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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

- Green Plain Church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY 42049
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GOSPEL MEETING

April 9-13, 2023

with

Larry Powers



at the

**Green Plain
Church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY**

Services

**Sunday 10 & 10:45 am;
7:30 pm
Monday—Thursday
7:00 pm**

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie is scheduled for surgery April 13.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, Shirley Woodlief and Deloris Ingram, Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for our **Spring Gospel Meeting** with Larry Powers are available on the table in the front lobby of the building. We encourage each member to pick up several to hand or mail to those you invite to our meeting. Remember this effort in your prayers.

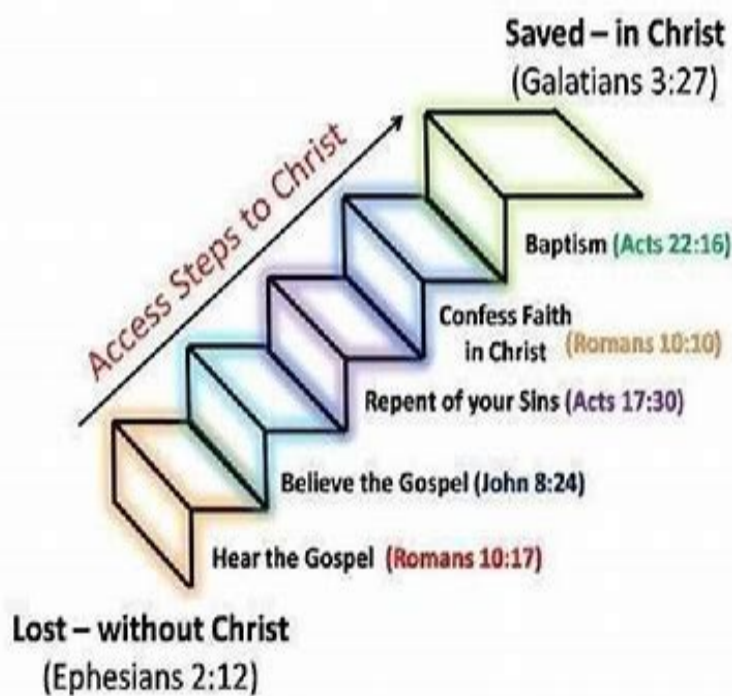
SPRING SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy these in-depth studies of God’s Word and the fellowship of brethren.

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

March 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..

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.

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



GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



**Each Monday Night
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**

March 13—May 8, 2023

***2 Corinthians (Part 2)
Jack Phillips***

***The Miracles of Jesus
John Sales***

WHY HAVE A GOSPEL MEETING *By Jonnie Hutchison*

For many years churches of Christ have conducted "Gospel Meetings" across the country and throughout the world. Many precious souls will exist in the eternal bliss of heaven as the result of such efforts. Indeed, that is the primary reason "Gospel Meetings" were and continue to be conducted.

In our present world some suggest that gospel meetings are no longer effective. We readily admit that the Gospel Meeting is not what it used to be as far as participation is concerned. Satan knows how to utilize otherwise legitimate things such as television, entertainment, sports, the internet, etc. to distract folks from what is much more important and necessary to their salvation (1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:11). Why have a Gospel Meeting?

Because it is God's plan. God's plan for man's salvation from sin still includes the preaching of the gospel. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:21, "*For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*" Without the preaching of the gospel the world does not and cannot know the God of heaven as He is revealed in the Bible. God has always sent faithful preachers into the world to make His will known to humankind. The prophets of the Old Testament were messengers or preachers of God's Word. Jesus sent the apostles into all the world to preach the gospel (Mark 16:15-16). God's plan to save man from sin has not changed nor has the means He has chosen to impart it to man through preaching. Why have a Gospel Meeting?

To Save the Lost. This is the challenge of every gospel meeting conducted by

the church. The gospel of Christ has the power to save the lost. Writing to the church in Rome Paul declared, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation, to the Jew first and also to the Greek*" (Romans 1:16). This powerful gospel must first be heard to produce salvation from sin. Jesus said, "*It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught by God. Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.*" (John 6:45). Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). A gospel meeting gives people the opportunity to hear, believe and obey the gospel. Why have a Gospel Meeting?

To get involved. Our love for the lost and our desire to see them saved will encourage us to, not only conduct Gospel Meetings, but to become personally involved. Is there some precious soul for whom you have been praying who needs to hear the gospel? Then invite them to come with you to our Gospel Meeting. We must follow the example of Jesus who came to "*seek and save that which was lost*" (Luke 19:10). This is the attitude of heart that every child of God must possess. We are surrounded by souls who are ignorant of God's truth and are hopelessly lost in their sins. Using such events as a Gospel Meeting, we have the opportunity to change this tragic circumstance. But we never will if we refuse to become personally involved. Why have a Gospel Meeting?

To strengthen the saved. Gospel Meetings give Christians an opportunity to grow stronger in the faith. The lessons presented will remind us of the basic truths of the gospel, the fundamentals upon which our faith was established, which will result in a

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renewal of our commitment to our Lord. Christians are told to *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 3:18). Spiritual maturity doesn’t automatically occur but requires a diligent and continuous effort on the part of the child of God. 2 Timothy 2:15 reads, *“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* Growing in Christ is a lifetime experience which will be enhanced by attending Gospel Meetings. Why have a Gospel Meeting?

Because the gospel is always “good news.” We hear so much bad news today. Our world is filled with negative messages that create anxiety and despair. On the other hand, the gospel of Christ is always good news which brings hope and joy to those willing to hear and obey it. It truly is “glad tidings of good things” As Isaiah 52:7 tells us, *“How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”* Such is the “good news” proclaimed at Gospel Meetings!

Our Spring Gospel Meeting is just a week away. Are you making your plans to participate? You will be glad you did. Let’s each do our part to pray and work to make this Gospel Meeting the best it can be!

Announcements are available in the lobby. Pick them up and distribute them to as many as you invite.

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
“The Book of Acts”

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“The Importance of Preaching”

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
“Jesus Raises the Dead” #2

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
“A Study of the Book of Matthew”



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