



# 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  
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### Supporting Works

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

### Location

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## WHAT CONVINCED YOU?

By Jonnie Hutchison

What convinced you that **there is no God?** Was it the intricate design of all living things that convinced you there is no God? Did you look at the obvious design of



the human body and conclude there could not possibly be any intelligence behind that design?

Were you convinced that there is no God because only mere chance could explain all that you see around you? Did you accept the Darwinian theory of evolution over the Bible record of the creation because there was more evidence for a theory that has never been proven by science (or else it would not still be a mere theory).

Psalm 19:1 reads, *“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”* But if you do not believe in God then you must accept that all things began with a “BIG BANG” – an explosion of unknown origin and no legitimate scientific proof.

Were you convinced that there is no God because you can adequately explain why humans have a sense of morality (right

and wrong) and no other of the world’s creatures do? If man evolved from lower life forms, should it not be the case that at least some should have at least a lower less developed sense of morality? Yet, where is the proof or any sense of morality in animals?

If you are convinced that there is no God, then you obviously do not believe the Bible is the Word of God. Do you reject the Bible because it was written over a period of some 1500 years by about forty different writers, yet reads as one book by one author? Do you reject the Bible because all the alleged contradictions have been explained and found to be without any basis? Do you reject the Bible because the prophecies of the Old Testament have all been fulfilled in the time and place specified in those prophecies?

If you are convinced God does not exist then you reject Jesus Christ as the Son of God, but what convinced you of that? Was it the over three hundred Old Testament prophecies which Jesus

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain Members:** Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Mike Ernstberger , Roy Wyatt,. Joan Lathrop, James Pigg, and Don Spiceland (back issues), **Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison,, Ted Clark. And Karen Puckett.

**PANTRY ITEMS** **May 2024:** 5—Apple Sauce; 12-Peaches; 19-Pears; 26-Fruit Salad. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

**May 2024; Anniversaries:** None; **Birthdays:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

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fulfilled as recorded in the New Testament? (e.g., Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23). Were you convinced by His sinless life? (Hebrews 4:15). Were you convinced by His willingness to shed His blood to save you from your sins? (Romans 5:8-9).

What convinced you? *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”* (Rom 1:20), *“The fool has said in His heart, there is no God”* (Ps. 14:1).

We urge you to objectively examine the abundant evidence for the existence of the God of heaven and earth. Your eternal destination depends upon accepting who God is and His love for you. Take the advice of the wise Solomon who wrote, *“Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was And the spirit will return to God who gave it”* (Eccl 12:6-7),

**THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2024**

***announcements:*** Chad Canter

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

***Lord’s Table PM:*** 5-Roy; 12-Junior; 19-Roy; 26-Junior

***Opening Prayer AM:*** 5-Jonnie; 12-Bobby; 19-James; 26-Jim L.

***Closing Prayer AM:*** 5-Russell; 12-Dave; 19-Jesse; 26-Mike

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

***Count Contribution:*** Roy & Junior

**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.

**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

## WHO'S NUMBER ONE *By Joe Slater*

"I have to look out for Number One!" That's another way of saying I must concern myself first and foremost with my own interests. After all, if don't, nobody else will – right? Far too many Christians have yielded to that worldly philosophy. Paul lamented, "For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ" (Philippians 2:21).

What does it mean to seek the things of Christ? The prior two verses tell of Timothy's genuine care for the welfare of the brethren at Philippi, in sharp contrast to the self-seeking attitude of virtually everyone else. To act in the best interests of Christ's people is to seek the things of Christ.

Earlier in his letter Paul had exhorted the Philippians, "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (2:4). That's the very thing Jesus did, as shown in 2:5-8. Leaving heaven in order to give Himself to die on the

cross as the supreme atonement offering required extreme humility and the endurance of unspeakable pain. Jesus did it because it was in our best interest.

In Matthew 6:33 Jesus didn't tell His disciples to "seek first your own interests (i.e. look out for Number One). Instead, He said to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." How seriously do we take Him when making decisions? Do we think first of what benefits the cause of Christ? Do we consider what impact (for good or for ill) our decision has on other people? The title of this article asks, \*Who's Number One?" As the statement "I have to look out for Number One" is commonly used, Number One is you. Let's switch that around and make Jesus "Number One." Let's seek the things which are of Christ!

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## FISHERS OF MEN

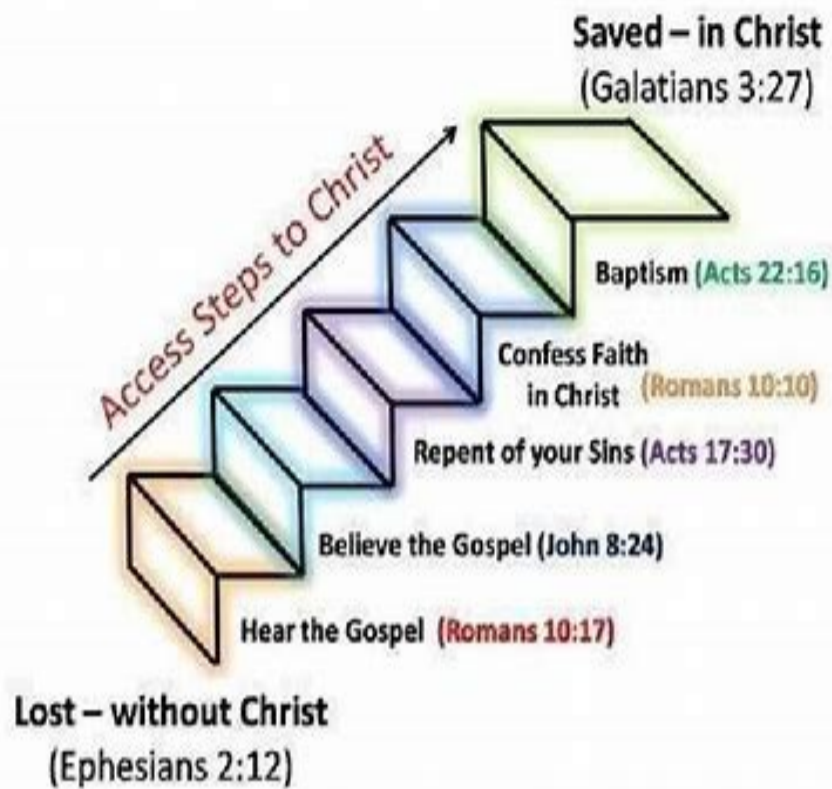
Don Marquis once said, "Our idea of fishing is to put all the exertion up to the fish. If they are ambitious, we will catch them. If they are not, let them go about their business."

When it comes to evangelism, this quote often proves all too true. Some Christian's idea of being "fishing for men" is to simply sit there and hope for the person to come to them. Little effort is put forth. Little is done to start conversations or pursue possible contacts. We get scared. We get busy. We get nervous. We want all of the exertion to be done by the "fish," not ourselves. And yet, no matter our feelings, it still doesn't change Jesus' command.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).*

"Go" takes effort. "Teach" takes effort. Getting someone to the point of "baptism" takes effort. Let's be "fishermen" who really put forth some exertion into reaching others and not leave it all up to the "fish." We want to get to heaven and take as many with us as we can. Let's pray for open doors and have the courage to walk through them when they come.—Author Unknown





### 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**  
*Study of I Timothy*

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
*“A Time To Speak #1”*

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm**  
*“Is the Christian Life Hard?”*

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
*Study pf Matthew*



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### IS THERE A HELL?

- ⇒ **Psalm 9:17.** “The wicked shall be turned in-  
to **hell**, And all the nations that forget God.
- ⇒ **Matt 23:33-34,** “Serpents, brood of vipers!  
How can you cape the condemnation of **hell**?
- ⇒ **Mark 9:45,** “And if your foot causes you to  
sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life  
lame, rather than having two feet, to be  
cast into **hell**, into the fire that shall never  
be quenched .”
- ⇒ **2 Peter 2:4-5,** “For if God did not spare the  
angels who sinned, but cast them down to  
**hell** and delivered them into chains of dark-  
ness, to be reserved for judgment....”
- ⇒ **Yes, there is a hell. Thank God He has pro-  
vided the way to be saved from it through  
Jesus Christ! (Rom. 5:8-9)**