

# 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

#### Location

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## THINGS NOT IN THE BIBLE

## DID YOU KNOW....

- The Bible nowhere says "accept Jesus as your personal Savior"? (Luke 6:46).
- "The Rapture' is not once mentioned in the Bible? (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- No one in scripture was ever told, "Ask Jesus to come into your heart" in answer to the question "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:29-32).
- Christians did not use instruments of music in worship? (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
- No where in the Bible is there a command or example for a set day to be baptized? (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- Women did not lead in worship when men were present? (1 Timothy 2:8-15).
- "Faith only" is mentioned just once in the Bible and it says
  "not by faith only"? (James 2:24).
- Peter was not a pope and he had a wife? (Matthew 8:14; 1 Peter 5:1-2).

any man "Father" as a religious title? (Matthew 23:9).

- No church ever sprinkled water instead of immersing for baptism? (Acts 8:35-40; Romans 6:3-5).
- No preacher or board of deacons was ever the head of a congregation? (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5).
- There is no example or command for preachers to wear special robes or clothes? (Matthew 23:5; Mark 12:38).
- No babies were baptized in the Bible? (Acts 8:12).
- No one is identified as transgender or non-binary in the Bible? (Matthew 19:4).
- Everyone who has put on Christ in baptism is a "saint"? (Philippians 1:1).
- There is no God approved same-sex marriage mentioned in the Bible? (Romans 1:24-32).
- Nothing in the Bible suggests that a person can be bought out or prayed out of a purgatory? (Matthew 25:46).

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### **NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** <u>Green Plain members</u>: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie is recovering from surgery.

*Family and Friends*: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, and Tommy Boggess. Jonnie & Gail's daughter Katie Boylan will be undergoing surgery on April 20th—prayers requested.

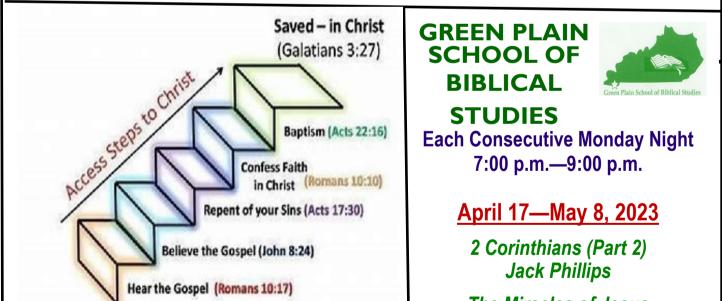
**OUR SPRING GOSPEL MEEING** with Larry Powers is now history. Larry did his usual outstanding job in presenting the gospel. Thanks to all who attended. Thanks to all who provided meals, delivered pizza (Mary, Jesse, Jan & James), cleaned the building, set up tables (Jan & James), washed the widows and lights (Jane & Junior) and fixed the ceiling in the lobby (Mike & Bobby). A special thanks to our song leaders, Perry, Chad and Mike.

<u>SPRING SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES</u> continues on Monday, April 17th at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy these in-depth studies of God's Word. These studies are open to everyone who desires to increase their knowledge of God's Holy Word.

**PANTRY ITEMS** April 2023: 2—Paper Towels; 9-Peaches; 16—Peas; 23-Baked Beans; 30-Soups. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

**April 2023; Anniversaries:** 13-Jackie & Don Spiceland; **Birthdays**: 1-Tina Wyatt; 3-Mary Lowrie; 8-Katelyn Canter; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall..

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	The Miracles of Jesus		
Lost – without Christ	John Sales		
(Ephesians 2:12)			

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 No scripture says God arbitrarily chooses some to be saved and others to be lost? (Matthew 11:28).

"These...searched the scriptures daily to

## find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

*—Via House to House, Heart to Heart vol.* 28, Num. 1—Author Unknown

## **GROWING WORSE AND WORSE** By Jonnie Hutchison

"What are godly men

and women to do in the

face of worsening evil?"

In the New Testament book of Second Timothy chapter three, the inspired apostle Paul wrote about the persecutions he endured in preaching the gospel at several different locations. He then expressed this truth in verse 12, "Yes, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." Then he wrote this warning in verse 13, "But

evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

As one looks at the moral and spiritual condition of our world today he

cannot successfully deny the fulfillment of this passage. Is our world less or more evil than it was just a few years ago? One would need to hide his or her head in the sand to deny the obvious truth that evil men and evil practices have and continue to grow worse with the passing of time . It is true that such evil has always been a part of the history of mankind. Yet, evil is much like a snowball rolling down a hillside which gets larger with each rotation. It grows worse and worse.

Similar conditions existed in the days of Noah. The Bible tells us in Genesis 6:5-6, "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." What was the result of this condition of evil? "So the LORD said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."" (Gen. 6:7). Would one believe that the evil practiced in our world today causes our Lord any less grief? No, He is equally grieved by immorality, the devaluing of human life, and the rejection of absolute objective truth

> which continues to grow worse and worse. God will not destroy humanity with a universal flood again, but He will destroy this world at our Lord's second coming and He will hold every person accounta-

ble for his or her sins (2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 3:10-13).

What are godly men and women to do in the face of worsening evil? Inspiration gives this answer, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:14-15). We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated or silenced by evil people. Let us continue to spread the glad tidings of salvation in spite of evil men and imposters growing worse and worse! (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15).

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