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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
270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David
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Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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GOD COMMANDS ALL PEOPLE IN ALL PLACES TO REPENT *By Roger D. Campbell*

Is that not the message that the apostle Paul preached to the people in ancient Athens? As he preached to them about the one, great, true God of heaven, Paul told them, “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30). It is upon this last statement that we now want to focus our attention. Yes, God commands all men in all places to repent. What does that show us about God? First of all, it shows us God’s authority. He, as the Creator and Giver of life (Acts 17:24,25), has the right to command people what to do. You know as well as I do that some people strongly dislike authority. They despise the idea of anyone ever telling them what to do. For some, they carry that same attitude from other areas of life into the realm of religion. They make no secret about it: they do not care one bit for God “trying to run” their lives, and they do not want any “self-righteous do-gooders” telling them that they need to repent. Men can laugh at God’s command to repent, they can try to

ignore it, and they can even raise their voice and say that you will never find them accepting God’s authority. All of those tactics change nothing: God’s command to repent stands. It changes not.

In addition, the fact that God “commandeth all men everywhere to repent” not only shows God’s authority to issue commands, but it also shows the universality of His authority. His rule is over all people of all races, of all tribes, of all nations, and of all locations. There is nowhere to run in this world to escape God’s authority! Third, God’s command for all men everywhere to repent also shows God’s universal knowledge. He knows what is going on in all places. He sees the need for all people to repent. Remember, “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:13). We also conclude that since God commands all men everywhere to repent, then this shows that God cares for all people in all

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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 and James Pigg. Some of our number have been suffering from Covid, flu and other bugs. 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.

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.

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 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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places. If the Lord did not care, then He would just allow people to do their own thing and continue their march toward hell without a word on His part. The Bible tells us that God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Let us now look at the human side of things. God commands people of all locales to repent. What does that show us about mankind? First, there is something about man that makes him stand in need of repentance. If there were no need for people to repent, then the Lord would not command such, right? The problem is sin. All people have sinned (Romans 3:23), and that of which people must repent is sin (Acts 2:38; 8:22). The command to repent does not apply to newborn babies and toddlers. Why? Because they have never sinned. They have never violated the will or law of God (1 John 3:4; 5:17). The command to repent is for those that have sinned, and sin is the one and only thing that separate a human from the God of heaven (Colossians 1:21; Ephesians 2:1). Furthermore, the fact that God commands all men everywhere to repent proves that all men are amenable to God’s law. That is, all people are obligated to obey God’s will because it applies to them. If God’s law did not apply to a lost sinner, then God’s command to repent would have no punch. In fact, if God’s law did not apply to sinners, then He would not even command them to obey Him in the first place! Jesus charged His apostles to go preach the gospel to every person in order that every person might be saved (Mark 16:15,16). Saved from what? Saved from sin. But, what is sin? Breaking God’s law, or lawlessness (1 John 3:4). So,

those outside of the Christ sin when they violate God’s law, which brings us back to our point: all men in all places are amenable to God’s law. Now, here is a thought. Do you suppose that the Lord wants all people in all places to know that He wants them to repent? Jesus told His followers that “repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47). So, yes, since the Lord wants the message of repentance and remission of sins preached to all, then He wants every person to know His will about these topics. That raises another question. How do you suppose people are going to learn about their need to repent? Does our God have a plan for people to hear about His command to repent? He does, indeed. There are certain people upon whom God has placed the responsibility to teach the gospel, including what it says about repentance. Those people are called “C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n-s.” Yes, brothers and sisters, you and I, we are the ones in whom God has entrusted the task of telling the world of His salvation and their need to submit to His will, including the necessity of their repentance. Like the apostle Paul, we must tell folks “that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance” (Acts 26:20). Like the apostle Peter, we must tell lost people, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). “But people won’t like it if we tell them that they need to repent.” What does that have to do with it?! God commands them to repent, and He expects you and me to tell them about that command!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR OUR SPRING GOSPEL MEETING
With DAVID ANANCE



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We invite you to attend our regular weekly services. We meet for Bible classes each Sunday at 10:00 am followed by morning worship at 10:45 am. We assemble again on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Each Wednesday we meet for Bible classes at 7:00 pm. Come and be our honored guest! A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the Green Plain church of Christ. We love you and want so much for you come to share with us as we study and learn the Word of God. Our contact information is on the front page of this bulletin. May God bless you consistent with His divine will. Email greenplaincoc@gmail.com

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“Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints”
(1 Thessalonians 3:11-13)

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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
“How God Made Us—1”

SUNDAY WORSIP 2:00 PM
“How God Made Us—2”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
“A Study of Ecclesiastes”



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