



THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10:00 of assembling together in the auditorium to worship God!

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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO INSIDE WORSHIP

Since the government is lifting some of the restrictions on assembling in our buildings for worship, the elders have decided that this Sunday, May 31st, the Green Plain congregation will once again assemble together in our building. However, there will be some safety measures taken which, hopefully, will prevent exposure to the Covid-19 virus. Please note the following:

1. All are asked to enter **the front door only**, keeping social distancing from others who are also entering.

2. When entering the building your temperature will be quickly checked with a heat sensing thermometer. We would encourage each one to also check your temperature before leaving your home and if you have a temperature or you are showing any other symptoms of the virus, please stay home.

3. When you enter the building you will receive the packaged elements for the Lord's Supper which will be observed during the assembly. Please enter and sit down as quickly as

possible.

4. In order to maintain social distancing some pews will be marked and unavailable. Please sit in the pews that are available only. Members of the same family should sit together in the same pew.

5. It is suggested that masks be worn especially before and after services.

6. After services are complete feel free to exit at any door and remember to keep your distance from others.

7. At this time shaking hands, hugging, and any prolonged interaction is strongly discouraged.

Worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. At this point in time we will **not** be meeting for Bible classes, evening worship or Wednesday Bible classes. Hopefully this will change in the near future. We trust that each one will be diligent to abide by these safety measures and thereby help protect one another from undue exposure to the virus.

—The Elders

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarete Enoch (Spring Creek), Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, Carolyn Byars and Dave & Ann Thompson. **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, and Sandra Cook Downs and Sam White. Please continue to pray for each of these and for those tending to their needs as well as the leaders of our nation in this time of crisis.

- **WORSHIP SERVICES:** This Sunday we will be meeting inside the auditorium for the first time in several weeks. Several safety measures will be taken as stated on the first page of this bulletin. We look forward to seeing you at 10:00 am this Sunday.
- **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.
- **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, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **MAY 2020 Anniversaries:** Betty & Charles Enoch—16th **Birthdays:** 19th—Peyton Smith; 24th—Charles Enoch; 27th—Ann Thompson; 29th—Mary Vincent.
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Gospel Broadcasting Network
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 World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>
 A Bible Answer
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 Good News Today
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 In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Was Adam and Eve idle in the Garden of Eden?

Last Week: In the book of Esther, what man attempted to have all the Jews in the Kingdom of Persia destroyed and why?

Answer: Haman sought to destroy the Jews because Mordechai refused to pay homage to him (Esther 3:1ff).

COHABITATION: THE ENEMY OF MARRIAGE AND THE HOME *By Victor Eskew*

Co-habitation happens when a man and a woman live together in an intimate sexual relationship without being husband and wife.

These relationships have skyrocketed in the United States over the last several years. Many individuals justify them, declaring them to be "tests" before actually committing to a marriage relationship.

Cohabitation is not a positive. It is an enemy of both marriage and the home. There are several evils associated with cohabitation.

1. When two individuals cohabit, they manifest a lack of respect for the Scriptures. The Bible is our sole authority from God. He expects His creation to live by its holy dictates. The Scriptures authorize marriage (Gen. 2:18, 21-24, Matt. 19:3-9; Rom. 7:2-3; Eph. 5:22-32). Nowhere is there any authorization for cohabitation.

2. Cohabitation also involves a lack of commitment. The two individuals may say they are faithful to one another, but either can simply walk out of the relationship at any time. There is absolutely nothing that is really binding them together. They have never made a solid commitment before God to live together in a holy relationship.

3. Cohabitation also usually involves immorality. When a man and a woman live closely together, sexual intimacy is usually part of that arrangement. When two individuals engage in a sexual relationship outside of marriage, they are involved in fornication, one of the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). Paul exhorts those who "cannot contain" to "marry: for it is better to marry than to burn" (I Cor. 7:9).

4. Cohabitation involves the lack of self-control. Two people may think they can live together without sexual intimacy. They may do well for a period of time, but eventually,

the temptation is too great. The two are not able to practice self-control. They yield to their desires and commit sin (James 1:15-17). After this happens, they continue to participate in sexual intimacy, even if it is just now and then. Self-control is difficult when two individuals go against the Scriptures and make provision for the flesh (See Rom. 13:14).

5. Cohabitation also involves a lack of responsibility. We have already seen that the individuals are not being responsible to God when they cohabit. The two individuals do not have to be responsible to one another either. They can look, flirt, and test the merchandise of others if they want to. They can justify these things, too. How? By saying: "I am not married." If pregnancy occurs, the woman often finds the man not willing to be responsible for the child. In many cases, he simply walks. Now the mom must raise the child by herself. Without responsibility, all kinds of evils can come upon either person in the relationship.

6. Those who cohabit manifest a lack of dependence upon God. They do not want to marry, but they have needs that must be fulfilled: they long for companionship, they desire sexual fulfillment, and security. Instead of trusting God to fulfill their needs, they turn to a sinful lifestyle to take of their needs.

Dear readers, cohabitation harms marriage and the home. It harms those who cohabit. It harms children born into those homes. It weakens our society. And most importantly, it destroys the souls of those in such an arrangement.

Let's teach our children to honor marriage and to despise cohabitation.

— Via Facebook



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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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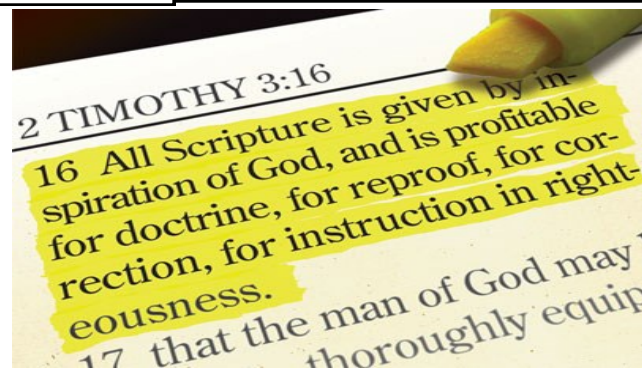
SUNDAY'S SERMON

"The Transfiguration"

10:00 AM

Assemble in the Auditorium

Remember to practice social distancing



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