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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 2:00 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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END OF THE OLD YEAR *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The year of 2024 is almost complete. It is amazing how quickly this year has seemed to pass. Those of us who are older in age can testify that the years seem to pass more quickly the older we get. Of course, that is just our perception as each year passes the same.

For the Green Plain congregation this year has been especially difficult as several of our faithful and beloved members have passed from this life to continue their journey in eternity. We miss each one. Yet, we know that we must continue the “good fight of faith” till the time of our own appointment with death comes (Hebrews 9:27). Precious souls are still lost all around us and it is our continued responsibility to reach out with God’s truth to save as many as we can. In other words, as long as we have the means and ability we must use our talents and opportunities to fulfill God’s will for our lives, both as individuals and as a congregation of the Lord’s church.

There are many things for which we should be thankful for in the year of 2024. We should be thankful for those who obeyed the gospel this past year. We should be thankful for faithful elders who lead us, for deacons who serve and for each member of the church at Green Plain. We should be thankful for the opportunities we have to serve our Lord. For being able to assemble together in a suitable meeting house without fear of intervention by our government or others. We are also thankful for the love that we share as members of this congregation and the help and support we receive from one another in times of need, sorrow, and also in times of joy. Yes, we have much for which to be thankful as 2024 comes to an end.

As we come to the end of this year and start a New Year, let us thank our loving heavenly Father for all the tremendous spiritual blessings that He has reserved for His spiritual children

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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 . Roy Wyatt is in Murray Hospital having suffered a heart attack and bring treated for congestive heart failure.

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, and Teri Mercer.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: The congregation will meet on Wednesday, January 1st as usual for Bible classes. Beginning the first Sunday in January our Sunday evening services will be changed to **2:00 pm.**

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!



VISIT OUR YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK PAGES. Search for Green Plain church of Christ to find videos of this years Gospel Meetings with Bradley Smith (Spring 2024) and John Sales (fall 2024).



ON THE BULLETIN BOARD: Please read the letter from the Newport church of Christ located on the bulletin board concerning the contributions sent from the congregation here to help those who were devastated by the recent hurricane and flooding in North Carolina and Tennessee.

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and continue to serve Him in faithfulness, joy and with certainty of the hope of heaven.

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1-2).

Let hope anchor your soul in this upcoming year of 2025! (Hebrews 6:19).

PREACHING CHRIST *By Jerry Joseph*

Some have said, "Just preach the man and not the plan." Some fail to realize that to preach "Christ" involves more than just preaching about who He is. To preach "Christ" one must preach the . . .

- **COMING OF CHRIST** into this world - (Matthew 1:21; Philippians 2:7).

- **CONDUCT OF CHRIST** - (Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21-22).

- **COMMANDS OF CHRIST** - (John 14:15, 6; Matthew 7:21-23; Revelation 3:8).

- **CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23, 25; Acts

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- **CROSS OF CHRIST** - (1 Corinthians 2:2; 1:18; Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:2).

- **CROWN OF CHRIST** - (Hebrews 1:1-3; 10:12-13; 1 Timothy 6:15; Zechariah 6:12-13)

- **COMING OF CHRIST AGAIN** - (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Preaching "Christ" involves more than just preaching the "man." We must proclaim his message and mission. In preaching, you cannot "put asunder" that which "God has joined together" with Christ.

Think About It!

IT'S NOT JUST A DAY *By David Sproule*

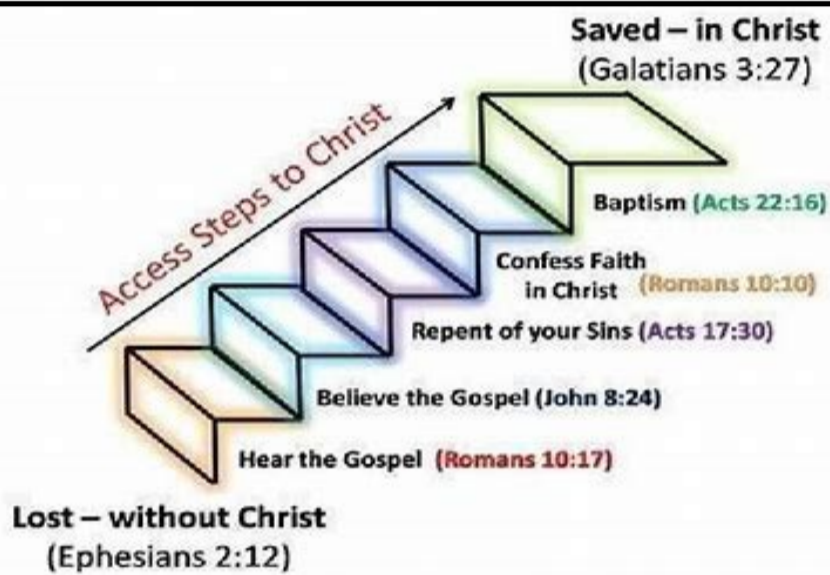
Making "New Year's Eve Resolutions" is an interesting practice. In no way trying to knock those who make them, but what is it about January 1st that makes that day the day to make changes? It's just a day! Couldn't those changes be made on December 28th just as easily? Why wait? The same perspective could be taken toward other "holidays." What is it about February 14th that makes that the day to say, "I love you"? What is it about November 11th that makes that the day to express appreciation to our veterans? What is about someone's birthday that makes it a day to celebrate and give gifts? Couldn't any or all of these things be done on other days? Now, understand that I'm just trying to get you to think. I'm not against any of these special days or the "special commemorations" that are part of them. I'm just trying to lead your thoughts down to this point. Too many have taken that philosophy—"A day is just a day. They have tried to apply that philosophy to Sunday. You

know Sunday, right? The first day of the week. The "last day of the weekend." It's just like any other day, right? Does it really matter what I do (or don't do) on Sunday? The apostle John had an interesting way of describing Sunday in the book of Revelation. He could have called it "the first day of the week," like he did when writing his gospel account (John 20:1, 19), but he didn't. He could have called it "Sunday," which would have made sense to us. But, instead, on the occasion when John "was in the Spirit" and prepared to receive "the revelation of Jesus Christ," the Holy Spirit inspired him to designate Sunday as "the Lord's Day" (Revelation 1:10). You see, Sunday is not just a day! It is, set apart by God Himself, the Lord's Day! Therefore, we must take the more earnest heed to ensure that (1) what we do on the Lord's Day is what the Lord wants us to do on His day, and (2) we do not move what the Lord wants done on

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His day to another day. What is it about Sunday that makes it the day to worship the Lord? What is it about Sunday that makes what we do on that day in worship holy and unmovable to any other day? The answer: The Lord! That's why it is called "the Lord's Day!" May God help us to love His day, respect His day, long for His day, seize His day, give ourselves and truly worship Him on His day! **The Lord's Day** is not just a day!



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
Guest Speaker

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
Guest Speaker

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of Ecclesiastes"



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