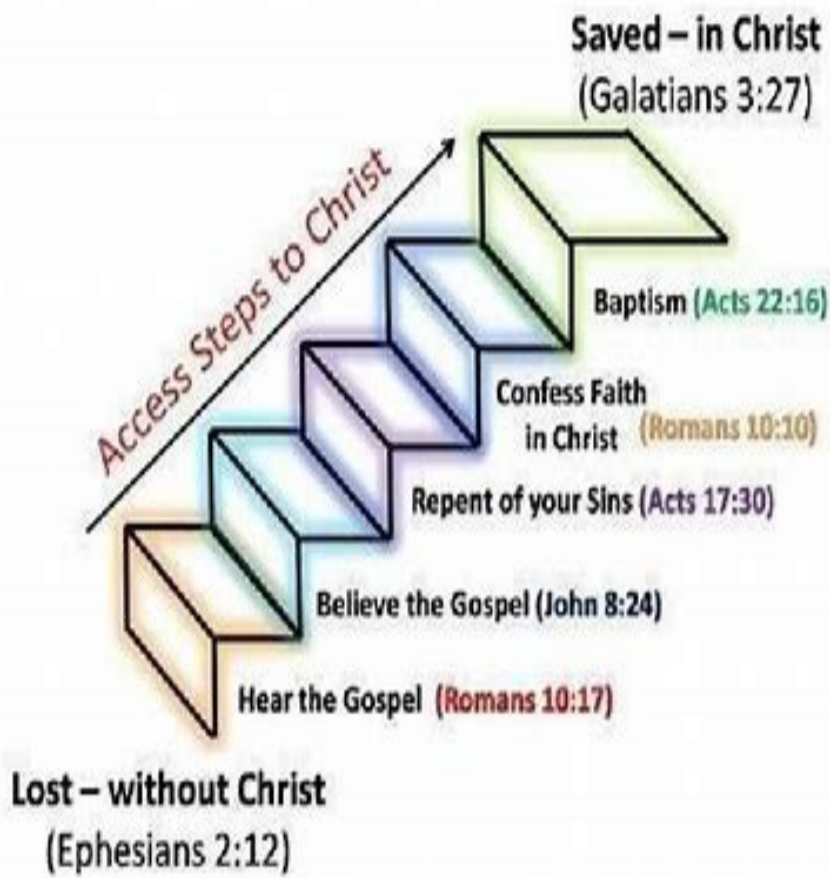
The Restoration Plea, quite simply, is the plea to restore the first-century New Testament church in the present age. The Restoration Plea has been summarized in the following words: "Let us speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent." As the apostle Peter admonished: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11).

The church of Christ is different. It is not a denomination. It does not wear a human name. It does not have a human founder. It does not follow a man-made creed. It has no earthly headquarters. Non-members often are curious about the church of Christ because it is completely different from any other religious body they have ever known. We endeavor to "speak" where the Bible speaks and to be "silent" where the Bible is silent.

Martin Luther made this appeal to his followers: "I pray you leave my name alone and not to call yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Who is Luther? My doctrine is not mine. I have not been crucified for anyone. How does it then benefit me, a miserable bag of dust and ashes, to give my name to the children of Christ? Cease, my dear friends, to cling to these party names and distinctions: away with all of them; and let us call ourselves only Christians, after Him from whom our doctrine comes."

The old pioneer preaches often pled: "Let us do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names." One of their familiar mottos was this: "In matters of faith, unity. In matters of opinion, liberty. In all matters, charity." The apostle Peter said: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf" (I Peter 4:16).

Editors Note: The restoration of original Christianity should continue to be the plea of faithful churches of Christ in every generation. Since New Testament Christianity is the only religion originated and approved by God, every person should desire to embrace it. Following the divine pattern found in the New Testament for the terms of salvation and entrance into the New Testament church, the organization, the worship and mission of the original church, will allow precious souls today to be added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:47) and to live as Christians only without the religious traditions originated by men. Jesus condemned human religious traditions in His day indicating they lead to vain worship (Matthew 15:8-9). What would make one think Jesus has changed His mind? Any religious organization that began at in other place than Jerusalem, at any other time than Pentecost of Acts 2, or by any other person than Jesus, cannot be the New Testament church! -Jonnie



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
"God's Indescribable Gift"

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
"The Seven Ones"

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of Ecclesiastes"

THOSE TO SERVE November 2024

- Announcements: Chad
- Lord's Table AM: Roy & Junior
- Lord's Table PM: 3-Roy; 10-Junior; 17-Roy; 24-Junior
- Opening Prayer AM: 3-James; 10-Jonnie; 17-Jimmy; 24-Mike
- Closing Prayer AM: 3-Bobby; 10-Dave; 17-Jesse; 24-Russell
- Lead Songs: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Chad; Wednesday-Mike
- Count Contribution: Roy & Junior



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