



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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

### Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
Cell: 270-978-7569

### Supporting Works

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

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## MURDER By Jonnie Hutchison

A major court case involving the wife and son of a prominent lawyer accused of their murder and broadcast on major news outlets has captured the attention of the nation. Whether he is guilty or not has yet to be determined at the time of this writing. But just hearing of the details of the case causes much sorrow to one's mind. Yet, this is just one case of thousands of similar cases. Murder has become common place in our society.

The first murder recorded in the Bible is the killing of Able by his brother Cain. Genesis 4:8 reads, *"Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him."* Abel's death was the result of jealousy and anger on the part of Cain at the rejection of his unauthorized sacrifice in worship to God (Gen. 4:1ff; Hebrews 11:4). Cain suffered severe consequences for the murder of his brother. God told Cain *"...The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your*

*brother's blood from your hand.*<sup>12</sup> *When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."* (Genesis 4:10-13). The Ten Commandments God gave to Israel included the prohibition, "You shall do no murder" (Ex. 20:13) and further included the death penalty for committing murder (Numbers 35:16-17). Jesus refers to the devil as being "a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

Murder has eternal consequences. The letter to the Galatians includes murder among the "works of the flesh" committed by those who will not inherit the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21). One does not need to commit the actual physical act of murder to be guilty of this sin and suffer the eternal consequences for it. 1 John 3:15 reads, *"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."*

To Christians the Bible declares, *"Let none of you suffer as a murderer...."* (1 Peter 4:15). One of the six things God hates is

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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, 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.

**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Spring session of our School of Biblical Studies begins on Monday, March 13, 2023 and continues each consecutive Monday at 7:00 pm through May 8th. Jack Philips will continue his study on 2 Corinthians which he began last fall and John Sales will present a study on the miracles of Jesus. Our Spring Gospel Meeting is scheduled for April 9-13, 2023 with Larry Powers.

**Steps to Salvation**



**JESUS THE CHRIST DIED TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS**  
**John 3:16**  
**Rom 5:8-9**  
**Heb. 5:8-9**

**HEAR** the Gospel—Romans 10:17  
**BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is the Son of God—John 8:24  
**REPENT** of your sins—Acts 17:30-31  
**CONFESS** your faith in Christ—Romans 10:9-10. Be **IMMERSED** in water into the death of Jesus for the remission of your sins—Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21



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*“the shedding of innocent blood”* which is murder (Proverbs 6:16). Surely this would include innocent babies whose lives are ended by the process known as abortion.

As is true with any sinner, penitent, obedience murderers can be forgiven through the shed blood of Jesus the Christ. Murder is a horrible sin, but its consequences are no greater than any other sin. The blood of Jesus washes away all sin when one conforms to God’s directions for contacting the precious blood of Jesus revealed in the New Testament. Saul (later called Paul the apostle) was once the great

persecutor of the church capturing Christians and testifying against them leading to their death (Acts 26:9-11; Gal. 1:13). But he received God’s forgiveness obeying the Lord’s command to “...arise and be baptized and wash away your sins...” (Acts 22:16a). He obtained mercy because he persecuted Christians in ignorance and unbelief (1 Timothy 1:13). From the point of his conversion to Christ, Paul faithfully served the Lord and was able to affirm his eternal destiny as heaven (2 Timothy 4:7-8). God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9) and that is true of all regardless of the sin committed. Thank God for His love, mercy and grace!

## **“WHATEVER YOU DO, DON’T MISS HEAVEN! ”**

***By David Sproule***

There was an old preacher who loved his children dearly and longed for them to live right. As they grew older, he did not want to browbeat them or make them think he was always “preaching at them,” so he looked for a way to lovingly and gently encourage them. He came up with his own heartfelt catchphrase, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!”

As each child graduated and moved out of the house, he heartily urged, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!” As they began to experiment with the “pleasures” and the “ways” of the world, he gently implored, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!” Then, as they all gathered around his bed, with tears in their eyes, watching their adoring father take his last breaths on this side of eternity, they heard him whisper again, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!”

What sage advice! Consider how this should become the motto for each of us!

**When Satan comes calling, whatever**

**you do, don’t miss heaven!** There is certainly a momentary pleasure to be found in sin, but Moses learned to weigh temptation in the balance and see the lasting pleasure in “the reward” that awaited him (Heb. 11:24-26). View every temptation through the eternal ramifications that it can have.

**When considering the one whom you will marry, whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!** When the children of Israel moved into the temporal Promised Land of Canaan and married those of a different faith, “they forgot the Lord their God” and “served their gods” (Judg. 3:5-7), and they missed the eternal Promised Land of heaven. View your future spouse through the eternal impact he/she will have on you.

**When considering your choice of career and your choice of hobbies, whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!** Some things in life (like a job) are a necessity; some things in life (like hobbies) are optional. Yet, all things in life (whether we consider them necessities or options) must be evaluated in

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light of that which is “earthly” and that which is “eternal” (2 Cor. 5:1-8). View every decision of life through the eternal effect that it will have on your soul.

**When considering the place of the church in your life, whatever you do, don't miss heaven!** The church cannot take a secondary role in your life, off to the side, with occasional attention, for Jesus taught that we must “seek [it] first” (Matt. 6:33). View the priority to which you give the church through the eternal magnitude that it will have on you.

Friend, what is heaven worth to you? Have you “set your mind on things above” or “on things of the earth” (Col. 3:1-2)? **Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!** —[“Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!” - Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ \(pblcoc.org\)](#)

**“This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.**

**However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.” **1Ti 1:15 -16****

### 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**  
**“The Love of God”**

**SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00**  
**“Jesus and the Adulterous Woman”**  
**WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**  
**“A Study of the Book of Matthew”**



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