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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

Location

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“I AM TEACHING THE TRUTH ...AND NOT LYING” By Jonnie Hutchison

The title of this article comes from a statement written by the inspired apostle Paul found in 1 Timothy 2:7. Paul affirmed that he was telling the truth about his appointment as a preacher and an apostle. He wrote, “...*I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*”

Not every preacher speaks the truth in Christ. That is why there are so many warnings in the Bible regarding false doctrine and false teachers. Consider this warning in 2 Peter 2:1-2, “*But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.*” Likewise the apostle John warned, “*Beloved, do not*

believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world (1 John 4:1). These warning continue to be as relevant in the present as they were in the past.

Why do so many lie by refusing to speak the truth in Christ?

They have been deceived themselves. They are merely teaching what they have been taught by others without examining the revealed Word of God as to whether it is true or false. They have been deluded into “believing the lie” and continue to propagate it (2 Thess. 2:9-11). They have been deceived into embracing the divisiveness of denominationalism and other false religions in “teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:8-9).

Some teach error because

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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, and Teri Mercer.

TRY ITEMS December 2024: 1– Peanut Butter; 8-Jelly or Jam; 15-Fruit Juice; 22-Toilet 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).



**ANNUAL
ORNAMENT PARTY**

December 14, 2024

5:30 pm

At the Home of
Jane Morris

Bring an ornament and
finger foods



2 Cor 13:14

**“The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion
of the Holy
Spirit be with you
all.Amen.”**

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it is financially lucrative. Their goal is **not** the salvation of souls, but to “get rich” at the expense of souls who are desperate for truth. However, they perch “the gospel of health and wealth” and not the “truth that is in Christ.” They “*serve their own belly*” as they “*deceive the hearts of the simple*” (romans 6:18).

Jesus taught that false teachers are known by their fruits, i.e. by what is produced from their teaching (Matthew 7:16, 20). False teaching produces man-made churches, human creeds and human religious traditions. On the other hand, preaching the truth in Christ produces only mem-

bers of the church of Christ (Matthew 16:18), cleansed by the blood of Jesus and added to His church by Him (Acts 2:38-47).

Please, do not be deceived by false teachers who refuse to teach the truth that is in Christ. Do as the noble Bereans of whom it is said, “*they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so*” (Acts 17:11). Friends, God’s Word revealed in the Bible is true. Only by accepting and obeying God’s truth may one be saved from the eternal consequences of sin. Don’t believe a lie! Believe the truth that is in Christ!

OUR FUTURE *By Jerry Joseph*

In many ways the future is uncertain. Who knows what is going to happen in the future? Despite the uncertainty of the future, there are things that can and should be a part of our lives. Let’s notice three things:

The FORGIVENESS of Sins. Man’s greatest problem is that of sin (Rom. 6:23; 3:23). Because of our sins we are separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2); without Christ, having no hope and without God (Eph. 2:12). Man’s greatest need is for the forgiveness of his sins. By our obedience to the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16-17; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matt. 10:32-33; Acts 2:38) we have the forgiveness of our sins now and can continue to enjoy that blessing in the future by being a faithful child of God (1 John 1:6-10).

The FELLOWSHIP of the Son of God. Fellowship with the Lord is another one of those spiritual blessings being en-

joyed by the child of God (Ephesians 1:3; 1 John 1:6-7). Again, let it be emphasized that this “fellowship with the Lord” begins with our being “born again,” and it can continue to be in our future if we “walk in the light” (1 John 1:6-7).

We can lose the “fellowship of the Lord,” His “favor” by returning to sin. We need to remember the words of John in 2 John 9, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”

FAITHFUL Service. Notice the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as

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ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Servants of God are to render faithful service. “Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). What every child of God is to be involved in now and in the future is “faithful service.” —*St. Peter’s church of Christ, MO.*

**“There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.”**

1 Samuel 2:2

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
“Seven Ones Of Unity”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“The Offensive Christ”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of Ecclesiastes”



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