



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM  
Sunday  
Worship
- 7:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Bible Study

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
270-753-2108 Home  
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
270-759-2145 Home  
270-293-2319 Cell

## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

## Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
Cell: 270-978-7569

## Supporting Works

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

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## A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH

*By Steve Higginbotham*

No matter what the undertaking may be, we desire to be successful. That can be no more true than when it comes to the success of the Lord's church. However, in the minds of many people, a successful church is measured in size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community. People often point to the mega-churches within our society as examples of successful churches. While there is nothing wrong with size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community, not a single one of these characteristics is essential to having a successful church. So, just what does make a church successful? Consider some of these qualities:

Christians who humbly and quietly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives.

Christians who unceasingly pray every day for the strength and stability of the Lord's church.

Christians who love the truth supremely; who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation.

Christians who are committed to moral living and whose goal is not to fit in with society, but whose goal is purity and godliness.

Christians who love peace more than they do a fight; who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss; and who love words of edification more than the allure of gossip.

Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and who re-affirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Christians who understand the times, and who attempt to reach out to the world in relevant ways, while maintaining the purity of the gospel message.

Now these characteristics would make a successful church! And take note: It's not about numbers, size, or facilities. It's about inward transformation, a renewing of the mind, conforming one's life into the image of Jesus. And here's the best news - it's within the grasp of every one of us.

*--Karns church of Christ*

## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Green Plain members*: Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary and Jim Lowrie, and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

*Family and Friends*: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, , Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Dale Pentecost Jaime Aguavo, Jr., and Brett Wyatt.

- **PANTRY ITEMS March 2021:** 7—Canned Peaches; 14—Canned Pairs; 21—Canned Potatoes; 28—Canned Chili. 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 2021 Anniversaries:** 12— Marie & Roy Wyatt; 15—Sue & Bobby Hall. **Birthdays:** 9—Gail Hutchison; 14—Roy Wyatt; 20—James Pigg; 23—London Smith. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at [greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).

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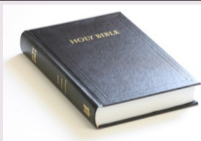
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Good News Today  
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In Search of the Lord's Way  
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## TODAY'S SERMON

*“The Importance  
of the church” #1*

**Next Sunday**  
*“The Importance of  
the Church” #2*

## WHERE IS HE? *By Jay Launius*

It was a beautiful fall day in the small community of Delmar Springs, and a perfect day for the annual fall bazaar. The closed off streets were full of people with craft merchants lining each side. A cool breeze gently blew the flags, wind chimes and throw rugs that were for sale. It was a perfect day in a perfect little town. Jennifer Crowley had taken David, her six-year-old, to the bazaar for a great fall outing. Her husband was working that day and she thought that David would enjoy the busyness of the fair. As they walked down the street hand-in-hand, Jennifer met Sandra Franks and the two struck up a conversation. While the two girls were talking, David impatiently pulled and tugged on his mother's arm, "I wanna see the horses!" he insisted. Suddenly a group of teenagers fooling around and being rambunctious pushed by breaking Jennifer's grip on David's hand. After a brief moment of confusion Jennifer looked and David was no where to be seen. She quickly scanned the surrounding crowd but David had simply vanished. She told Sandra to begin looking up the street while she went the other way. Jennifer methodically picked her way through the crowd, her eyes darting back and forth, surveying every bit of motion. After 10 minutes of searching she began to get frantic. She came upon Deputy Sheriff Darrell Height, told him what had happened and he immediately joined in the search. After 45 minutes of looking David was no where to be found. Jennifer was now in a panic and began to cry, "Where is he?" As she wiped the tears from her eyes she

scanned the crowd again and she froze as she looked at the courthouse steps. There on the top step sat David watching and enjoying the small sea of people as they went down the street. Jennifer ran and picked up her little boy and held him tight. "Momma, why are you crying?" David asks. With a big smile she answered, "Because I'm so glad to see you!"

In Luke 15, Jesus told three stories about lost things, a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. In each story, the one who had lost something had great concern over the thing that had been lost. The man who lost the sheep left all the other sheep to search, the woman who lost the coin cleaned the whole house in the search and the father of the lost son never lost his love and compassion. When one of our members wanders from the family (James 5:19-20) we should become as frantic as Jennifer did when David disappeared in the crowd. However, many times we don't even realize someone is missing until it's too late. We must begin to practice one-on-one Christianity and go search for the wanderers. We must never lose our desire, care or compassion for each other. Let me encourage you to go and find those who have left our family here and when we find them...

*"there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*  
Luke 15:10.

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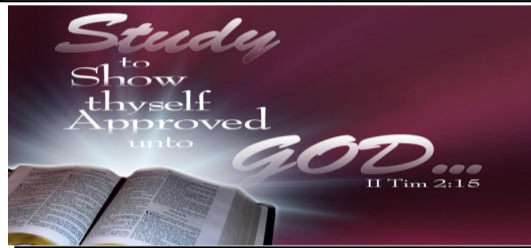
**Will Take You Further Than You Want to Go...  
Will Keep You Longer Than You Want to Stay....  
Will Result In Consequences You Do Not Expect...  
And Will Separate You From the God Who Loves You!**  
**"The soul who sins shall die" (Eccl. 18:20a)**



### 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!

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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
**7:00 PM**  
**A STUDY OF SECOND TIMOTHY**

### THE PRECIOUS SOUL OF A CHILD *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Our children are very precious to us. Most parents want what is best for their children. They are vitally concerned about the health, education and social development of their children. They want to raise their children to be responsible adults who will contribute to the good of society.

But children are more than physical beings. Every child is a precious soul, a spiritual being, for which parents are just as responsible as for their child's physical welfare. Sadly, many parents who are otherwise greatly concerned with the physical needs of their children fail miserably to provide for their spiritual needs. Like those in the days of , Hosea, *"They have dealt treacherously with the Lord, For they have begotten pagan children...."* (Hosea 5:7).

No parent can properly provide for the spiritual needs of his or her children while neglecting his or her own spiritual needs. Parents must set the proper example in loving and obeying God. Without this example children will have no positive influence to choose to learn of God and to serve Him in this life. Parents, you have the grave respon-



sibility to teach your children the Word of God and to *"bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4b). How are you doing? Are you fulfilling this tremendously vital responsibility to YOUR CHILDREN? If not, you can change that. You can choose to be the example of faithfulness to God that you want to set for your children and, in so doing, save both yourself and your children.

***"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward"*** (Psalms 127:3). Dear parent, God has placed the precious souls of your children in your hands. You have just a few years to teach, train and contribute to their eternal salvation. Don't waste any of that time for it is soon gone and with it the opportunity to assist your precious children in their preparation for heaven.



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