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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

Location

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FISHERS OF MEN

Don Marquis once said, “Our idea of fishing is to put all the exertion up to the fish. If they are ambitious, we will catch them. If they are not, let them go about their business.”

When it comes to evangelism, this quote often proves all too true. Some Christian’s idea of being “fishing for men” is to simply to sit there and hope for the person to come to them. Little effort is put forth. Little is done to start conversations or pursue possible contacts. We get scared. We get busy. We get nervous. We want all of the exertion to be done by the “fish,” not ourselves. And yet, no matter our feelings, it still doesn’t change Jesus’ command.



disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)).

“Go” takes effort. “Teach” takes effort. Getting someone to the point of “baptism” takes effort. Let’s be “fishermen” who really put forth some exertion into reaching

others and not leave it all up to the “fish.” We want to get to heaven and take as many with us as we can. Let’s pray for open doors and have the courage to walk through them when they come.

—Author Unknown via [Fishers](#)

[of Men - Articles < Mt. Carmel Church of Christ \(mtcarmelchurchofchrist.org\)](#)

“Go therefore and make

**“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who wins souls is wise.”**

Proverbs 11:30

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Marjorie Grady, Marie Wyatt and Jim and Mary Lowrie. Hayes Grady remains in the Murray Hospital undergoing tests and treatment.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, and Ted Clark.

PANTRY ITEMS February 2024: 4—Black-eyed Peas; 11-Carrots; 18-Canned Tomatoes; 25-Spaghetti Sauce.. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

February 2024; Anniversaries: 20-Karen & Martin Elkins **Birthdays:** 19-Maxine Pool; 25-Jan Pigg- Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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 email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com.

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. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREEN PLAIN:

⇒ **Spring 2024 School of Biblical Studies** each Monday, March 4—April 29. Classes: Romans Part 2-Josh Manning and 2 Corinthians Part 2—Jack Phillips. The time will be 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

⇒ **Spring Gospel Meeting** April 7-11 with Bradley Smith preacher for the Hickory Grove church of Christ. Mark you calendars and pray for these efforts!

THSE TO SERVE February 2024

Announcements: Chad Canter

Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Table PM: 4-Roy; 11-Junior; 18-Roy;
25-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 4-Jonnie; 11-Bobby;
18-James; 25-Jim L

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Mike; 11-Dave; 18-Jesse;
25-Perry

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

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

If you cannot serve contact Chad Canter

To increase your Bible knowledge and strengthen your faith visit the following websites:

The Gospel Broadcasting Network
gbntv.org

Good News Today—www.gntv.org

International Gospel Hour
www.internationalgospelhour.com

A Bible Answer
<http://abibleanswertv.org>

OUR DEVOTION *Bu Jerry Joseph*

Our devotion must always be to the Lord and His Word. The Bible is our standard of authority in whatever we believe, preach, and practice (Colossians 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17). If it's not authorized by the Scripture, no matter who is proclaiming it, or how long it is has been practiced, or who is promoting and pushing it, it must be rejected without hesitation (Ephesians 5:11; 2 John 9-11). As a child of God, one must understand the importance of ...

Sowing the Seed (the Word of God), making available through Scriptural means the way, the plan, the means by which one can be saved and have the hope of Heaven (Luke 8:11; Romans 1:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 14:6; 1 Timothy 3:15).

Strengthening the Saved. The Scripture reminds us how important it is to edify,

encourage, and exhort one another as brethren (Romans 14:19; Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11) to remain faithful to the Lord.

Serving those in need. There are those who stand in need and because of one's compassion and care, if one has the means and the opportunity, there is the responsibility (Galatians 2:10; 6:2, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:12-13; 1 John 3:17-18; James 1:27; Luke 10:25-37).

As a child of God, one must strive to be devoted to the things that the Lord desires and demands, no matter what may be happening in our society and the world. It doesn't matter how one feels about something or what someone else is doing, one must stand devoted to the things of God, and that is never wrong!

—St. Peter's church of Christ, MO.

A LIFE WITHOUT GOD *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Do you need God in your life? A great many people are answering no to that question. As a matter of fact, many would tell you that having God in their lives would be too restrictive and an unnecessary burden. Having God in one's life requires the exercise of self-control, refraining from the pleasures of sin and putting God's will above one's own will. However, choosing not to have God in one's life has consequences. If you choose to live your life without God you will live your life without the benefits of His love. "God is love" (1 John 4:8). God loves every person and has demonstrated His love in the giving of Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for the sins of the world (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). God even loves those who decide to live their

lives without Him. But those who make that choice will not receive the benefits of God's love which includes the forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life in heaven. Yes, if you choose to live your life without God you are choosing to live it without the benefits of God's love.

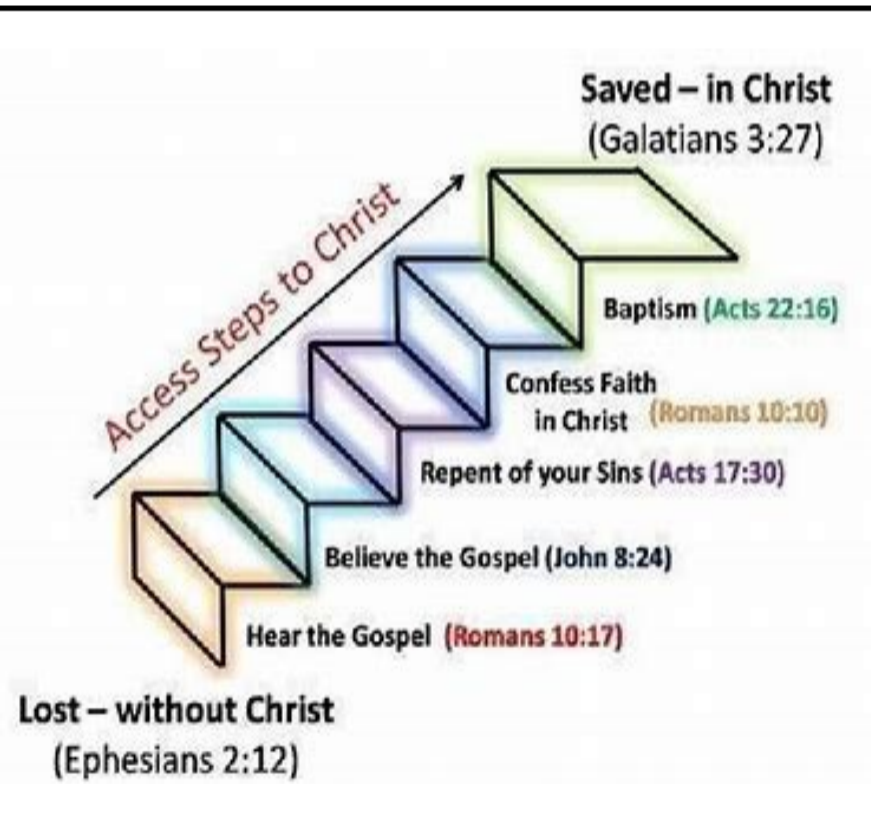
If you choose to live your life without God you are choosing to live your life without His divine help and guidance God has given us His divine will in the Bible to guide us in the path of life. The prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write, "*O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps*" (Jer.

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10:23). Humanism says that man is completely self-sufficient and does not need the God of the Bible. Spiritually speaking, without accepting the help and guidance of God's Word in our lives we have no real sense of direction and we become hopelessly lost. While men often fail their fellow man, God will never "leave us or forsake us" but will guide us through the negative issues of life. Yet, if you choose to live your life without God you will live it without His divine help and guidance.

If you choose to live your life without God you will live your life without hope. Hope is described in the Bible as "the anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). The hope of the Christian is the fulfillment of the promise of eternal life in heaven with God (1 John 2:25). Only those who choose to have God in their lives possess this hope. If one rejects God he has only eternal hopelessness and regret in his future (Matthew 25:46).

The truth is that all of us need God in our lives for without Him there is no love, no help and no hope. May we help you to discover how you can have God in your life?



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
Study of I Timothy

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Flee, Follow, Fight"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 2:00
"Are You Growing in Christ?"

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Matthew



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