



# 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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## “VIRTUAL REALITY” OR REALITY? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The word “real” is defined as, “actually existing as a thing or occurring in fact; not imagined or supposed.” We live in a time when technology can often make things appear to be real when they actually are not. It is called “virtual reality.” *In simple terms, Virtual Reality is a fully immersive computer simulated environment that gives the users the feeling of being in that environment instead of the one they are actually in*” ([www.chronicloop.com/what-is-virtual-reality/](http://www.chronicloop.com/what-is-virtual-reality/)). In other words, users of virtual reality “feel” that what they are experiencing is real but it is not real. After the “virtual reality” experience, one must return to face genuine reality which such a one really never left in the first place.

In spiritual matters it is often the case that people want to escape what is real to embrace their own form of “virtual reality.”

**God is real but many want to exist in a “virtual world” where there is no God.** They deny the reality of God’s existence just as those of whom the Bible speaks in Romans chapter one, who had no excuse for rejecting God “*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. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man....*” (Romans 1:21-23a). Those who live in the “virtual world” of atheism and agnosticism will return to reality when Jesus comes to judge the world. “*For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us shall give account of himself to God*” (Romans 14:11-12). Dear reader, examine the abundant evidence of God’s existence—the detailed design in the material universe which demands a Designer, the absence of any proof of organic evolution whatsoever demanding the acceptance of the Bible account of creation, and the revelation of God’s infallible, inerrant Word in the Bible. Return from “virtual reality” to the fact that God is real!

**Sin is real but many want to live in a “virtual world” where sin is only a fantasy.** It is amazing that any person would deny

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## NEWS AND NOTES

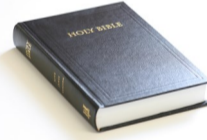
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Paul Brandon Lori Brandon , Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margaret Enoch, Will Ed and Faye Travis , Mary Crutchfield, Vickie and Kaitlyn Canter, Joanne Barnes. Frank Towery, Maxine Pool, Nancy Meacham, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Mary Lowrie, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch 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, Thomas Cooker and Don and Sherry Blackwell .
- **The School of Biblical Studies** We have two more weeks of our Spring session the School of Biblical Studies remaining. Jack Philipps and Chris Kemp are doing an excellent job in presenting studies from Colossians and James. . If you are not attending we encourage you to do so.
- This year's **VBS** is scheduled for June 18-20 beginning at 6:30 pm each evening. The theme is "Marooned: Steady Faith on Shifting Sands." We will have both children and adult classes.
- **Pantry items for May** 5—Toothpaste; 12—Asparagus; 19—Peaches; 26—Vienna Sausages.
- 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 [abibleanswertv.org](http://abibleanswertv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.
- **May 2019 Anniversaries:** Charles & Betty Enoch—16th; **Birthdays:** Paul Brandon—14th; Peyton Smith—19th; Charles Enoch—24th; Ann Thompson—27th; Mary Vincent—29th. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- *"Profanity is the effort of a feeble mind to express itself forcefully." (James 3:10).*



### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** Where was the "Tower of Babel" located?

**Last Week:** *What description is given of Og in Deuteronomy?* **Answer:** Og is described as the "king of Bahan" and a "giant" (last of the Rephaaim) with a huge bedstead—13 1/2 ft by 6 ft (Deut. 3:6-18).



### LESSONS TODAY

**Sunday AM**  
**Bradley Smith**

**Sunday PM**  
**"Modern Idolatry"**

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the reality of something so prevalent as sin. *“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). Is stealing a sin? Is rape a sin? Is homosexuality a sin? Is adultery a sin? Is murder a sin? What makes these things sinful? They each violate the spiritual law of God to which all everywhere are accountable (1 John 3:4). If God does not exist and the Bible is merely a product of men, then who is to say that any of these are really wrong.

Most of those who choose to live in the “virtual reality” of a world without sin do so out of selfishness, lust and because they enjoy the temporary pleasures such a lifestyle produces. They evidently believe they will escape accountability for their actions. However, their “virtual reality” world will not save them from the reality of God’s judgment. *“For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil”* (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Regardless of those who want to live in their own “virtual reality”, sin is real!

**God has a real plan for man’s salvation, but many want to replace it with their own “virtual reality.”** God’s real plan

of salvation is revealed in the Bible. It requires hearing (Romans 10:17); faith in Jesus as the Son of God (John 8:24); repentance of sin (Acts 17:30); immersion in water to spiritually reach the cleansing blood of Jesus in order to receive the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-5); and serving God faithfully, having been added by the Lord to the church of Christ (Acts 2:41, 47; Philippians 2:12-13). However, some reject this reality and replace it with the “virtual reality” of salvation by faith alone; praying the sinners prayer; rejecting the Deity of Jesus Christ; rejecting the necessity of baptism for salvation; believing one may be saved in a denominational church; believing that once one is saved, he can do nothing to be lost; and that one church is as good as another. Friends, none of these are reality. None are in harmony with the truth God has revealed in His word. Those who believe them are merely accepting a “virtual reality” and not the real thing.

God IS real—Sin IS real—God’s plan of salvation IS real. Please don’t accept a “virtual reality” when you can grasp and hold on to what is so very real and will save your eternal soul.

## CONGRAULATIONS JACKSON



Jackson is our lone graduate from High School this year. We are thankful for his participation in leading in worship at Green Plain and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. Below are some of Jackson’s accomplishments and honors during his High School years.

In 2017, Jackson was able to attend the Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit (accepted before the election) as a result of being an alum of the National Youth Leadership Conference three years prior. Last year, he was accepted and attended the three week program for the Governor's School for the Arts at Centre College in Danville

where he studied Drama and all aspects of theater.

Jackson is about a month away from earning his Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts and was recently accepted into the Order of the Arrow Boy Scout honor society. This summer, he will attend the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota where he will canoe for six days learning aspects of survival and leadership.

He has been in the Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands, and is an Academic Archer on the High School Archery team. He has worked with the Playhouse in the Park Community Theater since he was six years old and had the privilege of mentoring with them last semester. His Eagle Scout project consists of remodeling the lumber room to ensure

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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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its safety and convenience. Last year and this year, he has been able to mentor a few days with both the Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Departments.

The GSA, his ACT score, and GPA has earned him a full tuition and fees Governor's School for the Arts scholarship to Murray State University where he will study Wildlife and Conservation Biology and minor in Theater.

**SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES FALL SESSION 2019**

Each Monday 7-9 pm  
April 22—May 27

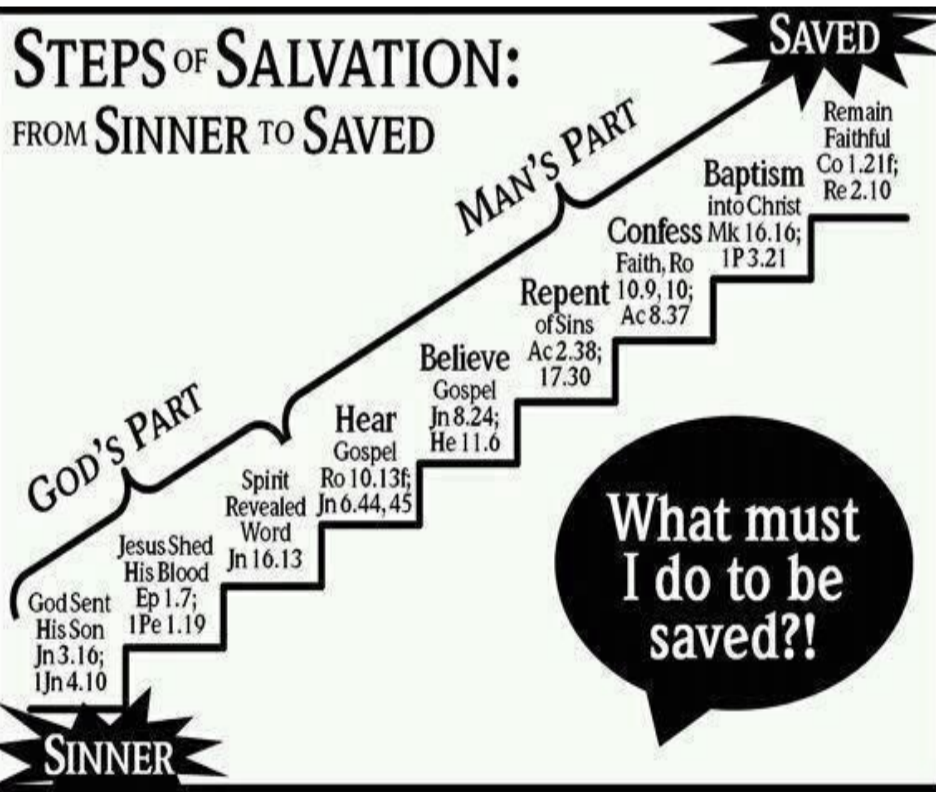
Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

**SUBJECTS OF STUDY & TEACHERS**

;;;Book of James—Chris Kemp

Book of Colossians—Jack Philips

**STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED**



**THOSE TO SERVE**

**MAY 2019**

Announcements

Chad Canter

Preside at Lord's Table

Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: James Pigg

Assist at Lord's Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Preside at Lord's Table PM

5-5 Bobby Hall

5-12 Jim Lowrie

5-19 Bobby Hall

5-26 Jim Lowrie

Opening Prayer

5-5 James Pigg

5-12 Mike Ernstberger

5-19 Hayes Grady

5-26 Preston Barrett

Closing Prayer

5-5 Jesse Vincent

5-12 Junior Morris

5-19 Dave Thompson

5-26 Perry Jarvis

Song Leaders

Sunday AM—Charles Enoch

Sunday PM—Perry Jarvis

Wednesday—Chad Canter

Substituted—Mike Ernestberger

Count Contribution

Roy & Junior

Collect Communion Cups

Nathan

Usher

Jesse Vincent

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

*Thanks for Serving!*