



# 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

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## ARE YOU HONEST OR LYING TO YOURSELF? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines the word **honest** as “free from fraud and deception: Legitimate; truthful.” That same dictionary defines **Lying** as, “marked by or containing untrue statements.” God forbade any form of dishonesty among His chosen people Israel (Leviticus 19:36). Proverbs 6:17 says that God hates “a lying tongue.” The Psalmist wrote, “Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, And from a deceitful tongue” (Ps 120:2). God’s instruction to Christians is, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds” (Colossians 3:9). And the book of Revelation tells us that “all liars will have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8).

Dishonesty, lying and a lack of integrity are common in our world. None of us like it when someone intentionally tells us a lie. But is it possible that one may

lie to himself? Yes! The Bible tells us, “If we say that we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). If I deny the reality of my own sins, then I am lying to myself. But lying to myself does not change the fact that I am a sinner in need of God’s forgiveness.

Another way in which one lies to himself is stated in the words of James 1:22 which reads, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving yourselves.**” It is not sufficient to simply hear God’s Word. One must hear and **DO** to receive the benefits of God’s Word. Hearing but failing to make an application of what one hears is deceiving oneself.

Hearing divine truth that one previously did not know and had never been taught, requires a decision. Will I be honest, accepting and applying what I have learned from God’s Word, or will

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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, Joan Lathrop and Jackie Spiceland.

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

**WE EXTEND OUR SYSPATHY** to the family of Tommy Boggess who past from this life this past week after a long battle with cancer. *“Belled are the dead you die in the Lord.”*

**AREA EVENTS:** Gospel Meeting at the Hickory Grove church of Christ July 21-24 with Mike McDaniel. See the bulletin board for details.

**PANTRY ITEMS July 2024:** 7-Green Beans; 14-Lima Beans; 21– Pork-n-Beans; 28-Pinto Beans. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

**July 2024; Anniversaries:** None **Birthdays:** 7-Chad Canter; 18-Hayes Grady; 30-Jim Lowrie.

**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 CORRECSPONDENCE 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 JULY 2024**

**announcements:** James Pigg

**Lord’s Table AM:** Bobby H. & Russell L.

**Lord’s Table PM:** 7-Chad; 14-Bobby; 21-Chad; 28-Bobby

**Opening Prayer AM:** 7-Jonnie; 14-Perry; 21-Mike; 28-James

**Closing Prayer AM:** 7-Junior; 14-Dave; 21-Jesse; 28-Roy..

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

**Count Contribution:** Bobby & Russell

***UPCOMING  
EVENTS AT  
GREEN PLAIN***

**Fall Gospel a Meeting with  
John Sales Sept. 8-12**

**Fall Session of the School  
of Biblical Studies  
Sept 16-Nov 4, 2024**

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I reject it and continue to lie to myself? Have you been taught that baptism is a work and that we are not saved by works and so baptism does not save? If you turn in your Bible then and read 1 Peter 3:21, “the like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also now save us**” will you accept and apply what the Bible says, or continue to lie to yourself? If you have been taught that one is saved at the point of faith only but turn in your Bible and read the words of James 2:24, “You see then that a man is justified by works, and **not by faith only**” will you be honest, or continue

to lie to yourself?

After warning the church in Galatia of threats to their faith, Paul wacked, “*Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?*” (Gal. 4:16). It is obvious that Paul spoke and wrote the truth with love for those to whom it was directed. His hearts desire was for their salvation (Romans 10:1-2). If we did not love you, dear reader, we would keep silent. But love for you soul compels us to present God’s truth with hope that you will be honest, accepting the truth that will make you free (John 8:32).

## LOST AND DON’T KNOW IT

A lady told of taking her grandsons, ages four and six, to spend the day at Disneyland. During the course of the day she bought each of them a little flag. On several occasions they stopped to watch the marching band of “toy” soldiers and each time the boys would be spellbound as the band marched by. All at once, the grandmother realized that the four-year-old was gone. She searched all about, calling his name, and making her way through the crowd. As she sat down to catch her breath and try to determine what to do, she looked up to see

the marching band of toy soldiers. There, at the end of the line, smiling merrily, and waving his flag, was little Mikey, having the time of his life, completely unaware that he was lost!

How like the world, going on its merry way, unaware of a loving Father’s concern for its lostness. But someday the band will stop playing. Then and only then will those unreached realize that they are lost.

—Author Unknown

## GROWING CHURCHES

Growing churches have elders who are spiritual men of wisdom and vision and who are deeply interested in the souls they are shepherding (1 Tim. 3:1-7).

Growing churches have deacons who believe they must be servants in order to be deacons, and as deacons they rejoice for the privilege that is theirs to serve (1 Tim. 3:8-13).

Growing churches have preachers who exalt Christ and His word, who proclaim the

“whole counsel of God,” and challenge members and non-members in a bold but loving way to obey the Lord and draw nearer to Him (2 Tim. 4:2-4; Eph. 4:15).

Growing churches have an educational program that stimulates members to know more of God’s word and to better apply its truth (2 Peter 3:18; Eph. 4:12).

Growing churches regard worship as a privilege rather than a chore. The singing is



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enthusiastic, the Lord's Supper is thoughtfully observed, prayers are humbly and lovingly offered, and brethren give generously as they have been prospered. People bring their Bibles and even take notes during the lessons because they want to better know God (Jno. 4:24; Psa. 116:112; Eph. 5:19; Jas. 5:16; 1 Cor. 16:1,2).

Growing churches make visitors feel at home. Others can see the unity, warmth and love that exists among the people of God (Jno. 13:34-35).

Growing churches make a diligent effort to teach the lost and restore the fallen. Visitation and Bible studies are constantly going on (Acts 5:42; Gal. 6:1-2).

Growing churches respond to goals and challenges because every member is focused on glorifying Christ (Phil. 1:21; 1 Cor. 10:31).

Growing churches exhibit the mind of Christ. They are humble, serving, and obedient to the Father (Phil. 2:5-11).

Does this sound like the congregation of which you are a part? If not, let's get GROWING!

### What One Must Do To Be Saved

#### **Hear the Gospel**

John 20:30-31; Romans 10:17.

#### **Believe the Gospel**

Rom. 1:16; Ac. 18:8; Heb. 11:6

#### **Repent of Sins**

Luke 13:3; 24:47; Ac. 3:19; 17:30

#### **Confess faith in Christ**

Matt. 10:32; Ac. 8:37; Rom. 10:10

#### **Be Baptized into Christ**

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-6; Col. 2:12; 1

Peter 3:21

#### **Continue in faithfulness**

Matt. 25:21, 34; 2 Pet. 1:1ff; Rev. 2:10

### 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 Oppprtunities

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

**CLASS 10:00 AM**

**Study of Matthew**

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

**"Making A New Friend Out Of An Old Enemy"**

### SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm

**"Answering God's Call"**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**

**A Study of Worship**



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