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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 2:00 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
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

COME FOR BIBLE ANSWERS TO OUR

GOSPEL MEETING

April 7-11, 2024

At the

Green Plain Church of Christ— Hazel, KY

With Our Speaker



Bradley Smith

Preacher for the Hickory Grove
church of Christ in Almo, KY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND LESSON TITLES

Sunday 10 am "Who Started the church of Christ?"

Sunday 10:45 am "Why Do You Think We Should Follow the Bible?"

Sunday 7:30 pm "Why Don't You Believe in Faith?"

Monday 7 pm "Where Is Your Piano?"

Tuesday 7 pm "Why Do You Think Baptism Saves?"

Wednesday 7 pm "You Really Think You Are the Only Ones Going to Heaven?"

Thursday 7 pm "What Do You Believe About End Times?"

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jim Lowrie. Marie Wyatt is at Spring reek for rehab. Mike Ernstberger is at home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, and Ted Clark.

Spring Gospel Meeting. If you are visiting with us today you are our honored guest. Please remain after the mooring services to join us in a potluck in the annex. If you have any questions about what you have seen or heard today, please do not hesitate to ask.

AREA EVENT: The Walnut Grove church of Christ will host a **Ladies Night April 13th at 7:00 pm with Becky Blackmon. Please RSVP** by calling or text to **270-205-1326** by **April 7th**. See the bulletin board in the bobby for additional details.

PANTRY ITEMS April 2024: 7—Mixed Vegetables; 14-Toliet Tissue; 21-Jelly; 28-Great Northern Beans. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

April 2024; Anniversaries: 13-Jackie & Don Spiceland; **Birthdays:** 1-Tina Canter; 3-Mary Lowrie; 8-Katelyn Canter; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall.

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRECSPONDENCE 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; Request a **FREE** home Bible study—“*Back to the Bible*” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

If One Is Saved Before Baptism....

1. ...Then One Is Saved Outside of Christ for Baptism puts one **INTO CHRIST**—Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:27 Yet the Bible clearly teaches that salvation is **IN CHRIST not outside of Christ** —2 Timothy 2:10.
2. ...Then one is saved without having contacted the death and thus the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. For the Bible clearly teaches that one is **baptized into the death of Jesus** and since Jesus shed His blood in His death, baptism is the point of contact with His blood (John 19:33-34; Acts 22:16).

Baptism, preceded by faith, repentance and confession of faith **is essential** to salvation!

GREEN PLAIN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

SPRING 2024

March 4-April 29

Each Monday Evening

7:00—9:00 pm

**In depth studies on
Romans—Josh Manning
2 Corinthians—Jack Phillips**

Meet in the Annex

WE WELCOME YOU By Jonnie Hutchison

This week is special here at Green Plain for it is the beginning of our Spring 2024 gospel meeting. Brother **Bradly Smith** has come to proclaim the gospel of Christ to as many as will listen.

We are thankful that you have chosen to attend these services. We appreciate your interest in spiritual matters and we want you to know that we share in our God's great desire for the salvation of your soul (2 Peter 3:9). . With the inspired Paul we say that our "hearts desire and prayer to God" for you is that you may be saved (Romans 10:1-2). With that in mind, please let us know of any concerns or questions you may have about anything that you hear or see during our meeting. We will gladly set down with you with an open Bible to answer any questions you may have or to discuss any Bible subject about which you are concerned.

The church of Christ which meets at Green Plain is striving to follow the New Testament pattern for the church which Jesus built (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 2:36-47). We understand that if we do what men and women did in New Testament times to be added by the Lord to His church that we too will be members of His one original church of which He is Lord and Savior (Acts 2:36-38, 41, 47; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:5; 5:25). We invite you to open your Bible and study with us with an open mind, searching the scriptures to see if what you are hearing is the truth (See Acts 17:11). We are convinced that not only can divine truth be known, one may obey it's directives to the salvation of his or her soul (John 8:32; Hebrews 5:8-9).

The steps to salvation are clearly revealed in the New Testament. The beginning place is the hearing of the Word of God which produces faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "It is written in the prophets, And they

shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:45). Unless one believes Jesus is the Son of God he will die in sin (John 8:24). The believer in Jesus must repent of sin. Jesus said, "*Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3). The penitent believer must confess faith in Jesus the Christ as the Son of God. Jesus said, "*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven*" (Matt. 10:32, also Rom. 10:9-10). The penitent, confessing believer must be baptized (immersed) in water for the remission of sins. In the New Testament those who sought salvation were told, "*...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*" (Acts 2:38). Those who obeyed this command were added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:41, 47). If one today does the same thing he or she will experience the same result!

Thanks again for attending our gospel meeting. May God bless you with a desire to submit to His divine will and receive the blessing of the hope of eternal life.

WHAT A GREAT EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW!

"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." Acts 17:11.

YOU KNOW AHT YOU WILL DIE

Death is a common experience in this life. Every reader of this article has experienced either the death of a loved one, a friend, or acquaintance. Though most of us do not like to think about it, each one of us will ultimately face the reality of our own death. You know YOU will die even though you may not know when and how. The Bible speaks to the shortness of life. *“Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue”* (Job 14:1-2). The New Testament speaks of both the brevity and uncertainty of life in James 4:14-15, *“whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”* All of us have made plans for the next day only to have those plans changed by some unexpected event. That unexpected event could be ones own death. It is easy to conclude, “that will never happen to me,” but the reality is that those to whom it has happened most likely thought the same thing. Such thinking does not prevent unexpected death. Preparation is the key to being ready for death. Death is not the end of existence. While the physical part of us dies the spiritual part of us continues to exist. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the physical body (2 Cor. 4:16-17; James 2:26). Preparation to face death with confidence requires receiving the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus (Rev. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:18-19). To reach the blood of Jesus requires faith in Christ as the Son of God (John 8:24), repentance of sin (Acts 17:30), confession of faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and immersion in water into the death of Jesus where one spiritually contacts the cleansing blood of Jesus (Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4). One who completes these steps of obedience is forgiven and added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:41, 47). Living faithfully for the Lord each day of one’s life results in readiness should death come. Dear reader, **YOU** know **YOU** will die. You don’t know when. Have you made the necessary preparation? May we help you make that preparation?

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

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SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

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