



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**  
Bible Classes  
10:00 AM  
Morning Worship  
10:45 AM  
Evening Worship  
6:00 PM
- **Wednesday**  
Bible Classes 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.  
MSOP—Bradley Smith

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## YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU WANT TO! *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Let's face it—each of us do what we **WANT TO** do. If the desire is absent then we will find a way to avoid doing what we do not **WANT TO** do. If we **WANT TO** do something, we will find a way to do it. This is true in every area of life inducing our service to God. Consider the following thoughts:

If you **WANT TO** teach others the gospel, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** attend Bible classes and worship, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** help those in need, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** study the Bible at home, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** put the Lord first in your life, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** stop the cycle of personal sin, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** love and cherish your spouse, you will find

a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** use your talents and abilities to serve God, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** overcome temptation, you will find a way to do so.

If you **WANT TO** treat others with kindness and respect, you will find a way to do so.

Of course, the opposite is true. If you do **NOT WANT TO** do these things, you will find a way not to do them. So, what do you **WANT TO** do?

*"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and **does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24).*

*"But be **doers** of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).*

*"Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does** the will of my Father...." (Matthew 7:21).*

## NEWS AND NOTES

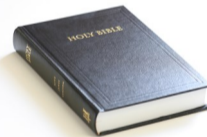
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon , Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch and Jesse and Mary Vincent.
- **Family and Friends:** Betty Pond, Naomi Pigg, Byron White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Bryars, Ann Workman, Mike and Dollie Kiser, Will and Nancy Winchester, Dean Carroll, Maryanne Stubblefield, Annie Lyons, Kenzie Murdock, Jim Hutson, Amy Lyons, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster and Thomas Cooper. If you know of those who need to be added or removed from our prayer list please write down their names and hand it to Jonnie.
- **The School of Biblical Studies** continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm. Our second six week session got off to an excellent start last Monday evening. Jack Philipps and Chris Kemp presented two very fine lessons. It's not too late to take advantage of this Bible study opportunity. We hope to see you tomorrow evening.
- **Pantry items for April** 7—Sweet Peas; 14—Mixed Vegetables; 21—paper Towels; 28—Great Northern Beans.
- Please remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance and Mike Kiser in their respective works.
- Watch **"A Bible Answer"** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at [abibleanswerstv.org](http://abibleanswerstv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.
- **April 2019 Anniversaries: None. Birthdays:** Mary Lowrie 4-3; Kaitlyn Canter 4-8; Dave Thompson 4-24; Steve Enoch 4-27; Sue Hall 4-29; . If we have left anyone out please let us know..
- **WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?** Ignore Him? Reject Him? Hate Him? Or, will you love and obey Him? You are doing one or the other of these things right now. Which is it?



### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** What parable did Jesus tell which illustrates the varied results in the lives of those who hear the gospel?

**Last Week:** *How many cities in the New Testament are named Antioch and where were they located?* (1) Antioch in Syria (Acts 6:5;8:1; 11:19—26). All three of Paul's missionary journeys began at this Antioch (Ac. 13:1-3; 15:36ff; 18:22-23) . (2) Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13:14-19; 13:42-50). Also became a base for the preaching of the gospel.



### LESSONS TODAY

**Sunday AM**  
**"What Happens At Death?"**

**Sunday PM**  
**"What It Means to Be A Christian"**

## PAVING THE WAY TO HELL DOES NOT BRING YOU CLOSER TO GOD

By Brad Harrub

In a year when it seems like anyone with a pulse and a few crazy ideas is running for president, Pete Buttigieg has taken center stage. Pete Buttigieg is the mayor of South Bend, Indiana. But that is not why he is frequently a guest on Sunday morning press shows and what is keeping him in the headlines. Mayor Buttigieg has taken up a war of words with Vice-President Mike Pence about being gay, and has boldly declared, being married to his partner Chasten “has moved me closer to God.”

Buttigieg is a democrat, and I admittedly have not studied much about his political views, however, I do want to address two of his theological statements that he has recently made. Doing his best to assume moral high ground Buttigieg declared that being gay was not a choice but was given to him by his Creator. “If me being gay was a choice, it was a choice that was made far, far above my pay grade... And that’s the thing I wish the Mike Pences of the world would understand. That if you got a problem with who I am, your problem is not with me—your quarrel, sir, is with my creator.” (see USA Today’s piece here).

While I do not know your pay grade Mr. Buttigieg, I do know science and God are not the reason you are gay. Yes, there were several studies published in the early 1990s (and a few in 2000s) that diligently tried to assert a genetic cause for homosexuality. (e.g., Simon LeVay, 1991; Bailey and Pillard, 1991; Dean Hamer, 1993). However, science has a way of “self-correcting” itself and all of those studies were shown to be poorly conducted and other scientists could not replicate the original findings. In other words, the studies were false. Simply put, science doesn’t support the notion that homosexuals were “born that way.” Again, I recognize saying such in modern times is to beg to be labeled a hater or homophobe. However, my conclusion comes from the scientific evidence—not emotion.

It makes logical sense if one were to set aside the hyperbole, political spin, and passion for just a moment. If homosexuality were genetic, then if an identical twin were homosexual then his twin would have to be as well—because they share the same genes. Yet, this is not what we see in reality. Also, if it were genetic then we would eventually see this

gene disappear from the human population—as homosexual couples can’t reproduce.

Mr. Buttigieg is desperately trying to ride in on the coattails of true civil rights issues, but the scientific evidence does not support that he was born that way. If it is not genetic, then that makes it a choice. It also takes the “quarrel” about his behavior and who “he is” away from the Creator, and directly to Mr. Buttigieg’s own doorstep.

The second statement I want to examine is when Buttigieg indicated that being involved in a same-sex marriage has brought him closer to God. “Being married to Chasten has made me a better human being because it has made me more compassionate, more understanding, more self-aware and more decent,” he said at the LGBTQ Victory Fund’s annual brunch. “My marriage to Chasten has made me a better man. And yes, Mr. Vice President, it has moved me closer to God,” he added, prompting applause (story here).

How does a homosexual marriage bring someone closer to God? There is only one way—and that is if Mayor Buttigieg has recast God into a god that is not found in the Scriptures. In other words, Buttigieg has recast God in an image that he desires—which is idolatry.

God instituted marriage between a man and a woman, (Genesis 2:24). All throughout the Bible marriage is referred to in terms of a man and a woman—even when Jesus speaks of marriage. Homosexuality, on the other hand, is condemned all throughout God’s Word. Whether we are talking about the patriarchal age with Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19), or the Mosaic Age (Leviticus 18:22-23; 20:13), or in the New Testament (Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Revelation 21:8) God views this behavior as an abomination.

Mr. Buttigieg must have skipped over the Scriptures that declare God as holy (1 Peter 1:16) and that sin separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). The holiness of God is frequently referenced in the Bible. The inspired psalmist observed, “But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel” (22:3). Additionally, we read, “Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool—He is holy” (Psalm 99:3).

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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!  
A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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The prophet Isaiah noted: "But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness" (Isaiah 5:16).

Paul revealed in 1 Corinthians 6 that individuals involved in the type of behavior that Mayor Buttigieg and his husband Chasten are involved in will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. In Revelation 21:8 we read that people who practice sexually immoral behavior shall "shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Does this sound like someone who is getting closer to God?

1 John 5:3 declares, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." Therefore, to "love" is to do what God says in the way he says to do it. In other words, to be loving is to be lawful; to obey God's commands. The real question is not whether Mayor Buttigieg "feels" closer to God, the real question is whether or not this presidential candidate is willing to humble himself, repent of his sins, and obey God's commands.

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### WHAT YOU CAN CATCH

CHRIST CAN CLEAN!

### SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Each Monday 7-9 pm April 22—May

Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

### SUBJECTS OF STUDY & TEACHERS

;;;Book of James—Chris Kemp

Book of Colossians—Jack Philips

### THOSE TO SERVE

**APRIL 2019**

#### Announcements

Charles Enoch

#### Preside at Lord's Table

Mike Ernstberger & James Pigg

Substitute: Jim Lowrie

#### Assist at Lord's Table

Dave Thompson & Bobby Hall

Substitute: Chad Canter

#### Preside at Lord's Table PM

4-7 Mike

4-14 James

4-21 Mike

4-28—James

#### Opening Prayer

4-7 Bobby Hall

4-14 Jonnie Hutchison

4-21 Hayes Grady

4-28 Jim Lowrie

#### Closing Prayer

4-7 Brent Morris

4-14 Roy Wyatt

4-21 Preston Barrett

4-28 Dave Thompson

#### Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Perry Jarvis

Sunday PM—Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday—Eli Sales

Substituted—Chad Canter

#### Count Contribution

Bobby hall & Dave Thompson

#### Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

#### Usher

Chad Canter

If unable to serve please call Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

*Thanks for Serving!*