



# 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

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
MSOP—Eli Sales  
BIM—Duston Pool.

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## THREE POINTS ON INSPIRATION *By Jack McNiel*

When the Book of Acts opens, in Chapter 1, we find the eleven remaining apostles waiting in Jerusalem until they would receive power from Holy Spirit. They were gathered together in an upper room with about 120 of the disciples, including the mother and brethren of Jesus. In Acts 1:15-16, Peter said, "Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus." He then goes on in verse 20, "For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take." Here he quoted two passages from the Book of Psalms – Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8.

From Peter's statement in Acts 1:16 we learn a very important lesson from the Bible on Inspiration.

Inspiration is the means by which God has communicated to man from the beginning until the time when "*that which is perfect*" has come (1

Cor. 13:10). That is, until the complete revealed Word of God has come. "*Inspired of God*" literally means "God-breathed." God "breathed" the very words of the Scriptures. This is known as verbal, plenary inspiration – every single word of Scripture is God-breathed. God still speaks to us today – yet only through His Inspired Word.

Let us note three things from Peter's statement in Acts 1:16:

First, note the Ultimate Source of the Scriptures. "*... which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake...*" We see that the God speaking through the Holy Spirit is the source of scripture. Just as Peter would later say, "*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*" (2 Peter 1:21). "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God...*" (2 Timothy 3:16)

Second, note the Medium Employed (Webster's Dictionary, "The means or instru-

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda, Larry Enoch, and Mary and Jim Lowrie. Jesse and Mary Vincent are both home recovering from their respective surgeries.

**Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades,, Joel White, Mary Lou Joseph, Jennie Pool. Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **ANNUAL ORNAMENT PARTY:** All the ladies are invited to an ornament party at the home of Jane Morris, Saturday December 11th at 5:00 pm.
- **PANTRY ITEMS November 2021:** 7—Green Beans; 14—Canned Corn; 21—Canned Peaches; 28—Canned Soups. 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.
- **November 2021 Anniversaries:** 1—Ann & David Thompson; 13—Jane & Brent Jr. Morris.; 17-Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; **Birthdays:** 15-Jonnie Hutchison; 23- Vickie Canter Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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⇒ *“Knowing the Bible is one thing; knowing it’s Author is another.”*

⇒ *“Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness” (Psalms 143:10).*

⇒ *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.” (Jeremiah 17:7).*

## Those to Serve November 2021

Announcements—Bobby Hall

Preside at Lord’s Table—Chad Canter & Mike Ernstberger

Lord’s Table PM: 7-Chad; 14-Mike; 21-Chad; 28-Mike

Opening Prayer AM: 7-James Pigg; 14-Larry Enoch; 21-Jim Lowrie; 28-Bobby Hall

Closing Prayer AM: 7-Jesse Vincent; 14-Junior Morris; 21-Roy Wyatt; 28-David Thompson

Song Leaders: AM-Perry Jarvis; PM-Mike Ernstberger; Wed: Chad Canter

Count Contribution: Mike & Chad Usher: Jesse

## LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM

*The Book of Acts\*

Worship

10:45 am— *“All Ways Are Not Safe”*

6 pm— *“Things Jesus Did Not Do”*

Wednesday Bible Class

*A Study of 1 John*

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ment by which any thing is accomplished, conveyed or carried on.”) “...which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake...” (David was not only king of Israel – he was a prophet of God, the inspired author of many Psalms.) God has employed, throughout the ages, medium to get His Message to mankind. “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets...” (Hebrews 1:1) This teaches us that God “spake in times past ...by the prophets...” That is, “in the prophets themselves as the vessels of divine inspiration. God spake in them and from them.” (Vincent’s Word Studies) Notice 2 Samuel 23:2 “The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue...” and Jeremiah 1:9 “Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in

thy mouth....”

Third, note the Final Result of the process of Inspiration – Scripture. “This scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake...” Scripture is the revealed Word of God in written form. The word “scripture” comes from the Greek word “graphein,” which means, “that which is written.” The Scriptures are the Words of God. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). May we all follow the example of the Noble Bereans who, “searched the scriptures daily...” (Acts 17:11) – and read God’s Word every day.

—[Inspiration - Church of Christ Articles](#)

### **DON'T ADD AN APPLE** By Jonnie Hutchison

Religious beliefs are often passed from one generation to the next without consideration as to whether they are true. For example, there are many folks who have always believed that the Bible teaches that the “fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” in the book of Genesis was an apple. The text of the Bible does not call it an apple nor is there any reason to believe that it was an apple. Yet, this traditional belief has been passed down to successive generations and many would argue loud and long that Adam and Eve ate an apple. However, there is no scriptural basis for such an argument. It is only human religious tradition. One might argue that whether the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was an apple is a small matter. After all, it really doesn’t

change anything – or does it?

Would not calling this fruit by something other than God calls it be adding to His Word? Would it not be calling the fruit something other than what God called it? Would such be a failure to respect the silence of God, that is, what God has not said?

The fact is that God forbids either adding to His Word or taking from it., “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.” (Deuteronomy 4:2). This

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warning is repeated in Revelation 22:18-19. No human being has the right to originate a human religious tradition. If it is not in the Bible, if God hasn't said it, it is not acceptable as religious belief or practice.

Peter wrote, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11). The implication in this statement is that one must not speak where God has not spoken. In Jesus day, the Jews had added many of their own human religious traditions binding them upon others as if they were from God. Jesus addressed this in Matthew 15. The scribes and Pharisees questioned Jesus as to why His disciples transgressed the "tradition of the elders" in failing to wash their hands before they ate. This obviously was a human tradition for Jesus answered their question by asking them, "...Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?" He further said that they made God's commands of "no effect by your traditions" and such made their worship vain

(Matt. 15:3-9).

Dear reader, are you holding to human religious traditions? Is what you believe and practice in your religion really found in the Bible? Are you respecting what God has said as well as what He has not said? Be as the noble Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). Make sure you haven't added an "apple" to God's Word!

- ◇ More articles like this are online at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

*"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."* (Matthew 15:8-9).

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- ◇ **HEAR** the good news of salvation—Romans 10:17.
- ◇ **BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for your sins—John 8:24; MK 16:16
- ◇ **REPENT** of your sins—Acts 17:30-31.
- ◇ **CONFESS** your faith in Jesus Christ—Matthew 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10.
- ◇ **BE BAPTIZED** for the remission of your sins—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27
- ◇ **Live FAITHFUL** as a Christian—Rev. 2:10.

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