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

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“SOME COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT EVANGELISM” *By Kevin Cauley*

When you hear the phrase, “Personal Evangelism” what do you think? It is an awesome and daunting responsibility to take the gospel to others. I have been involved in several efforts to get the word out. I have knocked doors and spoken to folks about the gospel. I don’t know everything about personal evangelism, but I have come to learn about several misconceptions.

Misconception number one: Most people hate to talk about the Bible. Some try to avoid it, but many are happy to have the discussion. Most of the time, the problem is that we are not comfortable talking about the Bible, and that makes others uncomfortable. Think of your favorite subject. What did you do to learn how to talk about it to someone else? Are you comfortable talking about it? Can you put the same attitude and effort into talking about the Bible? If we demonstrate that we are comfortable talking about the Bible, others will be too. “As He spoke these words, many believed in Him” (John 8:32).

Misconception number

two: I just don’t know enough to talk to someone else about the Bible. The truth is: you know more than you think you do. The church of Christ emphasizes regular Bible study. Most others do not. The barrier is our own comfort level. We just need to start the conversation. “But what if I don’t know something?” There is nothing wrong with telling someone that you don’t know the answer. Tell them, “I will find out and get back to you later.” The church at Corinth had many questions. They wrote a letter to Paul to get them answered (1 Corinthians 1:11). Sometimes we need to get answers from someone who knows a little more about the Bible. This is OK and people will understand if we need to do this.

Misconception number three: I just don’t know how to do personal work. You really do. Personal work is not necessarily a personal Bible study, even though it can be. It can be visiting people, passing out flyers, writing letters to the editor, working with mail outs, and just chatting with your neighbor. Getting out into

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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, Joan Lathrop, and Roy Wyatt.

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.

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!



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



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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the community, getting involved, and making contacts is the best personal work. The church has PLENTY of work to do that ANYONE can do. Getting to know people is a big part of evangelism. Most people today respond to the gospel because a friend talked to them about it. Can you be a friend? “A man *who has* friends must himself be **friendly**” (Proverbs 18:24).

- **Misconception number four: Nobody is going to respond anyway.** This is a defeatist attitude. Of course nobody is going to respond if we don’t go out and work. When you do the work, however, you never know who is going to respond. Consistent steady efforts are the key to any successful endeavor. How many successful salesmen do you know who gave up after their first attempt? It takes time, effort, and consistency.

Paul said, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears” (Acts 20:31).

We can do personal work in our community. The biggest barrier to this is ourselves. We need to determine to get out and start evangelizing for Christ. The stakes are too high, and the souls of men hang in the balance. Let’s resolve to make an effort to evangelize our community. “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” (John 4:25).

--[Some Common Misconceptions About Evangelism](#)
- [GEWatkins.net](#)

SHARING OUR HOPE *By Mike Riley*

In the stress filled moments of our lives, having no visible means for encouraging strength, our desperate hands often clutch for that intangible called, “hope.” Hope tells us to press on when everything else tells us to give up. Where would we be, what would we do, without hope?

There are literally billions of people living today who have no hope in the most significant of all considerations, eternal life. These are like unto those, “which have no hope”, that Paul described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13. No hope for salvation. Once in their grave, their doom is “sealed” – hell awaits.

How fortunate and blessed we Christians are in having the “Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope” (1 Timothy 1:1). We have hope in this life (Titus 2:12-13), and we have hope beyond the grave (Psalm

23:4). Because Christ conquered death for us (Hebrews 2:14; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Colossians 2:15) – eternal life in heaven awaits us (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Our hope must be shared with the lost. Peter told us, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15). As Christians, we should be giving hope to the hopeless by giving life to the spiritually dead by means of the gospel (Mark 16:15-16).

We need not go into the jungles of foreign lands, nor cross the oceans of the world, to find those without that most glorious hope. Over two hundred million people are presently without hope in the United States.

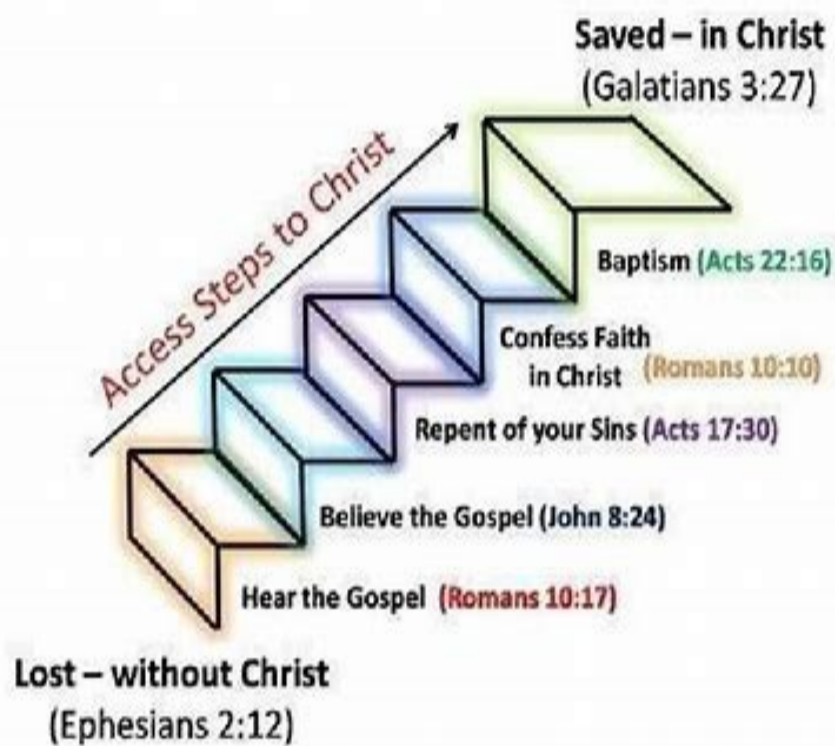
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Lost, hopeless, and dying people are living in the shadows of our homes and church buildings. Can we say along with Paul, “Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men” (Acts 20:26 – ASV)? — Sharing Our Hope! - GEWatkins.net

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 10:45 AM
“Seeking the Old Paths”

SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM
To Be Announced

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of Ecclesiastes”

ARE YOU IN OR OUT?

- ♦ Salvation is **“in Christ”** - 2 Timothy 2:10.
- ♦ Redemption is **“in Christ”** - Romans 3:24.
- ♦ One is dead to sin but alive to God **“in Christ”** - Romans 6:11.
- ♦ Eternal life is available **“in Christ”** - Romans 6:23.
- ♦ There is no condemnation to those who are **“in Christ”** - Romans 8:1.
- ♦ The sanctified are **“in Christ”** - 1 Corinthians 1:2.
- ♦ Those **“in Christ”** are a new creation—2 Cor. 5:17.
- ♦ All spiritual blessings are **“in Christ”** - Eph. 1:3.
- ♦ Baptism, preceded by faith, repentance and confession of faith puts one **“into Christ”** - Acts 2:38; 9:37; Rom 6:3-5; Gal. 3:26-27.

So, are you in or out?



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