



# 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  
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  
Cell: 270-978-7569

### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
MSOP—Eli Sales  
BIM—Duston Pool.  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

### Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ  
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## “I’M TIRED OF LOSING THIS BATTLE”

By Allen Jones

*“Happiness is not the absence of problems; it’s the ability to deal with them.” ~Unknown*

Recently, at the beginning of a meeting, one of the supervisors I work with at my “day job” was battling “allergy season.” As he was apologizing for coughing, etc. He said aloud, “I’m tired of losing this battle.” As soon as he made that statement, I immediately thought of how this response is typical of all of us who are dealing with so many challenges.

When we say, “Today was a hard day,” or, “I can’t do this anymore,” or “I’m tired of losing this battle,” where do we turn? In answering this question, I hope you will consider these four options for seeking shelter, comfort, and peace; and more importantly, answers!

**God - Psalm 46:1-3**  
says *God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not*

*fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. God provides us protection from the storm we are in, let’s seek Him.*

**Jesus Christ—John 10:7-11** says *Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. Jesus provides us with peace so we can deal with the mountains of life.*

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes Grady. Marjorie Grady will be in rehab in Murray Hospital.. Remember our shut-ins in prayer.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Betty Craft, Carlee Poole (Heart attack & pneumonia), and Kim Burrows.

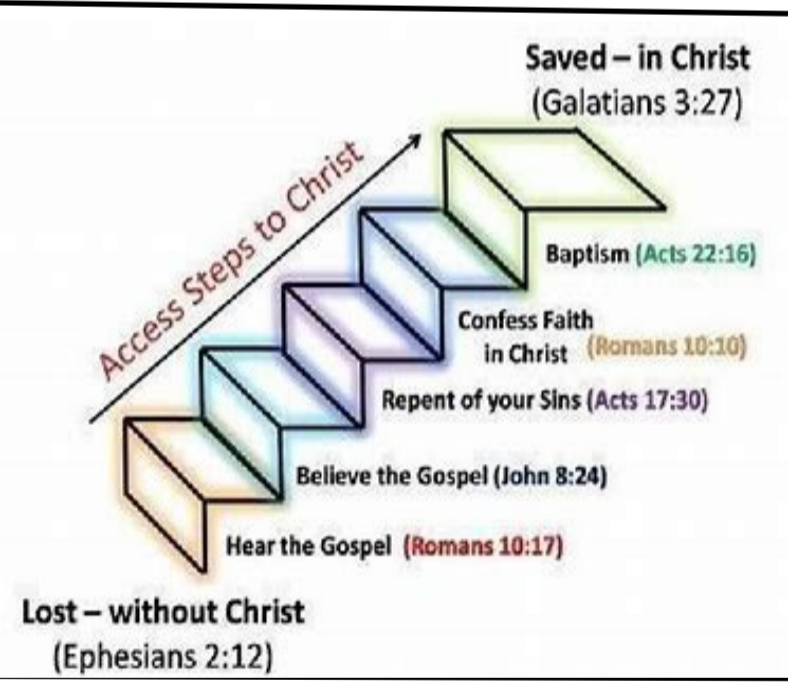
**PANTRY ITEMS May 2023:** 7—Peanut Butter; 14-Mixed Vegies; 21—Green Beans; 28-Jelly or Jams. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

**May 2023; Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

**ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE 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.

**Heaven is the hope** of every faithful child of God. The Hebrew writer describes the hope we have in Christ as “*an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast*” (Hebrews 6:19). The hope of eternal life which God has promised (Titus 1:2) is that which anchors us through the most challenging trials of this life. The time will come when each of us will leave behind every negative aspect of this life and our hope will be fully realized as we enjoy its fulfillment in the place Jesus has prepared for His faithful (John 14:1-3). At our Lord’s coming the hope we have held on to in this life will be our ultimate victory as we exist with our Lord in eternity. Dear Christian, hold on to your hope! —Jonnie



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**The Church—Acts 2:42** says *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.* The church offers the opportunity to help one another, let's be "there" for one another!

**Your family - Psalm 128:1-4** says *Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the*

*man be blessed who fears the Lord.* Our family can help us during difficult times, let's be thankful.

Friends and family, we all are tired and may feel we are in a losing battle. But, let's remember, we are in "The Lord's Army." We are surrounded with support and comfort far greater than anything this world has to offer. I too, am tired of feeling that "I'm losing this battle." Through our tears, hurt, and pain, may we seek God, Jesus Christ, the church, and our family as we run this race. If we can do this, one day, we will no longer be in a battle, but in the forever presence of the Almighty— He has never lost a battle!

—Via South Green St. Church of Christ—Glasgow, KY

## **RESPECTING THE WORD OF THE LORD** *By Jerry Joseph*

If we respect God's Word then we will spend time in **READING** it. We need to "give attendance to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13). Paul wrote that we are to "Study to show thyself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15). We must read the Word with respect and reverence. Reading it regularly is a good practice as was the case of the Bereans in Acts 17:11, "searched the scriptures daily". We need to be as the man described in Psalms 1:1-3, as one who meditates upon the Word, Day and night.

If we respect the Word and read it regularly, we must **RIGHTLY DIVIDE** it. In 2 Timothy 2:15, we are told that we must rightly divide the word of truth. We must learn how to handle aright God's Word. We must rightly divide between the testaments, dispensations, commands and customs, circum-

stances and conditions of salvation, the miraculous and non miraculous. If we do this, this will help us to have a better understanding of the Bible.

If we respect the Word of God, read it regularly and rightly divide it to come to an understanding of it, hopefully we will be motivated to **RECEIVE** it. Only by receiving, obeying God's Word can we be what God wants us to be. If we obey His Word, we become a child of His, a member of God's family (Galatians 3:26-27). To become a child of God is to be a Christian (Acts 11:26). If one is a child of God, a Christian, that means he is a member of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). Salvation is only for those who have received, obeyed the "Truth" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Hebrews 5:8-9; Acts 2:38).

-via St Peters church of Christ MO.



## THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2023

**Announcements:** Chad Canter

**Lord's Table AM:** Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

**Lord's Table PM:** 7-Roy; 14-Junior; 21-Roy; 28-Junior

### Opening Prayer AM

7-Jonnie; 14-Bobby; 21-James; 28-Jim L.

### Closing Prayer PM

7-Dave; 14-Mike; 21-Jesse; 28-Don

### Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

### 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**

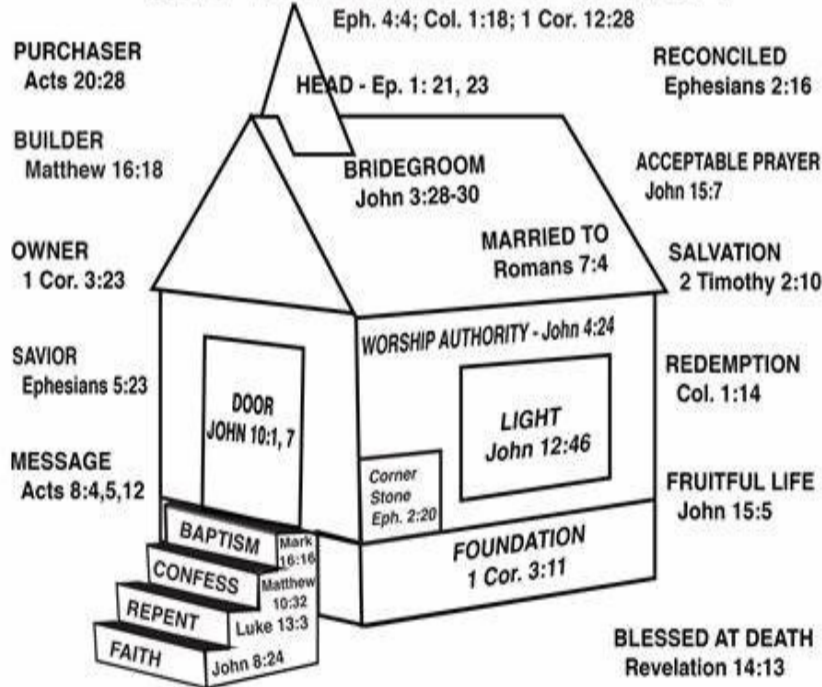
**Book of Acts**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
**"Paying the Price for Sin"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"A Place Prepared"**  
**John 14:1-6**

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**  
**Book of Matthew**

### WHY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?



The Church's one foundation  
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
 She is His new creation  
 By water and the Word:  
 From heav'n He came and sought her  
 To be His holy Bride;  
 With His own blood He bought her,  
 And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
 Yet one o'er all the earth,  
 Her charter of salvation,  
 One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 One holy Name she blesses,  
 Partakes one holy food,  
 And to one hope she presses,  
 With every grace endued.

By Samuel John Stone 1860's



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