



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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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  
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- James Pigg  
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### Deacons

- Bobby Hall

### Preacher

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## HAVE YOU HONORED YOUR MOM TODAY?

By Mike Riley

There's no gift more precious from God to a son or daughter than having a godly mother ([Proverbs 31:25-28](#)). For over sixty years, this writer was blessed with having a godly mother who greatly influenced my life for good. She has since gone to be with the Lord, but her Christian influence and example still loudly speaks to me today ([2 Timothy 1:5](#) ; [Titus 2:3-4](#); [Hebrews 11:4](#)).

My mother was a woman of great integrity and high moral values, instilling in me a sense of doing what is right, no matter what the outcome. Not only was she my mother, she was my best friend, and when I visited her from time to time, we would talk about anything and everything — I sorely miss that verbal interaction with her.

But the one thing I miss the most, is **another opportunity to hug my mother**. When I would visit her, her arms would open wide to hug me and mine to hug her. There's just something about

the act of hugging, that brings two people closer together, showing a natural affection of loving and caring about another human being. In fact, research shows that [hugging gives a child a feeling of self-esteem and self-worth](#) — a sense of abiding security in an insecure world.

Brethren and friends, if you've been blessed by still having your mom with you, **have you hugged her today?** If you haven't, please do so at every opportunity, because one day, she will no longer be around to hug. Treasure those times when you and your mom are drawn closer to one another through the simple act of hugging. I look forward to the day when I can once again hug my mother in heaven.

May the Lord richly bless all Moms this Mother's Day, and [may you as their child, express your tender love, care, and affection for them](#) through the simple act of hugging.

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

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

**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, Dan Sikes, Ariana Yount, and Tim Bishop (Gail’s brother).

**PANTRY ITEMS** May 2026: 3-Corn; 10-Green Beans; 17-Spinach; 24-Beets. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

**May 2026; BIRTHDAYS:** 27-Ann Thompson; 229-Mary Vincent. 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>.

**Our School of Biblical Studies** will continue tomorrow evening, May 11th at 7:00 pm. Larry Powers will continue our study on the book of Revelation. We hope to see you there!

“Some people have only three occasions for attending church--when they are HATCHED, MATCHED and DISPATCHED.”

“Joy is the by-product of obedience.” Psalms 97:12; Philippians 3:1.

**THOSE TO SERVE May 2026**

Announcements: C had

Lord’s Table AM: Bobby & Perry

Lord’s Table PM3-Bobby; 10-Perry; 17-Bobby;  
24-Perry

Opening Prayer AM; J3-James; 10-Jonnie; 17-Jimmy;  
24-Mike

Closing Prayer AM 3-Russell; 10-Don; 17-Jesse;  
24-Roy

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

Count Contribution: Bobby & Perry

**Ask Us About A FREE HOME BIBLE STUDY “Back to the Bible” To increase your knowledge of God’s Word.**

**Here is how it works.** We will set a time convenient for you to either come into your home or come to our building where we will sit down with open Bible’s and study God’s Word in an informal setting. Call 270-978-7569 or email [greenplaincoc@gmail.com](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com)  
**2 Timothy 2:15**

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The following poem will hopefully  
bless you as it has me:

### ***A Mother's Hug***

A child sits at his window  
Watching storm clouds in the sky  
Knowing that he's frightened  
Not really knowing why.

Maybe it's the thunder,  
Could be it's the rain  
Maybe it's the lightning  
Mirrored on the window pane.

But it really doesn't matter  
What fears the day may bring  
If you're safe and snug in a mother's  
hug,  
You can face most anything

So soon the smiles of child-  
hood  
Turn Into teenage frowns,  
It seems so much of growing up  
Consists of falling down.

And through those painful  
middle years  
I soon would come to know  
The kind of pain that hurts the most  
Is the kind that doesn't show.

Now children do get older

But a child they still remain  
Childish fears of darkness  
Give way to worldly pain.

Maybe it's the sadness  
When you lose someone you know  
Maybe it's the grief that comes  
From reaping what you sow.

But it really doesn't matter  
What fears the day may bring  
When you're safe and snug in a  
mother's hug,  
You can face most anything.

Now I still look out those win-  
dows,  
At storm clouds in the sky,  
At hopes and fears and joys and  
tears  
Of many years gone by.

And I thank God for the bless-  
ing  
Of allowing me to be  
The one who gives the comfort  
When my children come to me.

Cause it really doesn't matter  
What fears the day may bring  
When you're safe and snug in a  
mother's hug,  
You can face most anything.

—Susan Brewer

“Strength and honor are  
her clothing;  
She shall rejoice in time  
to come.  
She opens her mouth  
with wisdom,  
And on her tongue is the  
law of kindness.”

***Proverbs 31:25-26***



## KEEP YOUR FORK

A young woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a short time to live. As she was getting her things in order, she asked her preacher to drop by to discuss her funeral.



She mentioned the songs she wanted to be sung, scriptures to be read, and a few other details. As he prepared to leave she had one more request. "There is one more thing," she said. "What's that?" the preacher replied. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

Puzzled, the preacher asked, "Please pardon me, but did you say you wished to be buried with a fork in your right hand?" "Yes. In all my years of eating church dinners, I remember that when the dishes were being cleared, someone would remark, 'Don't forget to keep your fork!' This was a reminder that something wonderful was coming -- such as chocolate cake, banana pudding, or deep-dish apple pie. So when people see me in my casket with a fork in hand, you can tell then that I expect something far better to come."

The preacher's eyes welled up tears as he hugged her, knowing that this might be the last time he would see her alive. He also realized that she had a profound grasp of heaven. At her funeral, scores of people walked by the casket, noting the fork in her hand. Over and over, the preacher heard the question, "Why the fork?" He smiled but said nothing.

During the eulogy he told the audience about the fork and about what it meant to the woman. Although a few were crying prior to the preacher's remarks, not a dry eye remained after he explained the meaning of the fork. These were tears of joy and hope.

As a child of God, you can keep your fork, for the best is yet to come.

--Jerusalem, Arkansas church bulletin

### 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**  
*A Study of Luke*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM**  
*God Made Mothers"*

**SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM**  
*"Christ Our Mediator"*

**Wednesday 7:00 PM**  
*A Study of 2 Kings*

### 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.