



THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**
Morning Worship
11:00 AM
- All other services are cancelled until further notice.

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- Mike Ernstberger
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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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A GREATER THREAT *By Jonnie Hutchison*

We certainly should never underestimate the danger involved in the latest threat to our nation and the world's health. The Covid-19 virus has disrupted lives across the world. According to the World Health Organization over 6,000 have died world-wide from this virus and that number continues to grow. Most of that number are people reported to have had underlying health conditions. The vast majority who contact the virus recover. Yes, this is indeed a serious threat and each of us need to do what we can to diminish its impact upon ourselves and others.

One thing each of us can do is to **refuse to panic**. Because we live in this world we will be impacted by disease, accidents and a host of other negative and hurtful things. When Paul was faced with "chains and tribulations" did he panic? No, instead he declared, "*But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God*" (Acts 20:24). Paul's first

consideration was not the duration of his physical life but finishing his Christian race with joy and fulfilling his mission to preach the gospel of God's grace. Should that not be the goal of every child of God? The greater threat is not the virus, but reacting to it in panic.

When situations arise in our lives like that which is facing us today we need to **trust in God**. The Psalmist wrote, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*" (Proverbs 3:5). It was the suffering Job who declared, "*Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him*" (Job 13:15). The fact is that God is trustworthy. As the book of Psalms tells us, "*And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You*" (Psalms 9:10). God is faithful and able to do "*exceedingly abundantly above what we may think or ask*" (1 Cor. 1:9; Eph. 3:20). The greater threat is not the virus, but failing to trust God.

Daily across this world

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarette Enoch (Murray Hospital), Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, Carolyn Byars and Dave & Ann Thompson. **Family and Friends:** Pat Hocking, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook
- **LOCAL EVENTS:** Due to present conditions we are meeting only for Sunday worship services at 11:00 am. All other services are cancelled until further notice. Our spring session of the Green Plain School of Biblical Studies has and our Spring Gospel Meeting have also been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus threat. We encourage each one to take advantage of online resources such as GBN during this period.
- **Pantry items March 1—Corn; 8—Canned Meats; 15—Chili; 22—Tomatoes; 29—Pickles.** All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.
- **AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting at the Coldwater church of Christ scheduled for March 22-25 has been cancelled except for the todays services.**
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **March 2020 Anniversaries:** 12th-Roy & Marie Wyatt; 15th-Sue & Bobby Hall; **Birthdays:** 9th-Gail Hutchison; 14th-Roy Wyatt; 20th-James Pigg; 22nd-Preston Barrett; 23rd-London Smith; -Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will include them next week.
- **“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2**

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network
<https://gbntv.org/>
 World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>
 A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>
 Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>
 Dexter church of Christ
<https://www.facebook.com/Dexterkycoc/>

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



CANCELLED
 In compliance with the
 requests of our state gov-
 ernment, we are cancel-
 ling our Spring Session at
 this time.

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people are dying lost in sin. *“For the wages of sin is death....”* (Romans 6:23a). This is and will continue to be the greatest threat to the world’s population. Inspiration emphasizes where our greatest concern should be focused.— *“while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal”* (2 Corinthians 4:18).

In times of uncertainty let us accept the fact that **God has not relinquished His control!** He is still in charge. He has given us the avenue of prayer and a faithful High Priest which allows us to *“come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and grace to help in time of need”* (Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 Timothy 2:5). As Christians, we can be assured that God both hears and answers our prayers (1 Peter 3:12; 1 John 5:14-15). The greatest threat is not the virus, but the failure to utilize the avenue

of prayer to pray for the leaders of nations and all those impacted by the present distress.

Finally, we should **comply as much as possible to the civil government’s requests** in dealing with this physical threat. Governments are ordained by God for the our protection. *“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God”* (Romans 13:1). Only when government decisions conflict with the will of God should the Christian refuse compliance (Acts 5:29).

Let us not panic but trust in God. Let us utilize the avenue of prayer knowing God is in control. Remember the words of the inspired apostle Paul as recorded in 2 Timothy 1:12, *“For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”*

Reminder:

Life is fragile

Tomorrow is, “if the Lord wills”

Eternity never ends

Romans 8:28

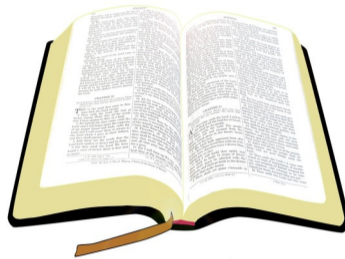
“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”



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!
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

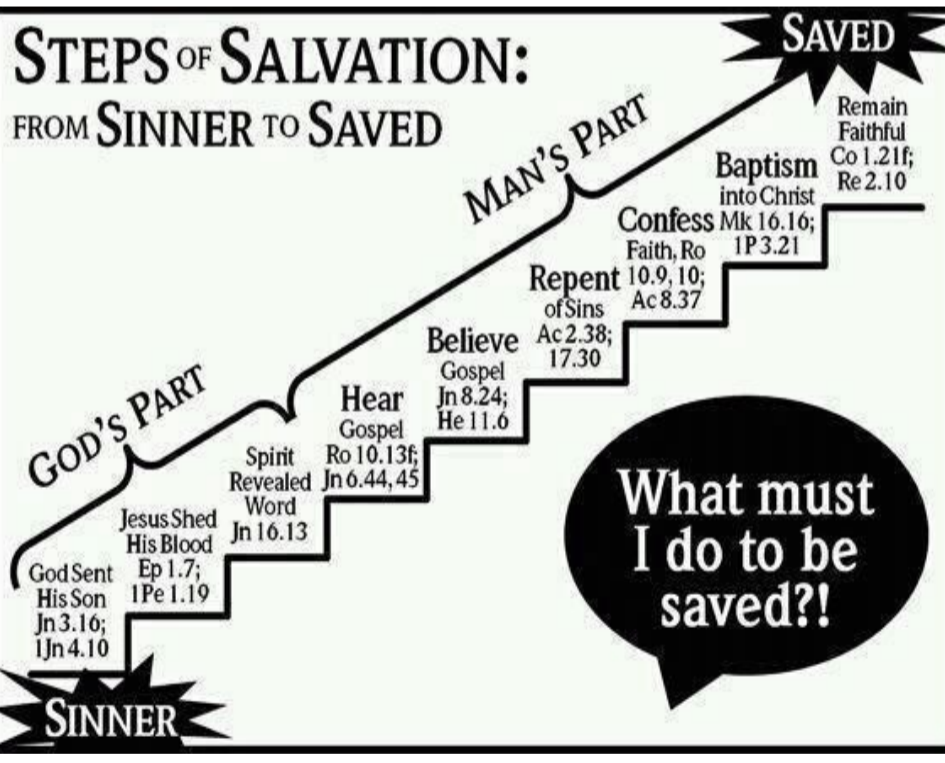
Lessons Today
Sunday Morning
11:00 AM
Sunday Evening
No Services



**GOSPEL
BORADCASSTING
NETWORK**

THE GOSPEL 24/7
GBNTV.ORG

STEPS OF SALVATION:
FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**



THOSE TO SERVE
March 2020

Announcements

James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table

Chad Canter & Larry Enoch

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

Assist at Lord's Table

Jesse Vincent & Jackson Hale

Substitute James Pigg

Preside at Lord's Table PM

1—Chad

8—Larry

15—Chad

22—Larry

29—Chad

Opening Prayer

1—Mike Ernstberger

8—Jim Lowrie

15—Junior Morris

22—Charles Enoch

29—Jonnie Hutchison

Closing Prayer

1—Preston Barrett

8—James Pigg

15—Bobby Hall

22—Jesse Vincent

29—Dave Thompson

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Chad Canter

Wednesday—Perry Jarvis

Substitute—Mike Ernstberger

Count Contribution

Chad & Jesse

Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

Usher

Bobby Hall

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509