



# 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

- Larry Enoch
- 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

- Green Plain Church of Christ  
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## REALLY? HAS IT COME TO THIS?

By Jonnie Hutchison

Our society is constantly being bombarded by the so-called LGBTQ+ community to accept their agenda which is that all of the rest of society accept the alternate lifestyles they have chosen as normal. Evidently a part of this agenda is to instruct our children in our public schools, even from as early as kindergarten, that one's gender is a personal choice which may be changed if one chooses to do so. A male may choose to be a female, or a female choose to be a male or, one may choose to be neither sex. One can only imagine the confusion that such teaching will have upon these impressionable children and upon future generations should the God of heaven allow this world to continue.

Those of us who believe that God exists, and that the Bible is His inspired word to man understand that God created two sexes and no more. Genesis 1:27 reads, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them." Jesus refers back to this in His teaching

about marriage saying, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them **male and female**, and said, 'For this reason a **man** shall leave his father and mother and be joined to **his wife**, and the two shall become one flesh?'" (Matthew 19:4-5). Each person born into this world is born either male or female. This is determined by one's chromosomes, not by personal choice. Whether a male chooses to live as a female or a female as a male does not change the reality of his or her gender.

God gave parents, not public schools, the responsibility to teach their children and to bring them up in the "training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Every parent must take this responsibility seriously. Teach your children that their gender is God given. Teach them to rejoice in it, embrace it and live it in their lives.

As Christians, we should not allow ourselves to be intimidated by or silenced the views of modern society that contradict

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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, Bobby and Sue Hall and Marie Wyatt.

**Family and Friends:** Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Nancy Rhodes, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly and Kenny Arrington. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine

**PANTRY ITEMS April 2022:** 3—Paper Towels; 10—Kleenex; 17—Toilet Paper; 24—Vienna Sausages. 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 2022 Birthdays:** 1-Tina Wyatt; 3-Mary Lowrie; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall;

**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](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com). You may also enroll on our website.: [greenplainchurchofchrist.org](http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org).

**HOME BIBLE STUDY;** We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” or anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Monday’s. The time will be from 7—9 pm. More details to follow.

### THOSE TO SERVE April 2022

Announcements: Bobby Hall

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Larry & Chad

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 3—Chat; 10—Larry;  
17—Chad. 24—Larry

#### Opening Prayer AM

3—Mike; 10—Bobby; 17—James; 24—Jim

#### Closing Prayer AM

3—Perry; 10—Dave; 17—Junior; 24—Roy

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

Count Contribution: Larry & Chad

Usher: Jesse

### **LESSONS TODAY**

#### Bible Study-10 AM *The Book of Acts* Worship

10:45 am— “The Judgment from a Christian’s Perspective”

6 pm— “Jacob’s Ladder Dream”

#### Wednesday Bible Class *A Study of 1 John*

7:00 PM

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the Word of God. God, through the laws of nature which He set in motion, determines gender identity. As the Bible teaches, "Indeed,

let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words. And may overcome when You are judged" (Romans 3:4).

### **DOCTRINE By Curtis L. E. Graves**

Does it matter what a person believes? Does it matter what a person does in religious matters? We hear from many different religious teachers that the only thing that counts is living a clean, upright life. Is this true? Can a person really be saved no matter what he believes? To answer "yes," would be to say that doctrine is not necessary!

If someone says that doctrine does not matter, then has he not set up his own doctrine? If someone says that all you have to do is live a good life, is that not a doctrine? Perhaps the reason that some want to do away with doctrine is because man has set up so many of them. However, the fact that man has tried to make his own way, his own doctrine, does not change the fact that the Bible is our authority and should be our only doctrine. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:5-6).

To be pleasing to God it is true that I must live a good, moral life. There is no doubt of that. However, there is more that I must do. I must keep the commandments of the New Testament. "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The rich young ruler lived a good moral life, but he was not saved because he did not obey the commandments that were given to him. Cornelius was a good moral man, but he was not saved until he was baptized as he was commanded. "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days" (Acts 10:48). For one to be pleasing to God, he must live a good, moral life, and also keep the commandments of God!

—From *The Beacon* Bellview church of Christ FL January 2006

### **HUMILITY By Marshall Keeble**

Our Savior was born in humble surroundings, among the cattle, but He was the Savior of the world, and now the world must hear Him and obey Him, who once lay in a stable.

The Bible teaches us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and He will exalt us. I hope the day will come when we can possess the spirit of humility that every child of God must have in order to be

a successful worker in the kingdom of our God. Meekness and humility are the elements we need to fertilize our hearts, so the Word of God can grow in our hearts, and bring forth fruit to the glory and honor of our Lord. Moses, who was reared in the king's palace, humbled himself. Desiring to please God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, by being humble, he

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### 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!

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was permitted to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. As long as he was humble and meek, God was pleased and blessed all of his work, but when he became exalted, he trusted in himself and struck the rock. This was because he lost control of himself and lost that meek and humble spirit, and for this cause he missed the Promised Land.

Many preachers are failing today, and hindering the cause of Christ because they

do not have the spirit of humility and meekness. Our Lord remained meek and humble until He finished His work on earth, and we must remain meek and humble until we complete our labors on earth. We should hunger and thirst after the spirit of humility, so we will be a living example to the world, and be able to lead many to Christ, and God's kingdom will spread and Jesus be lifted up until to God be all praise, honor, and glory.

- Deceased

### SALVATION IS "IN CHRIST" - 2 TIMOTHY 2:10

But How Does One Get "INTO CHRIST" Where Salvation Is?

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27)

Since Salvation Is **IN CHRIST** and One Get's **INTO CHRIST** by being **BAPTIZED**, How Can Anyone Claim **BAPTISM** Is Not Necessary to Salvation Or That One Is Saved By "Faith Only" Before Baptism?

**PLEASE READ 1 PETER 3:21**



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**James 1:22**  
 "But be doers of  
 the word, and not  
 hearers only, de-  
 ceiving yourselves."