



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

Volume 42

June 23, 2024

Number 23

## 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;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

### Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ  
3980 Murray Paris Road  
Hazel, KY 42049
- Phone: (270) 492-8206
- [greenplaincoc@gmail.com](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com)
- [greenplainchurchofchrist.org](http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org)

## AS SIN GROWS WORSE AND WORSE

By Jonnie Hutchison

As the inspired Paul wrote of the persecution which he had suffered, he stated that the Lord had delivered him out of them all (2 Timothy 3:10-11). Then he wrote in verse twelve, “*Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*” From where would these persecutions come? The answer is found in verse thirteen, “*But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*”

Who can successfully deny that the moral and spiritual condition of our world is in many ways worse than it was just a few years ago. Immorality of all kinds is growing worse and worse. Millions have been deceived by false religions who teach and practice that which is found nowhere in the New Testament of Jesus Christ. Crime grows worse and words. What would have been vigorously prosecuted in the past is ignored, tolerated, and even encouraged by civil laws which ignore the rights of the victims of crime. However, it is the spiritual condition of those in the world, the evil and imposters, which creates such conditions.

The answer to the evil and deception we see in our world is the truth of the gospel of Christ. Jesus said, “*you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32). God’s word revealed in the Bible is truth (John 17:17). That is why Paul wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:14-15, “*But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*”

As the practice of sin grows worse and worse, the faithful of God must continue to allow the “holy Scriptures” to direct us through the persecutions godly people will inevitably experience. We must continue in “*the faith, grounded and steadfast*” refusing to be “*moved away from the hope of the gospel*” (Colossians 1:23). We must let our lights shine in the darkness of an evil world (Matthew 5:16). We must continue to “*preach the word*” (2 Timo-

(Continued on page 3)

## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim and Mary Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Roy Wyatt,. and Joan Lathrop.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison,, Ted Clark. Larry and Rose Wyatt and Tonya Morris.

**PANTRY ITEMS June 2024:** 2—Peanut Butter; 9-jelly; 16-Canned Chicken; 23-Canned Tuna; 30-Beef Stew. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**JUNE 2024; Anniversaries:** 17-Jan & James Pigg; 21-Peggy & Perry Jarvis; 25-Mary & Jim Lowrie **Birthdays:** 15-Don Spiceland.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** On Sunday evening June 30th, brother Joey Treat, who works with the Gospel Broadcasting Network will be with us to update us on that good work.

**WEBPAGE:** The webpage for the church continues to receive visits from all over the world. If you haven't visited lately, please take a few minutes to do so. The webpage URL is <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

**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. The first lesson will be sent ASAP with a SASE for you to return for grading. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge.

### THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2024

**announcements:** Mike Ernstberger

**Lord's Table AM:** James Pigg & Chad Canter

**Lord's Table PM:** 2-Chad; 9-James; 16-Chad;  
23-James; 30-Chad

**Opening Prayer AM:** 2-Jonnie; 0-Perry;  
16-Bobby; 23-Jim L.; 30-Russell

**Closing Prayer AM:** 2-Roy; 9-Dave;  
16-Jesse; 23-Mike; 30-Brent M.

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

**Count Contribution:** James & Chad



**Videos of our  
Spring Gospel  
Meeting** with

Bradley Smith are  
now available on our  
YouTube Channel.

Do a search on YouTube for  
the **Green Plain church of  
Christ** to view these Videos.

(Continued from page 1)

thy 4:2). We must never allow the forces of evil to intimidate us into silence!

Ultimately the victory belongs to our Lord and those who follow His Word. The Bible assures us in 1 Corinthians 15:57-58, "*But thanks be to God, who gives us the vic-*

*tory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*" As sin grows worse and worse, let our faith and trust in God grow more and more!

### **MOTIVATION OF FALSE TEACHERS By Dan Jenkins**

It is not true that all who claim to be working for the Lord are godly. Because the Holy Spirit guided the apostles and prophets, we have the totality of the very spiritual truth in the Bible (John 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). It is the measuring rod to be used to identify false teachers. The Bible warns against the presence of false teachers, those who do not preach exactly what He revealed (Matt. 7:15, 21-23).

When the church began, one of the grave problems it faced was the Judaizing teachers. They were Jews who became part of the church then tried to force Gentile Christians to keep the Old Testament law, especially to be circumcised. Paul described these false teachers in the letter he wrote to the churches in Galatia. In that epistle he describes what motivated these teachers. To understand this motivation gives us insight into what motivates false teachers today.

False teachers wanted to look good to others. They were binding circumcision, and Paul described one of the reasons they did this. "They desire to make a good showing in the flesh (6:12). They were more concerned about how they looked to others rather than how they looked to Christ.

False teachers wanted to avoid criti-

cism and persecution. Paul said, "They compel you to be circumcised only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ" (6:12). As you read the divine history of the early church you will see the source of the persecution as it began. We tend to think that the Roman government persecuted the church, but it came from the Jews. As Paul went from city to city it was that nation who used every possible means to keep the church from spreading. The Judaizing teachers wanted to avoid this grave problem and compromised the truth about how Gentiles could be saved. In doing this they sought to appease the anger of the Jews. Preaching the truth often brings problems, but we must never let criticism from others keep us from doing right.

False teachers wanted to use their followers in boasting and to thereby advance themselves in the eyes of others. Paul said, "They desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh (6:13). False teachers often have more regard for the praise of men than for the glory of Christ.

True teachers have one motivation and that totally involves Christ and Him crucified. Paul said, "God forbid that I should

(Continued on page 4)



*(Continued from page 3)*

boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (6:14). True teachers do not seek to call attention to themselves, boasting of what they have done for the Lord. False teachers are in our world, and their motivation has changed very little from those in the first century.

—[Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ \(pblcoc.org\)](http://Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ (pblcoc.org))




**International Gospel Hour**

Available at  
[www.internationalgospelhour.com](http://www.internationalgospelhour.com)  
 and on the IGH YouTube channel

**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 Matthew*

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
**“The Helpless, the Healer, the Helpers, the Hinderers”**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm**  
**“Do You Have Hope?”**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
**A Study of Worship**



**AROUND THE SPIRITUAL TABLE**

Scan Here With Your Smart Device

A Bi-Weekly Podcast Available wherever you get your Podcasts