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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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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

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

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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INVASION OF UKRAINE: IS IT A SIGN?

BY JONNIE HUTCHISON

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has sparked several emotions including anger, fear, distress, and compassion for those whose lives are in danger. Protests against Putin's war have been raised all across the globe. It is one more reminder that evil exists in this world. It makes one think about the future and what it will come next.

This writer is certain that at least some premillennialists will be crying that this is the beginning of the end – that Putin's war is a "sign" of the coming of world-wide "tribulation" preceding the so-called battle of "Armageddon" and the Lord's return. In every major world conflict, there have been those who have made such claims based entirely upon a false doctrine. We would remind our readers that the Bible clearly states that the coming of the Lord will NOT be preceded by any "signs of the times." After discussing the signs which would proceed the then coming

destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans which occurred in 70 A.D., Jesus then answered the second question of His disciples, "And what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3b). Jesus answered, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:36-40). Other passages tell us that the second coming of Christ will be like that of a thief. Of course a thief gives no warning as to the time of his coming nor any signs which will precede it. Neither will our Lord (Matthew 24:42-43; 1 Thess.

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, and Bobby and Sue Hall.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt and Bonnie Byerly.

- **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Rex Enoch here at the building on March 19th. Details to follow.
- **PANTRY ITEMS Maarch 2022:** 6—Tuna; 13—Peanut Butter; 20—Canned Tomatoes; 27—Table Salt. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **March 2022 Anniversaries:** 12— Roy & Marie Wyatt; 15—Bobby & Sue Hall. **Birthdays:** 9—Gail Hutchison; 14—Roy Wyatt; 20—James Pigg; 23—London Smith. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRECSPONDENCE 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
- **REMINDER:** The Spring Session of our *School of Biblical Studies* and our *Spring Gospel Meeting* has been cancelled for this year. Hopefully, this fall will be more conducive to holding these events.

THOSE TO SERVE March 2022

Announcements: Chad

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: James & Mike

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 6—Chad; 13—James;
20—Chad. 27—James

Opening Prayer AM

6—Jim; 13—Larry; 20—Jonnie; 27—Bobby

Closing Prayer AM

6—Roy; 13—David; 20—Perry; 27—Junior

Song Leaders: AM Perry-; PM Mike-; WED Chad

Count Contribution: James & Mike

Usher: Jesse

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— ***“The Gift of Life—How Are You Living It?”***

6 pm— ***“The Book of Mormon—3”***

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

7:00 PM

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5:2; 2 Peter 3:10).

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia is an unjust travesty, but it is not a sign of the so-called "end times." God has appointed the day of our Lord's return and no human knows when it will occur. (Acts 17:30-31). We should each live our lives in anticipation of the Lord's return, submitting our will to His in preparation for His coming. Let us follow these divine instructions, "Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may

lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Yes, pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for their enemies. Pray for the leaders of our nation and the nations of the world. Trust in God. He sees the whole picture and certainly knows things we cannot know. Make your preparation for the coming of the Lord now, while time and opportunity are yours. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

ARMAGEDDON

The "experts" are at it again. Armageddon is right around the corner. It has never occurred to a single one of the prophecy wizards that the Bible never mentions the "Battle of Armageddon." Nor is there any idea that God's army will ever wage carnal warfare. But these self-styled pundits of profundity argue that all the weapons of carnal warfare will be employed in this fanciful battle.

There is no reason at all to suppose that God's people will one day be gathered in the valley of Meggido, near Mount Carmel, to fight a literal battle. The millennial scheme has the absurd idea that a battle will be waged with all the modern tools of warfare -- tanks, rockets, missiles, jet fighters and fighter-bombers, helicopters, and everything else. Think of that for a moment.

While you think of that, listen to the words of Paul. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-4,

Paul wrote, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)." No one denies that Christians are involved in warfare -- but Paul said clearly it is not carnal warfare, that is, it is not the very kind of war the millennial speculators propose.

New Testament Christianity is militant -- it cannot be otherwise. Yet the militancy of the Lord's people is spiritual. It is a spiritual war. We are waging that fight right now -- striving to gain your thoughts and capture your minds for Christ. This is not merely an effort to win an argument. Our battle is against the bastions of erroneous doctrine. It is against wild and irrational speculations about the end of time. Jesus said to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world,

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then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36).

It is ludicrous to think that being a Christian may require the ability to launch

a Tow Missile, pilot an Apache Gunship, handle a Battle Tank, or fly a F-14 "Tom Cat?" The attack weapon God gives us is His word, "the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17). We stand ready to put it to good use.

— Author Unknown via [Armageddon \(vscoc.org\)](http://Armageddon(vscoc.org))

"Whaat Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Step 1: **HEAR** the gospel. Jesus said, "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; See Romans 10:17).

Step 2: **BELIEVE** Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus said, "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18; See Mark 16:16).

Step 3: **REPENT** of your sins. Jesus said, "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3; See Acts 17:30-31).

Step 4: **CONFESS** your faith in Christ. Jesus said, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

Step 5: **BE BAPTIZED** into Christ. Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who does not believe shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16; See Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-5).

Step 6: Live **FAITHFUL**. Jesus will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." (Matthew 25:21; See I Corinthians 15:58).



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