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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

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OUR GOSPEL MEETING *By Jonnie Hutchison*

We welcome each one to our Spring Gospel Meeting that begins today and continues each evening through the following Thursday. Our speaker is Josh Manning who comes to us from the Eastwood church of Christ in Paris, TN. Josh is a graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching and holds a B.A. degree in history from Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN. Josh has taught classes in our School of Biblical studies. He is an exceptional preacher and teacher of God's Word. Sunday services are scheduled for 10:00 am for Bible Classes, 10:50 am for morning worship and 7:30 pm for Sunday evening worship. Monday through Thursday services will be at 7:00 pm each evening. A pot-luck will follow our morning services.

The purpose of this series of meetings is two fold. First, it is an outreach to our community. As is true of every church of Christ, it is the responsibility of this congregation to *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel"* (Mark 16:15). While this congregation has assisted good works in India, Africa and other

places, we recognize that the lost are everywhere including Callo-way County. It is our great desire to reach as many as possible with the saving message of the gospel. We must make the effort to teach our relatives, neighbors and friends what to do to be saved from sin and granted the hope of eternal life (Matthew 28:13-20; Acts 2:38-41; 17:30-31;22:16; Romans 10:9-10;6:3-5; Galatians 3:26-26).

A second purpose of our gospel meeting is to strengthen and encourage the saved. Discouragement is one of the most effective weapons the devil uses against the saved. However, the preaching of the powerful word of God encourages us to resist the devil and to remain as faithful servants to our Lord (James 4:7; Hebrews 4:12). Brothers and sisters, let us take advantage of the encouragement we can receive from the lessons presented.

Let us continue to pray for the success of our Gospel Meeting. Pray for our brother Josh. Pray for the lost. Pray that the Word of God may have "free course" in this effort this week!

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Joan Lathrop, Wanda Barrett (Charter Health Care), Roy and Marie Wyat, and Dianna Travis.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy, Darren Mays, Adam Kellam, and ten year old Ariana Yount who is waiting for a heart transplant.

PANTRY ITEMS April 2026: 5-Tooth Peanut Butter; 12-Nestles Quick Chocolate; 19-Mixed Vegetables; 26-Pork-n-Beans. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

April 2026; Anniversaries: 13-Jackie & Don Spiceland. **BIRTHDAYS:** 1-Tina Canter; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall. Congratulations!

Enroll in a FREE Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and complete mailing address to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049. You may also enroll online at our website: <https://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for our Gospel Meeting are available on the table in the lobby.

Our School of Biblical Studies will resume next Monday evening, April 27th at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there! We are studying the book of Revelation with Dan Sikes.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding”

Proverb 3:5

THOSE TO SERVE April 2026

Announcements: James

Lord's Table AM: Mike & Russell

Lord's Table PM: 5-Mike; 12-Russell; 19-Mike;
25-russell

Opening Prayer AM: 5-Bobby; 12-Jonnie; 19-Jimmy;
25-Perry

Closing Prayer AM: 5-Roy; 12-Don; 19-James;
26-Chad

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

Count Contribution: Mike & Russell

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2 Timothy 2:15

I AM BUILDING *By Josh Manning*

“Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, ‘Which is the first commandment of all?’ Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment’” (Mark 12:28–30).

This month we have been learning from Jesus what it means to love the Lord God with all our strength. Hopefully we are realizing that there is not just one thing we have to do to fulfill this part of the greatest commandment. From the example of Jesus’s life we are seeing that His every action was done in service to loving His Father with all His strength.

One great way to see this whole hearted service to the Father is in a little passage near the beginning of Mark. In Mark 1:35–39 we read, *“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, ‘Everyone is looking for You.’ But He said to them, ‘Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.’ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.”*

The first thing we find Jesus doing in this passage is prioritizing His time with His Father. Long before the daylight hours began, Jesus was up and engaged in prayer. Is this an example of loving God with your strength? Of course it is. Jesus was a highly disciplined individual. He exerted Himself in

godliness regularly. Part of the Christian walk has to do with that vertical relationship we have with God. Our times of personal devotion as well as our experiences in the public worship assembly are important moments.

The second thing to find Jesus doing in this passage is, however, a bit odd. When His disciples finally locate His solitary place of prayer, they inform Him that the town is already up and looking for Him. His reply was, “Let us go...” We often puzzle over the Lord’s seeming lack of care for those who were seeking Him. Rather than staying around to build a grassroots movement, Jesus—like the wind—blows away to ward the next region (reminiscent of Mark 1:12). Jesus was not concerned with whether the world around Him approved or rejected Him and His message. His concern was doing what God sent Him to do. That’s what we see Him saying in the rest of Mark 1:38, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”

I think the way Mark 1:39 ends hints as the Lord’s awareness of His bigger mission. The verse ends by saying, “and casting out demons.” The spiritual element of Jesus’s ministry is a hallmark of Mark. And here at the beginning of Mark’s gospel story we find the emphasis placed on doing the Father’s will and opposing that which is evil. Jesus never placed the emphasis of His life on whether or not this group of people thought He was great or if a certain synagogue would ever ask Him to come back. He was thoroughly concerned with serving His Father.

— Eastwood church of Christ,
Paris, TN

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By *Jonnie Hutchison*

The church of Christ is the church that belongs to Jesus Christ. Jesus said, *"and I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"* (Matthew 16:18). Jesus did not promise to build multiple kinds of churches. He only promised to build His one church.

The term "church of Christ" simply identifies to whom the church belongs. Jesus Christ purchased the church with His own blood therefore He is the owner of the church (Acts 20:28). The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is "the Head" of His church which eliminates the possibility of any other head (Ephesians 1:22-23). The church is the spiritual body of Christ. Colossians 1:24 reads, "...for the sake of His body, which is the church." The church of Christ was not an accident nor a substitute for a postponed kingdom as taught by the premillennialists. No, the church IS the spiritual Kingdom of Christ. In the same account in which Jesus promised to build His church, He told His apostles, *"And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven..."* (Matthew 16:19). These "keys" were used by the apostles to open the door into the church as recorded in Acts 2. The keys were the terms of entrance for those added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:37-47). According to Old Testament prophecy, the kingdom was to be established in Jerusalem in the last days (Isaiah 2:1-3; Joel 2:28-32). These prophecies were fulfilled as recorded in the second chapter of the book of Acts (Acts 2:18ff). Thus, the church to which the Lord added the saved (Acts 2:47) is the spiritual kingdom of Christ! Yet, some would say that the kingdom is not the church but is to be established in the future on earth. However, Jesus plainly taught, *"My kingdom is not of this world..."* (John 18:36). It was not the intention of Jesus to establish an earthly kingdom the first time he came, and neither will it be His purpose when He comes again. Paul wrote that both he and the Colossian Christians had already been *"translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son"* in the first century (Colossians 1:13). How could they have been translated into something that did not yet exist? The phrase "Kingdom of God" is sometimes used to refer to the eternal state of the saved (Acts 14:22; I Corinthians 6:9-10). However, those in the kingdom or the church of Christ will be those Jesus will save in heaven (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23). That being true, no accountable person who has not been added by the Lord to His church is in a saved condition. When a penitent believer is baptized into Christ and added by the Lord to His church that person is granted the hope of eternal life. Will you let the Lord add YOU to the church of Christ?

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!

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
Jeff Manning

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
Jeffy Manning

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
Jeff Manning

Wednesday 7:00 PM
Jeff Manning

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. Hear the gospel -Romans 10:17.
2. Accept the Deity of Jesus Christ—John 8:24.
3. Repent of sin—Acts 17:30.
4. Confess faith in Christ—Acts 8:36-38; Rom 10:9-10
5. Be immersed in water—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27.