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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

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ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

A standard dictionary defines the word “chance” as “the possibility of something happening.” We hear phrases like “taking a chance” or “chances are this or that will happen.” “Taking a chance” is the idea of behaving in a way that leaves one vulnerable to danger or failure. Those who gamble for money are taking a chance of losing all they bet. More often than not, the chance they take results in loss rather than gain. Those who engage in recreational drug use (alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, meth, etc.) are taking a chance of becoming addicted to their drug of choice. The chances are very high that they will. Taking such chances always involves an uncertain outcome.

The majority of people in this world are “taking a chance” when it comes to their most precious possession. They are gambling with their soul. They are choosing sin over salvation. They are taking a chance that either God does not exist or that He is so loving that He will not punish the sinner. They are betting that the Bible is untrue and what it

says about sin and the judgment, and heaven and hell is nothing more than a myth.

Dear reader, are you willing to take a chance that the words of Psalm 14:1, which reads, “*The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God,”* are not true? Are you willing to ignore the abundant evidence of the existence of God revealed both in the Bible and in nature itself? (Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:20ff).

What about *the soul that sins shall die*” and “*the wages of sin is death*” (Eze. 18:20; Rom. 6:23)? And what about the clear statement of 2 Thess 1:7-10 “*and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all*

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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 (Murray Hospital suffering from Pneumonia),. and Joan Lathrop.

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

GUEST SPEAKER: At our evening services today brother Joey Treat, who works with the Gospel Broadcasting Network will be with us to update us on that good work.

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.

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.

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those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.”

Because of God’s love, Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on a Roman cross to save you from the eternal consequences of your sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). That

means that you do not need to take a chance with your soul. You can be certain that there is a God who loves you and who will grant you the hope of eternal life in heaven when you submit your will to His (Hebrews 5:8-9). Are you willing to take **that chance**? You have nothing worthwhile to lose if you do!

STRUGGLES OF THE CHRISTIAN *By Mike Riley*

The following is a story of nature demonstrating the fact that struggles are a necessary part of growth and development for the Christian in this life. God places these struggles (or trials) before us to prepare us for that perfect home in heaven with Him.

The Man and The Cocoon

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further. The man decided to help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily but had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! The butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the re-

straining cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God’s way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon

As Christians, struggles (or trials) are exactly what we need in our lives to grow and develop properly. If God allowed us to go through our Christian life without any obstacles, it would cripple us spiritually. Like the butterfly, we would not be as strong as we could have been. We could never fly!

Conclusion

Brethren – Let’s thank God for our daily struggles (trials) and display the same attitude toward trials as the Apostle Paul. The great Apostle said in 1 Peter 4:12-13 – NKJV: *“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory revealed, you may also be glad, with exceeding joy.”*

—[Struggles of the Christian - Colbert church of Christ](#)





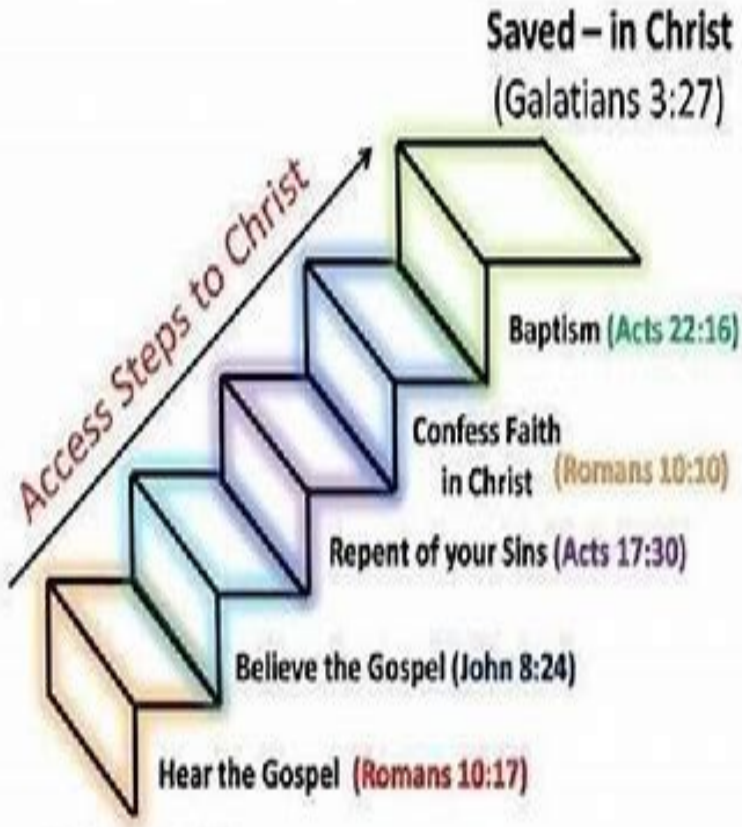
GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

GBNTV.ORG and YouTube

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**
"Are You Feeling Guilty?"
- SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm**
Joey Treat from GBN
- Wednesday 7:00 pm**
A Study of Worship



Lost – without Christ (Ephesians 2:12)



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