



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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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  
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### Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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## THIS WICKED WORLD *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The world in which Noah lived was filled with wickedness. The Bible describes the spiritual condition of the majority of earth's inhabitants at that time in the words, *"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* (Genesis 6:5). Even after the cleansing of the earth by an universal flood, over time man again turned to embrace wickedness. *"No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words, and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity"* (Psalm 59:4). Inspiration described the spiritual condition of man in New Testament times in the words, of *Romans 3:10-12*, *"There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one"* and *"for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"* (Rom. 3:23). 1 John 5:19 reads, *"And we know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness."*

Though some may deny it the truth is that the world in which we presently live is aptly described by the verses previously quoted. Sin and evil abound. The evil intent of the heart shows itself in evil actions. The devil is made happy but God is made sad by the wicked condition of the world.

Noah lived in a wicked world but he still maintained his faithfulness to God and saved his family from the destruction of the flood (2 Peter 3:20). David lived in a wicked world and, yes, he committed sin, but he repented of his sin and received God's forgiveness (2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51). Both Paul and John lived at a time when their world lay in wickedness but both remained faithful servants of the Lord carrying out the will of God for their lives.

The lesson for us is obvious. If they could live for God in spite of the extent of the wickedness around them so can you and I. We each have it within our ability to *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...."* (1 John 2:15). We each can follow

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Joan Lathrop, Wanda Barrett, Mary and Jesse Vincent, Roy and Marie Wyatt and Jimmy Cochran.

**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, ,Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Janice Canter, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy and Joanne Hutchiso andDarren Mays

**PANTRY ITEMS December 2025:** 7-Peas; 14-Carrots; 21-Green Beans; 28-Corn, All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**December 2025; Anniversaries:** 17-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. This study can be conducted in your home or in our building. You may call 270-978-7569 or write us at Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049.

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**THOSE TO SERVE December 2025**

Announcements: Mike

Lord’s Table AM: James and Chad

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

Opening Prayer AM; 7-Bobby; 14-Jonnie; 21 -Jimmy;  
28-Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 7-Russell; 14-Don; 21 -Jesse  
28-Roy

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Chad; Wednesday-Mike

Count Contribution: James and Chad

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the divine directive to “*set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Col. 3:2). We can refuse to “*conform*” our selves to this world (Rom. 12:2) and to keep ourselves “*unspotted from the world*” (James 1:27). We can refuse to walk “*according to the course of this world*” indulging ourselves “*in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh*” (Eph. 2:2-3) and instead choose to “*shine as lights in*

*the world*” (Phil. 2:15). We can live faithful to God in spite of the world of wickedness in which we live!

Dear brother, sister, don’t give up! Don’t allow this wicked world to take you away from your Lord. Don’t allow the devil to deceive you. The promises of God will be fulfilled. He will come for us at the time of His choosing. The wicked world will end. We will be saved eternally in heaven!

**DYING WITHOUT GOD**

Some person you know and love is going to die unprepared for death and judgment. They will die without God and without hope. And remember these are people who are precious to you. This is a tragedy of all tragedies.

These precious lost ones do not have to perish (2 Peter 3:9). Christ Jesus gave His life to redeem the lost from sin. At just the right time Jesus was born. “But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law” (Galatians 4:4). He lived without sin and then died on a cross to save sinners (Hebrews 2:9). If it was not for the death of Jesus, God would have no choice but to punish men for sin. But, Jesus died as our sin substitute (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The gospel is God’s power to save (Romans 1:16). You must share this salvation message with as many as you can. Your love, prayer, concern, and effort may lead them to the “Lamb of God” so their sin can be forgiven. “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Are you putting forth an honest effort to win the souls of others for Jesus? Do you want to face God in eternity having done any less than your best in reach-

ing the lost? Do you want to sit by and allow people you love, people who are precious to you, people you work with or even strangers to die without God and without hope? Do you want to look into the cold, lifeless face of a fellow human being and be left with the awful thought that you might have done something to save them from hell if only you

had tried?

If souls are to be won specific action must be taken:

☐ Select six people who, with God’s help, you will try to win for Jesus. The six are:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Pray for them daily by name.

☐ Encourage these lost ones to attend the services of the church. Pick them up for the assembly and sit with them during worship.

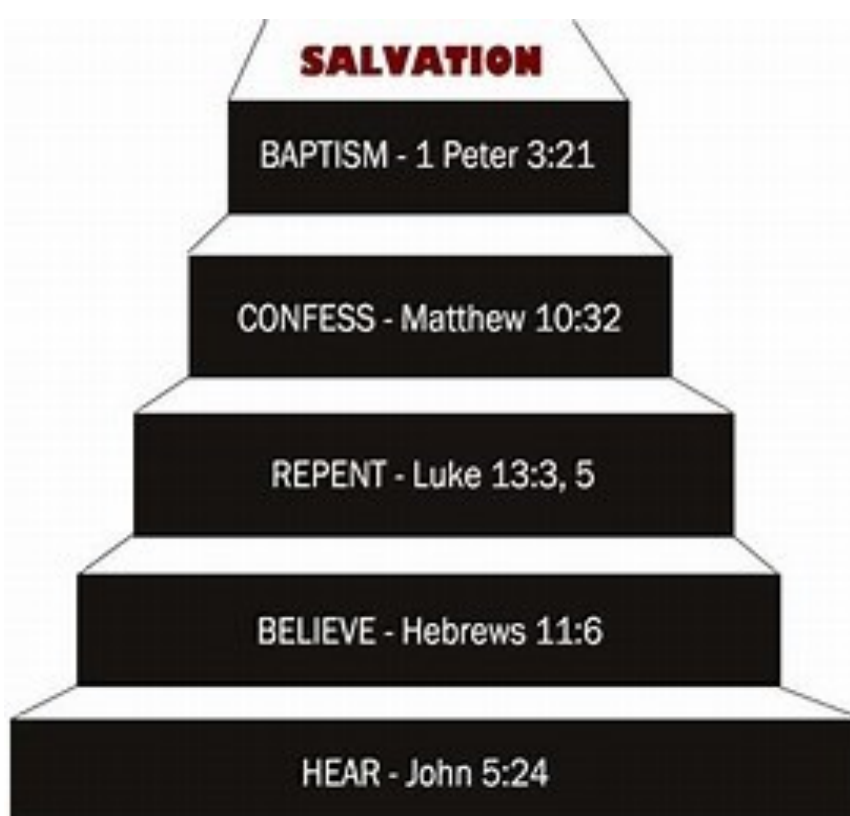
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- ☐ Have them in your home for a meal and also visit in their home.
- ☐ Study the Bible with them in some organized way.
- ☐ Be a true friend to these lost ones.

Do not give up. Be persistent in the things above and in other things you can do to bring these lost ones to Jesus. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5-6).

— — Charles Box, via: THE EASTSIDE EDIFIER



God will grant you salvation through the blood of Jesus if you will in love and humility, obey His will. Jesus is the "author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9).

### 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 Mark"**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM**  
**"Tell Me The Story of Jesus"**

**SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM**  
**"The Pre-eminence of Christ"**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
**"A Study of I Kings"**



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