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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am
and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
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- James Pigg
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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ONLY “THE TRUTH” CAN FREE By Jonnie Hutchison

When Jesus said, “*you shall know **the truth** and **the truth** shall make you free,*” He was speaking of spiritual freedom (John 8:32). He was addressing freedom from the slavery of sin and its eternal consequences (Romans 6:23). Jesus also taught, “*...Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin*” (John 8:34).

When Jesus spoke of “*the truth*” He was speaking of God’s truth. God’s truth is objective, not subjective. It is absolute, not relative. “The truth” is revealed in His written Word and is complete. The Bible affirms this when it says, “*as His divine power has given to us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge** of Him who called us by glory and virtue,*” (2 Peter 1:3).

For “**the truth**” to make one free from the slavery of sin its commands must be obeyed. The inspired Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, “*But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to***

*which you were delivered. And having been set **free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness*” (Romans 6:17-18). What “form of doctrine” (teaching) had the Romans obeyed? They had obeyed the teaching of **THE TRUTH** that makes one free from the slavery and eternal consequences of sin. The truth they specifically obeyed is described in Romans 6:3-6, “*Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*”⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**” When were the Romans made free from the slavery of sin? The answer, as given in this passage,

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Marjorie Grady,

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, John Sales, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, Tish Clarke, and Bobby Ward. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

OUR SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES got off to a good start this past Monday with 20 present with attendees from at least five different congregations. Both of our instructors did an excellent job in presenting their respective subjects. Come and join us tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm in the annex. We are confident you will be glad you came.

PANTRY ITEMS **March 2023:** 5—Canned Carrots; 12—Apple Sauce; 19—Green Beans; 26—Corn.

March 2023; Anniversaries: 12-Marie & Roy Wyatt; 15-Sue & Bobby Hall. Birthdays: 9-Gail Hutchison; 14-Roy Wyatt; 20-James Pigg.

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. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

“When the winds of life blow, there is only one solid foundation!” (Matthew 7:24-26)

THOSE TO SERVE MARCH 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mike

SERVE AT LORD’S TABLE—James & Chad

SERVE AT LORD’S TABLE PM

2/5 Chad; 2/12 James; 2/19 Chad; 2/26 James

OPENING PRAYER AM

2/5 Jim L. 2/12 Mike; 2/19; Jonnie 2/26 Bobby.

CLOSING PRAYER AM

2/5 Roy; 2/12 Dave; 2/19 Junior; 2/26 Perry

SONG LEADERS

Sunday AM—Perry; PM—Mike; Wed—Chad

Count contribution: James & Chad



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is, when they as penitent, confessing believers, obeyed the command of **THE TRUTH** to be baptized into the death of Jesus Christ (See Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). In baptism one spiritually reaches the blood of Christ which washes away one's sins (John 19:33-34; Revelation 1:5b).

It is said of Jesus that He is "*the author of eternal salvation to all who obey*

Him" (Hebrews 5:9). It should not be surprising then, that He would declare, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" and, "*Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed*" (John 8:36). Sin enslaves and condemns, Only "**THE TRUTH**" will make you spiritually **FREE!** We plead with each reader to examine yourself and submit to God's saving truth while time and opportunity remain.

THE CURSE OF A PREJUDICED MIND *By Mike Riley*

When a person has a prejudiced mind, that person is literally cursed because prejudice never saved a soul nor settled any question in the light of truth. Pertaining to religion, prejudice prevents a person from openly investigating the teachings of the Bible to see if what he is practicing corresponds with those teachings (Acts 17:10-11).



Prejudice also causes individuals to attack anyone preaching or teaching God's truth when Scriptural arguments cannot be given in answer (Acts 7). When one possesses a prejudicial attitude, he is admitting defeat in logical reasoning, adamantly refusing to pay heed to any teaching different than what he already holds to be true.

It is this kind of closed-minded

attitude that will prevent many folks from rendering obedience to the gospel of Christ ([Acts 13:44-45,50](#)).

Let us be willing to lay aside all prejudice, any preconceived ideas, and study God's Book with an open mind (2 Timothy 2:15; cf. Romans 12:2).

If we will willingly approach the Bible as our only standard for what we believe, religious division will immediately cease to exist. The end result will be the unity that our Lord so fervently prayed for in John 17:20-21. Also see 1 Corinthians 1:10; cf. Acts 4:32.

Let's think about it!

—[The Curse Of A Prejudiced Mind - GEWatkins.net](#)

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" - Romans 8:1-2.

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



Each Monday Night
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

March 13—May 8, 2023

2 Corinthians (Part 2)—Jack Phillips

The Miracles of Jesus—John Sales

Come join us for these in-depth studies from God's Word

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
"The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Do You Have the Mind of Christ?"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
"Jesus Heals A Blind Man"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
"A Study of the Book of Matthew"

GOSPEL MEETING

April 9-13, 2023

with

Larry Powers



at the

Green Plain Church of Christ

**3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY**

Services

Sunday 10 & 10:45 am; 7:30 pm

Monday—Thursday -7:00 pm



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