



# 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  
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### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance. & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## **BE THANKFUL** By Jonnie Hutchison

Though the holiday known as “Thanksgiving Day” is now past, our thanksgiving must continue to be expressed for the bountiful blessings God heaps upon us. There are the physical blessings of life—food, clothing, shelter, etc.—but for the child of God the spiritual blessings He makes available to us through our relationship with Jesus the Christ are reason enough for our hearts to be filled with continued thanksgiving.

Note these passages from the book of Psalms which express the attitude of thanksgiving that should characterize each of us.

**Ps 50:14** “Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.”

**Ps 69:30** “I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.”

**Ps 95:2** “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him

with psalms.”

**Ps 100:4** “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”

**Ps 116:17** “I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord.”

Writing to the church in Philippi, the inspired Paul declared, “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*” Paul told the Christians in Colossi to be abounding in the faith “**with thanksgiving.**” (Col. 2:7). He also instructed them to continue earnestly in prayer...**with thanksgiving**” (Col. 4:2). Again he wrote in Col 3:15 “*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*”

These are just a few Bible passages that speak to the need of

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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, and Joan Lathrop .

**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, Teri Mercer and Neal Parker.

**OUR SYMPATH AND LOVE** is extended to Perry and all the family of our dear sister in Christ, Peggy Jarvis. Peggy passed from this life on Saturday, November 23rd after a difficult battle with cancer. We rejoice that her physical suffering is over. Please pray for Perry and all the family in this time of great loss. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord....”*

**TRY ITEMS December 2024:** 1– Peanut Butter; 8-Jelly or Jam; 15-Fruit Juice; 22-Toliet Tissue; 28-Paper Towels. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**December 2024; Anniversaries:** 117-Mary & Jesse Vincent. **Birthdays:** 7-Mike Ernstberger; 9-Debbie Ernstberger; 12-Wanda Cochran; 12-Jesse Vincent; 17-Marie Wyatt; 18-wanda Barrett.

**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!

**THANK YOU** to all who provided food and helped to serve the family of Peggy Jarvis this past Friday.

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



**Matt 16:26-27**  
**“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

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being continuously thankful to our loving God. Recognizing what He has sacrificed for us—His only begotten Son—surely we should be more than willing to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving to Him. Ps 116:17

reads, *“I will offer to You the **sacrifice of thanksgiving**, And will call upon the name of the Lord.”*

May God help each of us to express our thanksgiving to God in word, in song, in prayer and in our manner of life.

## **ADVERSITY** By Bill Birdsong

Adversity is something we all will have to deal with at one time or another. In this article I would like to explore a few biblical examples of how we can deal with adversity in a Godly manner. These examples of overcoming adversity in the scriptures can serve as a guide or blueprint on how we can overcome difficult situations in our own life.

**Philippians 4:13**, *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Consider this verse in the book of Philippians. As Paul wrote this, he was imprisoned and facing significant challenges. In the face of challenges Paul relied on the Lord for his strength and comfort. And this is what allowed him to overcome his circumstances. Are you relying on the Lord to find your strength in trying times as Paul did? Or are you turning to worldly solutions that may seem like the easy way out? Turn to the Lord in your challenging times and let him be your strength.

Now let's consider another example from the book of James.

**James 1:2-4** *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”* James is encouraging believers to see trials as an opportunity for growth.

When we look for opportunities to turn tough times into opportunities to grow, we begin to create the process that will strengthen our faith and build character. Building up character will serve as the foundation for us to grow closer to Christ no matter the situation.

**Isaiah 41:10** *“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* In this verse from the book of Isaiah, God is reassuring the Israelites during their time of exile and hardship. This verse serves to remind us that God's presence and support are constant, providing strength and courage in difficult times. Similar to the Israelites, the Lord provides us his constant support and grace during our individual trials.

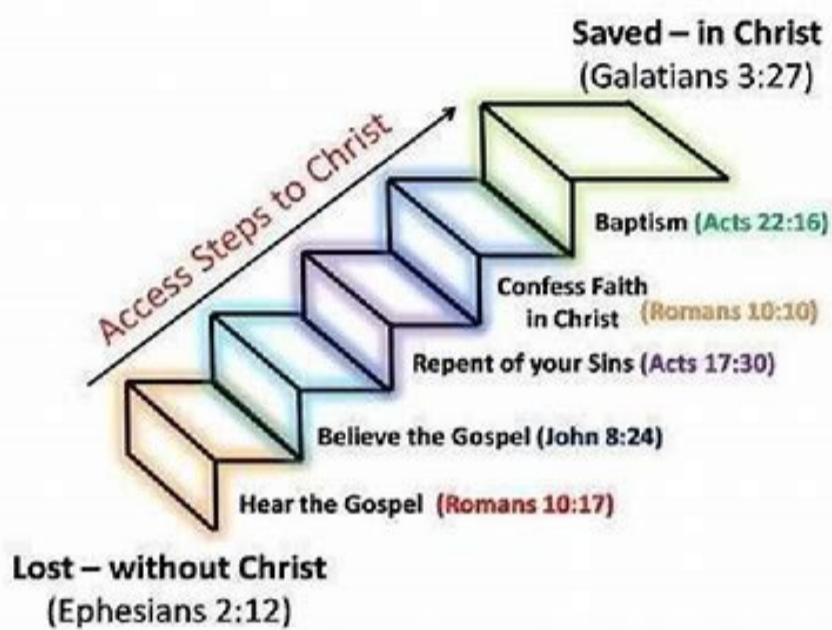
Finally let's explore the 8th chapter of the book of Romans where Paul was addressing early Christians who were under persecution. **Romans 8:28** states, *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”* This verse was used to reassure Christians during a time of persecution. Meaning you could lose your life for being a Christian. But for those who love him and are called to his purpose, he is able to bring good out of situations filled with adversity. Now we are not being perse-

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cuted in the same way, God still delivers us from any situation. Lean in to him and seek his grace and mercy. Not only in difficult times, but all of the time. Fervently seek him and he will be with you in all things!

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**THOSE TO SERVE December 2024**

- Announcements: Mike E.
- Lord’s Table AM James & Chad
- Lord’s Table PM: 1-Chad; 8-James; 15-Chad; 22-James; 29-Chad
- Opening Prayer AM: 1-Jonnie; 8-Bobby; 15-Mike; 22-Perry; 29-Russell
- Closing Prayer AM: 1-Roy; 8-Dave; 15-Jesse; 22-Jr.; 29-Jimmy C.
- Lead Songs: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Mike; Wednesday-Chad
- Count Contribution: James and Chad

**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**  
**Ron Hutchison**

**SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
**“A Study of Ecclesiastes”**



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