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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  
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- James Pigg  
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### Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

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## IS IT TIME FOR A SELF- EXAMINATION? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The Bible is very clear on the need for us to continuously examine ourselves as to whether or not we are walking according to divine truth. Previous to partaking of the Lord's Supper Christians are instructed, "*But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup*" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The Greek word translated "examine" in this passage is *dokimazetoo* which means "to test...by implication, to approve" (Strong). Thayer adds "to scrutinize...to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy."

Our salvation depends upon maintaining faithfulness to Christ. It should not surprise any Christian to know that God demands us to examine ourselves, to scrutinize our words and actions, and when we see something in our lives contrary to the will of God He expects us to make the necessary changes to bring ourselves back to faithfulness. The example of the seven churches of Asia testifies to this truth. The Lord called for their self-examination and necessary repentance (Revelation 3-4).

In 2 Corinthians 13:5 the Bible reads, "*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves....*" It's easy for us to put others in our spotlight and see their shortcomings but what about seeing our own? One will not see his own faults unless and until he is willing to honestly look at himself—to do that critical self-examination for which this passage calls. Is it easy to do? None of us likes to think of ourselves as "bad people." But the purpose of self-examination is improvement. When one examines himself and sees he is out of step with the Lord's word then that is the time to make the necessary changes to bring his life back into harmony with the will of God.

Someone has well said that "none are so blind as those who **will not** see." We all have the ability to see our faults if we will but look. That person who fails to engage in the Lord's requirement for self-examination will fail in living as a Christian. With that in mind, please honestly answer this

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Joan Lathrop, Wanda Barrett ((Spring Creek Rehab), Roy and Marie Wyatt, Mary and Jesse Vincent.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry Wyatt, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Janice Canter, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy and Darren Mays.

**PANTRY ITEMS March 2026:** 1-Tooth Paste; 8-Koolaide; 15-Salt; 22-Pepper; 29-Jelly or Jam  
All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**March 2026; Anniversaries:** 12-Marie & Roy Wyatt; 15-Sue & Bobby Hall.. **BIRTHDAYS:** 9-Gail Hutchison; 14-Roy Wyatt; 20-James Pigg.. Congratulations!

**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. This study can be conducted in your home or in our building. You may call 270-978-7569 or write us at Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049.

**ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRECSPONDENCE COURSE.** Send your name, 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.

**Time Change:** Beginning next Sunday **March 8th** our afternoon service will change to **6:00 pm**.

### THOSE TO SERVE March 2026

Announcements: Mike

Lord's Table AM: James & Chad

Lord's Table PM: 1-Chad; 8-James; 15-Chad; 22-James;  
29-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 1-Bobby; 8-Jonnie; 15-Jimmy;  
22-Perry; 29-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 1-Roy; 8-Don; 15-Jesse;  
22-Russell; 29-Bobby

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

Count Contribution: James & Chad

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And many more!

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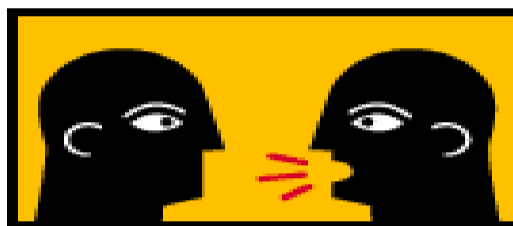
question: When is the last time that you sat down and really took a look at your words, your actions and your attitude? When you test yourself what do you see?

*“But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load” (Galatians 6:4-5).*

### POWER OF WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life,  
A bitter word may hate instill,  
A brutal word may smite and kill,  
A gracious word may smooth the way,  
A joyous word may light the day,  
A timeless word may lessen stress,  
A loving word may heal and bless.

—Author Unknown



*“For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. . . (James 3: 2).*

### PRADOXES By Gary Colley

We find the greatest of all paradoxes in the Cross of Christ! “Paradox” means something seeming self- contradictory but really found on Truth. THE CROSS IS:

1. The most tragic murder in the history of the world, YET the most wonderful event that ever happened!
2. The saddest spectacle man ever beheld, YET out of it came the greatest joy!
3. Satan’s greatest victory and Christ’s most humiliating defeat, YET the most stunning defeat Satan ever suffered, and the most glorious victory Christ ever won!
4. The greatest exhibition of divine justice in condemning sin, YET the most wonderful demonstration of divine mercy in pardoning sin.
5. God’s greatest manifestation of hatred for sin, YET God’s supreme proof of love for the sinner!
6. The means by which God’s justice condemned sin, YET the exhibition of His mercy in forgiving sin!
7. The darkest hour in history, YET the time of greatest light to the world!
8. The greatest hatred of man for Christ, YET we see Christ’s love for man!
9. The cross portrays man’s sinfulness, YET God’s Holiness!
10. Man’s human weakness, YET God’s Divine strength.
11. Man’s inability to save himself by his own plan, YET God’s ability and power, by grace, to do this for obedient man!
12. The cross from the human standpoint is foolishness, YET it is a revelation of the highest wisdom of God.

via: GETWELL CHURCH OF CHRIST  
BULLETIN

## SEEKING THE LOST *By Glen Posey*

Christ's mission was to make possible man's salvation. The cross is man's only hope (1 Cor. 1:18-24). What about man's part in seeking the lost? It calls for:

**A willing mind.** "For if there be first a willing mind" (2 Cor. 8:12). A willingness to work, seek the lost and serve compassionately is imperative. Service divorced from "will" won't last. There must be a commitment to a cause, the cause of Christ.

**A total conviction.** Sin must be defined before the sinner can be identified. There must be a deep conviction concerning objective truth. Sin is "transgression of the law of God" (1 John 3:4). The gospel is God's power to save (Romans 1:16). Man is lost until he obeys the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-2). Conviction is a convinced conscience.

**A spirit of cooperation.** "Let us" must characterize every member of the church (Neh. 2:17-18). Man is not an island within himself. The great commission, "go ye," demands cooperation (Matt. 28:19).

**A sense of urgency.** Every funeral procession reminds us of life's reality—death (Heb. 9:27). It's now or never for millions every day. The urgency of teaching the lost is unparalleled. We must act now or forever be silenced by closed doors.

**An empathetic heart.** Not sympathy, but empathy (that is, standing in another's shoes). If I was not a Christian, what would I need Christians to do for me? Jesus commanded Christians to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Why? The answer is clear, "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

**A joyful duty.** To have the mind of Christ, one must display His attitude. "...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2). Seeking the lost becomes a joyful task when viewed with a Christ-like mind (Phil. 2:5). Seeking the lost must be the evangelistic thrust of the Lord's church.

Remember, we are not responsible for people, but we ARE responsible to them.

-From Pulpit Preview

### 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 Luke"

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM**  
"The Challenge of Self-Control"

**SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM**  
"A Way That Seems Right, But Is Not"

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
"A Study of I Kings"

