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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 270-293-7027
- James Pigg 270-293-2319

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

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

Location

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NOT MINE TO BEGIN WITH *By Glen Colley*

Living the way we should and understanding the real truth about life requires a knowledge of God. Proverbs 1:7 says, *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.”*

Senator Bob McQuin tells the story of going to McDonalds with his little boy. After getting the food and sitting down, the senator reached for one of his son’s fries. The little boy said, “No daddy. Those are my fries.”

Bob thought a minute and then took out a piece of paper and wrote four observations. First, his son didn’t know that if he wanted to, he could take all his fries. Second, if he wanted to he could smother his son in french fries.



Third, he didn’t need his son’s fries, he could get his own. And finally, what hurt him the most is that his son wasn’t willing to share that which he had given him.

You know, as we look at our heavenly Father’s blessings we observe that He could remove all of our blessings. Second, He could cover us up in blessings. Third, He doesn’t actually need what we have to offer. And finally, what hurts Him most is when we refuse to give to Him what He has given to us. Psalms 103:13 says, *“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.”*

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MMARRIAGE IS HONORABLE *By Jonnie Hutchison*

In our day marriage has fallen on hard times. It is no longer viewed as necessary in a relationship by many people. The number of couples who have decided to live together without the commitment of marriage continues to grow. One recent news

headline read, “Living together without getting married is the ‘new’ norm.” The National Center for Health Statistics reported that for almost half of women ages 15-44 their “first union” was cohabitation rather than marriage. Co-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady is at Raymond's home. Continue to pray for Marie Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, and Roy Wyatt. Joan Lathrop is recovering at home after her surgery. Please remember these folks in prayers and visits.

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. And Gina Hutchison.

A BIG THANKS to Jan and James Pigg for planning and hosting the Valentine's party this past Friday. All who attended really enjoyed it.

PANTRY ITEMS February 2025: 2-Peaches; 9-Pears; 16-Green Beans; 23-Peanut Butter. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

February 2025; Anniversaries: 2-Tina & Chad Canter; 20-Karen & Martin Elkins. **Birthdays:** 19-Maxine Pool; 25-Jan Pigg.

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!

THOSE TO SERVE February 2025

Announcements: Chad Canter

Lord's Table AM: Roy & Junior

Lord's Table PM: 2-Roy; 9-Junior; 16-Roy;
23-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 2-James; 9-Jonnie; 16-Jimmy;
23-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 2-Bobby; 9-Dave; 16-Jesse;
23-Russell

Lead Songs: Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Chad;
Wednesday-Mike

Count Contribution: Roy and Junior

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

SPRING SESSION 2025

March 24—May 19

Each Monday 7-9 pm

**A Study of Galatians
Ron Hutchison**

**A Study of Hebrews—2
Jonnie Hutchison**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND!**

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habitation is defined as “the state of living together and having a sexual relationship without being married.” Is such a relationship acceptable to God? Read God’s answer in Hebrews 13:4, “*Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*” God says that marriage is honorable, that is, worthy of honor. God instituted the marriage relationship at the very beginning of man’s existence when He declared, “*Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*” (Genesis 2:24) Jesus quoted this very passage and then added, “*Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate*” (Matthew 19:5-6). God intends the marriage of a man and woman to last a lifetime (Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10).

In marriage, the bed is undefiled. This is an obvious reference to the sexual relationship. Sex in marriage is a beautiful expression of the intimate and unique love that is to exist between husband and wife. It is something that is shared only between the two. Sex with someone other than one’s own legitimate spouse is adultery. Sex outside of the bond of marriage is fornication. According to the Word of God those who engage in fornication and adultery are under God’s condemnation. Both adultery and fornication are included in the list of the “works of the flesh” and those who commit these sins are lost and will not go to heaven (Galatians 5:19-21). This is your state before God if you are living together without being mar-

riage or if you are engaging in a sexual relationship with someone other than your husband or wife. As sex in marriage is honorable and undefiled, sex outside of marriage is dishonorable and defiled. It is not surprising that God tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:18, “*Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*”

For a marriage to be honorable in the sight of God it both parties must be eligible for marriage. Those eligible for marriage would include (1) those who have never been married before and are of martial age (2) those who have divorced their previous spouse because of that spouses adultery (fornication—Mathew 19:9), and (3) those whose spouse had died (Romans 7:1-3).

For a marriage to be honorable in God’s sight it must be between one man and one woman as instituted by God in the beginning (Genesis 2:18-25). Marriage of a man to a man or a woman to a woman is an abomination to God for it is a perversion of His plan for marriage and human relationships (Romans 1:26-32).

How people view the marriage relationship does not change God’s view. God says marriage is worthy of honor. To dishonor the marriage relationship by engaging in the sins of adultery and fornication is to violate God’s divine will and thus to sin (1 John 3:4). Let us honor the marriage relationship by recognizing its worth to couples and to society and by conforming to the will of God in our own relationships.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR OUR SPRING GOSPEL MEETING
 With **DAVID ANANCE**
APRIL 20-24, 2025



If There was No Church

Have you ever wondered, Have you had the thought?
 What if there was no such thing, As the church which
 Christ's blood bought?
 There would be no Sunday gatherings, No chance to
 greet and say, "Hello."
 No encouragement or exhortation, Because there
 would be no place to go.
 No children singing "Jesus Loves Me", Or reciting
 memory verses loud and clear.
 No coloring of pictures of the living Savior, Because
 families would never come near.
 There would be no voices singing, Or bringing pray-
 ers to the Father above.
 No ministering to the sick and the weary, For there is
 no church built on love.
 Oh how I am thankful for the church, Where all spir-
 itual blessings in Christ can be found.
 Love, support, edification, and good will, For we
 know the church is certainly heaven bound!

Jay Launius – 2023
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 Maud, Texas

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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!



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
 CLASS 10:00 AM**
"A Study of Mark"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM
"Paul's Heavenly Vision"

SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM
"More Holiness Give Me"

Wednesday 7:00 PM
"A Study of Ecclesiastes"



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