



# 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  
270-293-2319 Cell

### Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
Cell: 270-978-7569

### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
MSOP—Eli Sales  
BIM—Duston Pool.  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

### Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ  
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## The Power Of Our Silent Influence

By Mike Riley

On a recent beautiful warm Saturday morning, a Christian friend and I were having breakfast at a local restaurant. At a nearby table, we



noticed a young woman sitting quietly reading her Bible. She was absorbed in the text, occasionally looking up to consider what she had read. She never said a word, but her heart and priorities were visible to everyone in that restaurant. It was a gentle, positive, and silent influence.

She was not ashamed of Christ nor of His New Testament (Hebrews 9:11-15 KJV). She neither preached a sermon nor sang a song. She was willing to be identified with the Savior, yet she did not need to announce that allegiance.

In our attempts to share the message of Jesus, we must eventually use words, because ultimately words are needed to present the gospel

(John 14:23; Acts 2:14 KJV; Acts 11:11-14 KJV; Acts 16:14 ESV; 2 Peter 3:1-2 KJV; Jude 1:17 KJV). But we can also learn from the example of this woman.

There are times when the quietness of our everyday actions speak louder than our words, revealing our love for the Lord (Philippians 1:21-27). In our desire to share Christ with a sinful world, let's not ignore the power of our silent influence (cf. 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8).

—[The Power Of Our Silent Influence - GEWatkins.net](http://ThePowerOfOurSilentInfluence-GEWatkins.net)

## “OUR FATHER’S BUSINESS” By David Bragg

*And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?”* These were the first recorded words of Jesus (**Luke 2:49**). His last recorded

words before ascending to heaven are also enlightening:

*“And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved*

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Margorie Grady, and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Tommy Boggess, Tish Clarke, Jill Setter and Deb Ahart. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

ANNUAL ORNAMENT PARTY for the ladies will be held on Saturday December 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the home of Jane Morris.

PANTRY ITEMS November 2022: 6—Mixed Vegetables; 13—Chili Beans; 20—Carrots; 27—Green Peas.

November 2022 Anniversaries: 1—Ann & David Thompson; 13—Jane & Brent Morris; 17—Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. Birthdays: 15—Jonnie Hutchison. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

**ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name, mailing address and phone number to the address on the first page of this bulletin. We will send you the first lesson of the course with a self-addressed stamped envelope for you to return the lesson for grading. Upon completion of the course you will receive a certificate of completion.

BACK TO THE BIBLE is a free home Bible study where our teachers sit down around your kitchen table with open Bibles and present the original gospel of Christ. If you are interested in such a study simply contact us in person, by phone at 270-978-7569 or email us at [greenplaincoc@gmail.com](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com). We will set up a time convenient for you for this interactive Bible study.

### THOSE TO SERVE November 2022

Announcements—Chad

Preside at Lord's Table—Roy & Junior

Lord's Table PM: 6-Junior; 13-Roy; 20-Junior; 27-Roy

#### Opening Prayer AM

6-Jonnie; 13-Bobby; 20-James; 27-Jim L.

#### Closing Prayer AM

6-Perry; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse; 27-Chad

#### Song Leaders

AM—Perry; PM—Mike; Wed—Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

**Thanks for Serving!**

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*Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.*

*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” (Luke 24:46-49).*

Every word Jesus spoke in between seems intentionally directed towards explanation of or preparation for carrying out the business of God. What was his “*Father’s business*”? In Jesus’ own words it was “*to*

*seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).* Our Father’s business is evangelism, the Great Commission.

Today the Father’s business is left to the church, the body of Christ. It is up to us to carry out the vital work of evangelism. Without evangelism our children will be lost. Without evangelism the church will die. Without evangelism the Father’s business will cease. This church needs to realize the importance of the work we have been called to do. We need to be about “*our Father’s business*.”

—Our Father’s Business  
([sunnyslopechurchofchrist.org](http://sunnyslopechurchofchrist.org))

## **DIVORCE** By Jonnie Hutchison

The Pharisees came to Jesus and asked Him, “*Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?*” (Matthew 19:3). The use of the word “lawful” suggests that the Pharisees had reference not to civil law but to God’s law. Their motivation in asking this “loaded” question was to diminish the influence of Jesus among the multitudes that followed Him. Whether Jesus answered yes or no to the question, there would be those among the Jews who would reject His answer. Jesus did not give a yes or no answer. Instead He went all the way back to the beginning of the institution of marriage and restated God’s original plan for marriage.

*“And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.”* (Matthew 19:4-6). Recognizing the force of Jesus’

statement that what God had joined together man was not to separate, the Pharisees then asked, “*Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?*” Jesus answered “...Moses because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so” (Matthew 19:8). Divorce was not a part of God’s original plan for marriage. Yet, Moses was allowed to regulate divorce in his day because of the abuse of the marriage relationship in men putting away their wives for any reason (See Deuteronomy 24:1). But Jesus was not finished as He declared, “*And I say unto you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, (fornication) and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery*” (Matthew 19:9). In His authority as the divine Son of God, Jesus gave only one lawful reason for divorce and remarriage of the innocent spouse and that is if and only if one’s mate commits fornication. Divorce and remarriage for any other reason results in forming an

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adulterous unlawful relationship. Even the Lord's disciples recognized the restrictive nature of Jesus answer suggesting that if one cannot put away his mate for just any reason then it's better not to marry (Matthew 19:10)

Jesus' answer to the question is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for just any reason is no more popular today that it was when He addressed the Pharisees. However, rejecting what Jesus taught does not change His teaching. What He taught shows the importance and seriousness with which God views the marriage relationship. It would do well for each of us to do the same. Remember, *"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge"* (Hebrews 13:4).



**NOTE:** For more information on the subject of Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, visit  
[The Truth About Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage | WVBS Online Video](http://The Truth About Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage | WVBS Online Video)

## Bible Study OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE**  
**CLASS 10:00 AM**  
*"The Book of Acts"*

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
*"The Immortality of the Soul"*

**SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00**  
*"John Introduces Jesus"*

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**  
*"A Study of the Minor Prophets"*

## WEEKLY PODCAST

### "Around the Spiritual Table"

In the Around the Spiritual Table Podcast, we will discuss various Bible topics and answer your Biblical and spiritual questions. To submit a topic or question for discussion, please email [spiritualtable101@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualtable101@gmail.com). Come sit around the spiritual table with us.

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