



# 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  
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  
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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## THE ETERNAL DISASTER OF “ALMOST” *By Gary L. Hutchins*

Sixty-two year old William Hyatt walked twenty-two miles across the Mojave Desert after his car broke down. He crawled the last two miles before dying face down in the sand from thirst and exhaustion. Just over the hill, just a half mile away was Saratoga Springs. He “Almost” made it to safety, but he died before he got there.

A young soldier fought four years through World War II. He survived horrific battles and was there when the allies won the war. He called his mother from Europe and told her, “I’m coming home.” After arriving back in the U.S. he boarded a small plane for Dallas, TX. The plane crashed. He “Almost” made it back home, but he died before he got there.

On February 1, 2003 the Space Shuttle Columbia returned from its twenty-eighth mission, having spent sixteen days in space. Families of the crew gathered in Houston to welcome their loved ones home. But a piece of foam insulation broke off, damaged a wing on the shuttle, and the force and heat of reentry into our atmosphere

caused the shuttle to literally disintegrate. Pieces rained down over the states of Louisiana and Texas. All seven astronauts perished. Only sixteen minutes from landing they “Almost” made it back home safely, but they died before they made it.

The Apostle Paul, a prisoner in Roman custody, stood in a hearing before King Agrippa. After presenting the basic message of the gospel of Christ Paul asked Agrippa, “do you believe the prophets?” He then answered for the king, “I know that you do believe.” King Agrippa’s response? “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.” (Acts 26:27-28). Sadly, the scriptures never indicate that Agrippa ever became altogether persuaded to become a Christian.

Being only “Almost” persuaded to become a Christian is eternal disaster! Being “Almost” forgiven of your sins means you’re still facing eternal death, condemnation in Hell (Rom. 6:23; Jas. 1:12-15; Rev. 21:8). Being “Almost” saved

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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, and 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. Please let us know of those who have improved or any one who needs to be added to this list.

- **OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Lonnie Grady at his passing. He was the brother of Hayes Grady.
- **RECENT MAILING:** A paper teaching the gospel was recently mailed to all the routes in Hazel and Puryear. In spite of the pandemic, this congregation continues to reach out to our community and continues to spread the gospel with a weekly newspaper article and contributions to the Lord's work in a variety of ways and places. Please remember these efforts in your prayers that they may bear fruit.
- **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.
- **NEW WINDOWS** Most are aware of the new windows installed in the building. The elders would like your input as to the best way to cover the windows. If you have any suggestions please let James and Mike know.
- **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The latest financial statement is available in the front lobby.
- **UPDATE:** We continue to comply with the governors mask mandate and other safety measures at our worship services. Several have received the vaccination which gives us hope of a return to normal. Please remember all those impacted by the virus in prayer.

### ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network

<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School

<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer

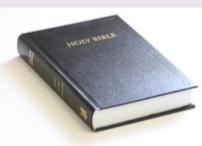
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today

<http://gnntv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way

<http://searchtv.org/>



### TODAY'S SERMON

#### “Doctrinal Traits of Unity #2”

“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”  
*Ephesians 4:3)*

## IS THERE A GOD? By Jonnie Hutchison

The ranks of those who would answer “no” to this question seem to be growing daily. Many in the so-called “millennial generation” have scorned both God and organized religion as irrelevant to their lives. The Bible is viewed as just another production of deluded men with little to offer in either knowledge or guidance. Man’s existence is viewed as a chance occurrence - the product of the “big bang” and organic evolution rather than the result of God’s special creation. Consider the following:

If God does not exist, then how does one explain the existence of morality in humans? Among all the creatures upon the face of the earth, man alone recognizes the difference between right and wrong. Man, alone has a built-in sense of what is moral and what is immoral. Animals act not by a sense of morality but merely by instinct. Man is an intelligent being with the ability to reason and make decisions based upon knowledge. Animals have no such capability. The evolutionary process cannot explain the existence of morality in man. But the Bible does. “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image and according to Our likeness....’” (Genesis 1:26). Since God is not physical but is a Spirit (John 4:24), then man is made in the spiritual image of God which explains why man is a moral being. Only man has an “inward man” (spiritual) and an “outward man” (physical). (Romans 7:22;2 Corinthians 4:16. The spiritual part of man gives him that sense of morality which is characteristic of His Creator.

The conscience has been defined as

“the part of the mind that makes you aware of your actions as being morally right or wrong” (Merriam Webster). Is there any other creature other than man who possesses a conscience? No. But if man is the product of organic evolution would it not be the case that lower life-forms, from which man supposedly evolved, should at least have some lesser developed sense of morality? Yet, such is not the case and, like the “theory” of evolution, has never been proven as fact.

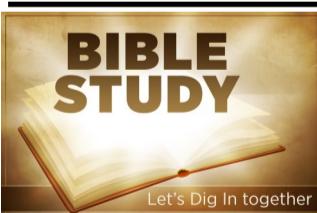
We are seeing in our generation the result of years of our children being exposed to an unproven theory which is taught as fact, but has no actual basis in fact. No wonder so many no longer believe in the existence of God.

*“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.... Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” (Romans 1:20-25).*

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and click on “articles” in the main menu.



**Wednesday**  
**7:00 pm**

**“...there is but a step between me and death.”**  
**(I Samuel 20:3b)**





### 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! A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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means you're lost. Why would anyone remain just "Almost" persuaded to become a Christian, just "Almost" ready to put their Lord on in baptism and be forgiven of their sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)?

Could it be pride? Could it be an emotional resistance to humbly admitting the guilt of sin and the need for forgiveness? Repeatedly, the scriptures warn, "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." (Jas. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5).

Could it be fear? Many people fear they cannot consistently resist sin and live a faithful Christian life. But God promises to never allow you to be tempted beyond your ability to say "No." He will always be there for you (1 Cor. 10:13). Be assured, "the

Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations..." (2 Pet. 2:9).

Could it be that you think you're too busy? Jesus spoke of those who offered excuses, claiming they were too busy come. But excuses will keep you outside the blessings of Heaven (Lk. 14:16-24).

Could it be you're simply not finished with sin? "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). How sad it will be to only gaze into the city of Heaven, just short of walking the golden streets, not quite in the presence of the Heavenly Father, "Almost" living eternally with the saved... **BUT LOST!** That will be the eternal disaster of "Almost"...

—Sunny Slope church of Christ online




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