



# 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  
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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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## “GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY”

By *Jonnie Hutchison*

Does God want us to be happy? Most believers would agree that God loves us and desires for us to experience happiness in this life. The Psalmist penned the words, “...*Happy are the people whose God is the Lord!*” (Psalm 144:15b). The inspired Paul wrote to Christians, “*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!*” (Philippians 4:4). Yes, God wants us to be happy in this life.

Yet, far too often the excuse, “I believe God wants me to be happy” is used in an attempt to justify participation in sin. There is no doubt that sin may be pleasurable which is why so many are deceived by it (Hebrews 11:25). But all sin has negative consequences both in this life and in eternity. Paul wrote, “...*sin deceived me, and by it killed me*” (Romans 7:11). That is the nature of sin. It appears pleasurable and innocent enough, but what one earns by participating in sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23). The pleasures of sin are short-lived and replaced by sorrow, guilt, and

separation from God. The very reason God forbids participation in sin is because He wants us to experience genuine and lasting happiness.

One very common situation in which people will use the excuse, “I believe God wants me to be happy” is in unscriptural marriages. Only one reason is given in the Bible that allows one to divorce his or her mate and remarry and that is fornication on the part of ones spouse (Matthew 5:32;19:9; Mark 10:11-12). Yet, many will divorce for other reasons arguing that they may remarry because “I believe God wants me to be happy!” Will God accept this excuse and set aside His Word? No! Why? Because God seeks our eternal happiness and one who divorces his or her mate for any other reason than fornication and marries another commits adultery. Adultery is a sin and no adulterer will be allowed to enter into heaven but will exist eternally in a devil’s hell. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 reads, “*Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor*

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## 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.

*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 April 2021:** 4—Baked Beans; 11—Soups; 18—Apple Sauce; 25—Syrup. 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.
- **April 2021 Anniversaries:** None **Birthdays:** 3-Mary Lowrie; 8-Katelyn Canter; 24-David Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall; 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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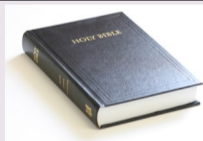
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### TODAY'S SERMON

#### “Personal Traits of Unity”

*“You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.”*  
-Galatians 4:10-11

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**adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.**"

Yes, God wants us to be happy in this life, but not at the expense of our eternal

souls. That is why He pleads for us to turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30). No earthly relationship or sinful pleasure is worth the loss of eternal life in heaven!

***"He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he."*** (Proverbs 16:20).

### **"AMEN AND AWOMEN" By Victor Eskew**

We have all heard the statement: "It is better to keep your mouth shut and people think you are a fool than to open your mouth and prove yourself to be a fool." The same could be said of ignorance. The 117th Congress opened with a prayer by Congressional Representative Emanuel Cleaver, a Democrat from Missouri. (NOTE: Prayers to open a congressional session always astounds me because the left constantly screams out about the separation of church and state). As Mr. Cleaver came to the conclusion of his prayer, he spoke these words:

"And dare I ask, oh Lord, peace even in this chamber now and evermore. We ask it in the name of the monotheistic god, Brahma, and god known by many names by many different faiths. Amen and awoman."

Yes, you heard it right: "Amen and awoman." "Awoman?" What in the world does that mean? It is not even a word found in the dictionary. It is a made up word. It is an imaginary word. It is a fictitious word. It is a word fabricated in the mind of Mr. Cleaver.

There can be no doubt that it was designed to be cute and politically correct. Since the word "men" can be heard in the word "amen," Mr. Cleaver thought he should also appease the women who were in the congressional chamber that day. Thus, he al-

so prayed "awoman."

The word "amen" is found in the Bible 78 times in 72 verses. (NOTE: The word "awoman" is never found in the Bible. It is not found because it is not a word). Amen carries the same meaning in both the Old and New Testaments: "faithfulness, sure, true, so be it." The word has NOTHING to do with gender. To attach any gender reference to the word shows one's ignorance.

In [I Corinthians 14:15](#), Paul writes: *"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."* Prayer is a serious action. In prayer one is communicating with the God, the most unique being in the Universe, the most authoritative being in the Universe. The heavenly Father is paying close attention to the things that are being said to Him. Thus, when a person prays, he is to pray with understanding. One cannot use the word "awoman" to end a prayer and pray with understanding. The word is nonsense. Can you imagine the reaction of the wisest being there is when He hears the word "awoman"?

There were probably some people who heard this word and thought: "That is very clever." However, they are wrong. It was not clever. It was foolish. This man just made a mockery of prayer. Mr. Cleaver's at-

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### COME VISIT WITH US

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tempt to be politically correct put all that he said in that prayer into question. His prayer for peace was ended with a statement that immediately sent shock waves through the media and into the nation. Nothing that he said will be remembered other than the use of the word “awoman” to close the prayer.

My friends, can't we all see what is going on in our society. The massive steps we have taken away from God and His Word have caused the minds of many to become darkened. Instead of manifesting intelligence, people manifest ignorance and foolishness. Instead of speaking sense and truth, individuals speak lies, fables, and nonsense. Instead of standing for what is right, people have to try to appease everything that is ungodly and sinful. Instead of using words as they were intended to be used, individuals have to twist, manipulate, and make up words in an attempt to appease every element of society. The same thing happened to the Gentiles when they turned from God. Paul described them in [Romans 1:21-22](#). *“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”*

Is all of this going to end soon? It is doubtful. Many in our society have jumped on every crazy bandwagon they can jump on. Our leaders are embracing agendas that will radically transform our nation. In the future, we will hear more and more foolishness com-

ing from the darkness. One wonders how that can be. We already hear that babies in the womb are not human beings. They are called zygotes, embryos, and fetuses. We are told that there are not just two genders but over one hundred different genders. We are lectured over and over about the normalcy of the LGBTQ behaviors. We are informed that there is nothing wrong with sexual relationships between children and adults as long as both consent to the acts. With this type of thinking manifesting itself in our nation, we are not shocked to hear someone ending a prayer with the words: “Amen and Awoman.” We are saddened. We are appalled. But, we are not shocked.

Dear readers, a person might as well end a prayer with "Atrans" as ending it with "Awoman." If not, why not? Both are made up words. Both mean nothing. Both are a political attempt to cater certain elements of our society.

Yes, there are times when it is better to keep your mouth shut! Solomon tells us: “A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards” ([Prov. 29:11](#)).

—Oceanside Church of Christ (FL)

**Bible  
Study**



**WEDNES  
DAY**

**7:00 pm**