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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
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- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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IS YOUR BAPTISM ACCEPTABLE TO GOD? By Jonnie Hutchison

Baptism has been a controversial subject through the years. The Bible is clear as to the necessity and the purpose of baptism. However, there are many people who claim to have been “baptized” who, sadly, have not been scripturally baptized. Consider these questions regarding your “baptism.”

Why were you “baptized”? Some may answer, “I was baptized because my denomination required it in order to join their church.” Others might say, “I was baptized as an outward sign of an inward grace.” In other words, “baptized” as a sign that he or she was already saved at the point of faith. Others have been “baptized” simply to please their parents, a spouse or some other person. Some were “baptized as infants with no awareness on their part. Dear reader, why were **YOU** “baptized?”

Here are the seasons given in the Word of God as to why a person is to be baptized.

First, to receive the remission of sins. In answer to the question, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Peter answered, “Repent and let every one of you be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins....**” Were these people told to repent and be baptized because they had already received the remission of sins or was their repentance and baptism necessary **in order to receive** the remission of sins. Dear reader, if you were baptized thinking your sins were already forgiven you were sadly mistaken. Scriptural baptism is “**for the remission of sins.**”

Second, to reach the death and thus the blood of Jesus. The Bible clearly states that the blood of Christ washes away sin (Rev. 2:10). Jesus shed His blood in His death on the cross (John 19:34). Those who submit to scriptural baptism are baptized into His death. Romans 6:3 reads, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into**

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary Lowrie and Hayes and Margorie Grady,.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Jack and Michel Phillip and Harvey Puckett. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS June 2022: 3—Canned Fruit Juices; 10—Hand Soap 17—Canned Tomatoes; 21—Bath Soap; 31-Pickles Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.

JULY 2022 Anniversaries: None. Birthdays: 7-Chad Canter; 18-Hayes Grady; 30-Jim Lowrie. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Monday’s. 7—9 pm..

THOSE TO SERVE JULY 2022

Announcements—James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table AM—Bobby & Chad

Lord’s Table PM: 3-Chad; 10-Bobby;17-Chad; 24-Bobby; 31-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 3-Jonnie; 10-Mike; 17-James; 24-Jim; 31-Larry

Closing Prayer AM: 3-Perry; 10-Dave; 17-Junior; 24-Roy; 31-Jesse

Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Mike; Wed Chad

Usher: Jesse

Count Contribution: Bobby & Chad

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
A Study of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— *“God Is On My Side— Rom. 8:31-39”*

6 pm— *“Incentives for Running—Heb. 12:1-3”*

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of Jude

7:00 PM

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*Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death?*** There is an undeniable connection between Christ's death, His blood and water baptism. No, it is not the physical water in baptism that washes away sin, but the blood of Christ which one spiritually reaches in submitting to baptism. This connection is clearly established in the instructions received by Saul from Ananias who told Saul, "Now, why do you tarry, Arise and **be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord**" (Acts 22:16). Dear reader, if you did not know or understand this connection between water baptism and the death and shed blood of Jesus, how could you have been scripturally baptized.

Third, scriptural baptism changes one's spiritual location. Before baptism one is outside of Christ. Yet, baptism puts one "into Christ" as we read earlier from Romans 6:3. In addition Galatians 3:27 reads, "For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ." The significance of being "in Christ" is too important to overlook. Salvation is "in Christ" (2 Tim. 2:10). All spiritual blessings are "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). Redemption is "in Christ" (Rom. 3:24). One is alive to God "in

Christ" (Rom. 6:11). Sanctification is "in Christ" (1 Cor. 1:2). One is made alive "in Christ" (1 Cor. 15:22). Are any of these blessings available to one who is "outside of Christ"? No, only those who have been "**baptized into Christ**" enjoy this special relationship to our Lord.

How were you "baptized?" Did you have water sprinkled or poured on you or were you completely immersed in water? The Roman Catholic Church and several other denominations practice both adult and infant baptism by sprinkling or pouring. However, scriptural baptism is **immersion in water**. The New Testament refers to baptism as a burial. Colossians 2:12 reads, "**buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." there is no burial or resurrection in sprinkling or pouring.

When Philip baptized the Eunuch the Bible specifically says, "*Both Philip and the Eunuch went down into the water and he baptized him*" (Acts 8:38). Such would have been unnecessary if Philip could have sprinkled or poured water on the Eunuch for baptism.

Some have been "baptized" as infants. Yet, scriptural baptism requires

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AREA EVENTS

- ◇ **GOSPEL MEETING** at the Williams Chapel church of Christ, July 17-20, 2022 with B.J. Clarke preaching. Sunday services are at 9:00 and 10:00 am and 7:30 pm. Monday-Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm.
- ◇ **GOSPEL MEETING** at the Hickory Grove church of Christ July 17-20, 2022 with Bradley Smith preaching. Sunday services are at 9:00 & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Monday-Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- ◇ **GOSPEL MEETING** at the Dexter church of Christ July 24-27, with Larry Powers preaching.



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faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 8:37), repentance of sin (Acts 2:38) and confession of faith in Christ (Acts 8:37). An infant does not have the capability to do any of these. Thus, an infant is not a proper candidate for scriptural baptism.

Be honest. Have you been **scripturally baptized**. If not, we plead with you to put Christ on in baptism while time and opportunity are yours. If we can help or if you would like further

study please let us know by calling the numbers on the first page of this bulletin or email us at greenplaincoc@gmail.com.

Remember Jesus said, "**He who believes *and* is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.**" (Mark 16:16). Please re-read this article and check out the scripture references. You don't want to make a mistake, an eternal mistake, regarding your salvation!

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Acts 22:16 NKJV



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