



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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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  
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### Supporting Works

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

### Location

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## LEARNING TO LOVE *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Love is a central theme in the Bible. The word love in various forms appears over 350 times in scripture. Many, who can quote no other passage of scripture, can tell you what John 3:16 says. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* The love of God for each and every individual is obvious in the sending of Jesus to die on the cross for man’s redemption from sin. The love of God for you and me is indisputable. But what of our love for Him?

**Parents must learn to love their children and children their parents.** There is a natural love that parents have for children and children for their parents. Most parents do not need to learn to love their children (there are exceptions). However, both parents and children must be taught to love one another in the sense of expressing their natural love in the proper way. All throughout the Bible love and obedience are mutual characteristics. Children are told to “obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and

mother....” (Eph. 6:1-2). Obeying and honoring ones parents is an expression of love for them. When parents correct their children and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord they are expressing their love for their children (Eph. 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-10). Yes, there is a sense in which parents and children must learn to love one another.

**Christians must learn to love their enemies.** Jesus taught, *“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you”* (Luke 6:27-28). Is it typical for one to love his enemies? No, the typical reaction is to hate ones enemy (Matthew 5:43). But Jesus makes it very clear that not only may one learn to love his enemies, it identifies one who does so as a child of God, the Father (Matthew 5:44-45). That is true because there is no person the Father does not love (John 3:16). How are we then to treat an enemy? *“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him*

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, James Pigg and Mike Ernstberger.

**Family and Friends:** 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.

**AREA EVENTS:** Annual Area Wide Singing at the Williams Chapel church of Christ, Friday March 28, 2025, 7:00 pm.

**PANTRY ITEMS March 2025:** 2-Corn; 9-Carrots; 16-Tomatoes; 23-Green Beans. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

**March 2025; Anniversaries:** 12-Marie & Roy Wyatt; 15-Sue & Bobby Hall

**Birthdays:** 9-Gail Hutchison; 14-Roy Wyatt; 20-James 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. Contact us to set up a time convenient for you. Call 270-978-7569 or email greenplaincoc@gmail.com.

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**THOSE TO SERVE March 2025**

Announcements: Mike E.

Lord’s Table AM: James & Chad

Lord’s Table PM: 2-Chad; 9-James; 16-Chad;  
23-James

Opening Prayer AM: 2-Bobby; 9-Jonnie; 16-Jimmy;  
23-Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 2-Roy; 9-Dave; 16-Jesse;  
23-Junior

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

Count Contribution: James and Chad

**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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*a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:20-21).*

**Christians must learn to possess and exercise brotherly love.** *“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another” (Romans 12:10).* When one becomes a Christian he or she may not fully understand the relationship that is inherent among brethren. The concept of brotherly love may even be foreign to the new Christian. Therefore, the new Christian must learn the attribute of brotherly love. Those who are older in the faith need to be constantly reminded of the necessity of brotherly love and how it is expressed.

**Christians must learn to love the lost.** The Christian is to love his neighbor as he loves himself (Matthew 19:19; Gal. 5:14). *“Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).* How do we express our love to those who are lost? The obvious answer is by teaching them the truth. Paul expressed his great love for his fellow Jews in the words, *“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved” (Romans 10:1).* Earlier in the book of Romans Paul had written, *“that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh” (Romans 9:2-3).* Paul not only expressed in words his love for the lost he showed it in his willingness to suffer-

ing persecution and multiple trials in order to take the gospel to the lost (See 2 Corinthians 6:22-29). How are you expressing your love for the lost? Have you really **learned** to love the lost?

**All need to learn to love God.** Jesus stated clearly how one expresses love for Him in the words, *“...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words....” (John 14:23-24a).* The inspired apostle John wrote, *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3).* Those who desire a loose, non-restrictive and liberal religion may not like it, but the Bible teaches that love for God is expressed in obeying what He has commanded. Granted, obedience without genuine love is empty and vain but so is love without obedience. How does one learn to love God? Jesus taught, *“It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me” (John 6:45).* Love for God is created in the minds of those who learn of God’s love for them. *“We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).* Love for God is generated when one comes to realize, through the study of the Bible, that he/she is a sinner hopelessly lost, but God, in His undeserved love for us has provided through the death and shed blood of Jesus Christ for salvation from sin and its eternal consequences. In addition, in His revelation to us

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**FOR OUR SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**  
**With DAVID ANANCE**



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He has provided the guidance and direction for daily joyful living. He has revealed to us truths which produce patience to persevere and promises filled with hope to anchor our souls. He cares— *“casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you”* (1 Peter 5:7). He loves— *“for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God”* (John 16:27). He sees and hears and answers prayer— *“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil”* (1 Peter 3:12). How can anyone refuse to love Him?

Yes, love must be learned. Learn to love God. Learn to love family. Learn to love your enemies. Learn to love your brothers and sisters in Christ. Learn to love the lost. **Learn to love** and you will enjoy the fruits of that love in eternity in heaven.

**“Where God guides, He provides”**  
**“The LORD will guide you continually,**

**And satisfy your soul in drought,**

**And strengthen your bones;**

**You shall be like a watered garden,**

**And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”** (Isaiah 58:11)

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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!

## Bible Study Opportunities

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 AM**  
**“Lessons From A Postage Stamp”**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 2:00 PM**  
**“Jesus: A Man of Sorrow”**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
**“A Study of Ecclesiastes”**



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