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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

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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
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“Judas—Loyal, Traitor, Bargainer, Betrayer, Suicide” *By Robert R. Taylor*

The names of the twelve apostles are given in Matthew 10, Mark 3 and Luke 6. Judas Iscariot, uniformly, is listed last. Both Matthew and Mark refer to him as the betrayer; Luke styles him the traitor. The names of the eleven are enshrined in our hearts as real heroes of holiness, gallant men of the gospel. The name of Judas Iscariot, literally a man from Kerioth in Judaea, lives in infamy. We can scarcely speak his name without evoking feelings of repulsion, scorn and distaste. Judas was not born that way; he was not even that way when first railed. He became that way when he gave in to sin.

JUDAS—LOYAL: Prior to being named an apostle, Judas was a disciple which means student, follower, learner, observer. So were the other eleven. Then came the point in their [unintelligible word in original] when Christ called them to a more lofty level—that of apostles. Apostles were appointed; they were sent; they were clothed with the powers of ambassadors; they were to be His envoys. Judas was qualified for such, else the

Lord would not have given him this place of spiritual priority. Judas was clothed with powers to heal, cast out demons, cleanse lepers and even raise the dead. The Lord would not have bequeathed such powers to one already in league with Satan. Judas was an excellent handler of money. That is why he became the treasurer of the apostolic company as per John 12:6. Judas was loyal to the Lord at first; he just did not retain this loyalty. He lost it; he sold his soul to sin.

JUDAS—TRAITOR: Judas became a traitor in heart before he became one externally. Out of the heart flow the issues of life as per the statement from the Wisest of the Ages (Pro. 4:23). Judas failed to do what the first part of that proverb enjoins—keep his heart with full, dedicated diligence. In Matthew 12:35, Jesus avers that “an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” Judas allowed evil to enter, permeate and then dominate his heart. Satan was not always IN him. We read in Luke

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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 underwent two surgeries this past week. 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. Gina Hutchison will be having surgery in Nashville on Feb. 13th.

A BIG THANKS to those who delivered items to New Pathways this past week and those who contributed those items to our pantry.

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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22:3, “Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.” Satan, obviously, could not have entered into him at this point had he dominated his heart all along! Yet Satan entered a willing heart here. He did not come in as forceful usurper or Master compelling Judas to receive him. Judas extended him the welcome mat and IN HE CAME! That is the way the Devilish Deluder enters any heart, every heart. Luke tells us that Judas COMMUNED with the Jewish leadership. He communed out of a heart that had become filled with treason against truth. He was a full fledged traitor to truth—its betrayer.

JUDAS—BARGAINER: The bill of sales had to be finalized now. His covetous, grasping, greedy ways drove him to his would-be cronies in crime—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests and elders. He wished to know what price they would pay for his traitorous plans to be put into infamous operation. He was playing right into their cold, calloused, cruel hands. They agreed to shell out thirty pieces of silver for the dastardly deed, the sure delivery of the despised Galilean into their murderous midst. The foul deed now only awaited convenience of opportune time (Mat. 26:14-16).

JUDAS—BETRAYER: Judas had the audacity to appear with the faithful eleven at the Last Supper in the Upper Room. He was in close proximity to the Lord as they reclined at the table. The Lord pointed to him as the betrayer. Judas exits into the darkness of that Thursday night. The river of no return had been reached for him. He knew that plans for that night called for the Lord to go to Gethsemane—a garden on the western slopes of Olivet where Jesus frequently resorted when in the Jerusalem area. Judas headed for his cronies in crime. He led them to Jesus and identified Him with a kiss. It

was the kiss of treason, the kiss of betrayal, the kiss of hypocrisy to the nth degree, and then some!! From that day until now we have had the Judas kiss as a sinful symbol of insensitive betrayal and hypocritical treachery.

JUDAS—SUICIDE: When the diabolical deed stood completed the coveted pieces of silver became less inviting to Judas with the passing of every minute; they soon became odious in his sinful sight. He sought to return the tainted coins to his cronies in crime but they treated him with a cold sneer. He was no longer useful to them. In desperation he threw the now despised coins to the temple floor and went forth in total disgrace. He took his own life by hanging himself (Mat. 27:5). Later his body fell to the ground—head first—and his bowels gushed out as a result of the impact (Acts 1:18). The blood money was used to purchase the potter’s field in which strangers in Jerusalem might be buried. Judas went to his own place—Hadean punishment. He is destined for Eternal Gehenna from judgment onward as per Acts 1:25, which states, “That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.”

LESSONS LEARNED: 1. Sin is always worse than we first imagine it will be.

2. Judas could have repented; instead he only regretted what he had done.

3. Tragedy stalks every person whose soul is for sale.

4. A child of God can so sin as to be eternally lost—look at Judas.

5. There is never any real comfort or loyalty from one’s cronies in crime.

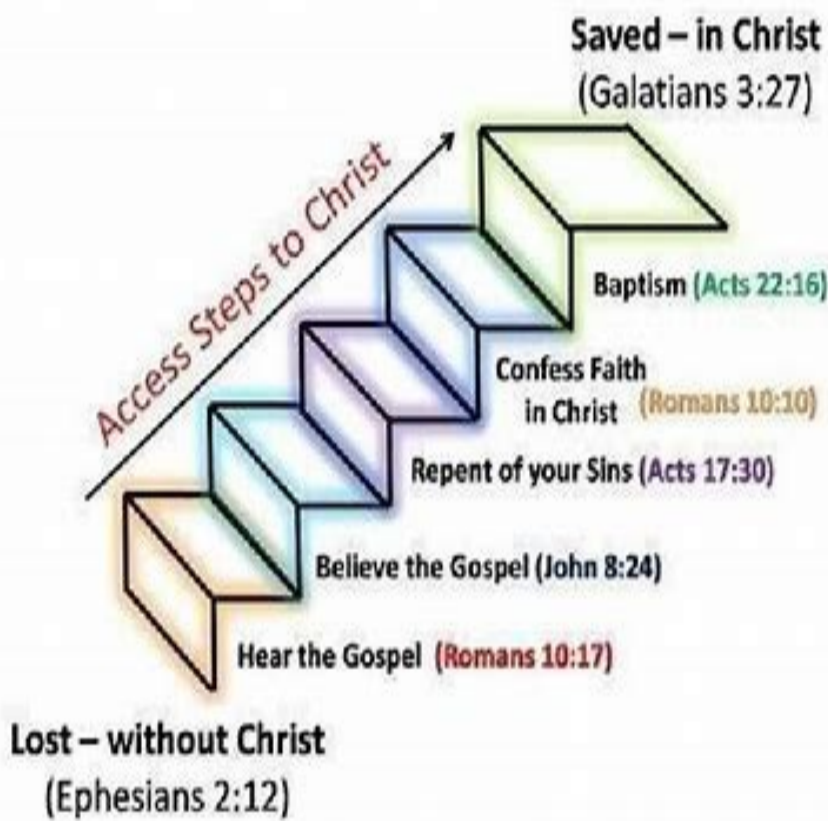
6. A man can prove unfaithful in the very area where he is unusually talented. Ju-

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das did in the money handling business.

(Appreciation is expressed for the works of brethren H. A. Dixon and Guy N. Woods which have been helpful in the writing of this article). P.O. Box 464; Ripley, TN 3806—Brother Taylor has passed from this life but his articles are still excellent and profitable reading.



WORDS OF WISDOM

Proverbs 1:5 “A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,”

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Isaiah 33:6 “Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.”

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
“Being of Value in the Lord’s Work”

SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM
“The Glory of God and the Christian”

Wednesday 7:00 PM



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