



# 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  
Cell: 270-978-7569

### Supporting Works

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

### Location

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The date July 4th holds special significance to our nation. It marks the date, in 1776, on which the founding fathers signed the Declaration Of Independence, declaring our independence from England and our determination to be a free and sovereign nation. Accordingly, we celebrate July 4th as Independence Day.

The United States of America have stood as a symbol of freedom to oppressed peoples around the globe for well over two hundred years. We have repeatedly defended our freedom and independence and that of other nations from oppressors.

But I'm afraid that we've taken our freedom for granted for so long, that many of our own citizens do not realize what a precious blessing it is. We would do well to remember that our nation was not always free, that winning our independence was costly and that we could, more easily than we might realize, find ourselves

once again under the rule of another. We are truly blessed to live in this land in freedom.

There is a far more important Independence Day, however, than that celebrated each year on July 4th. When a person learns the truth of the gospel of Christ, and in obedience turns to Him as his Lord and Savior, he is set free from the guilt and condemnation of his sin (John 8:32). As he repents of his sins and is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3), the blood shed by our Lord on the cross cleanses that soul of the guilt of his sins (Acts 22:16). He is literally set free!

A person set free from sin "is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17), a Christian. In becoming a Christian, that person is "delivered...from the power of darkness and conveyed...into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (Colossians 1:13), in other



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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jesse Vincent. Remember our shut-ins in prayer.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Carlee Poole, Kim Burrows, Calvin Hall and Eddy and Betty Craft. Dorothy Cook is in ICU at Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

**INDIA REPORT:** Brother David Nance is scheduled to be with us on Sunday morning July 16. He will teach our Sunday morning auditorium class and present the morning lesson. This congregation has been supporting David and others in India for some time and we look forward to having David with us again.

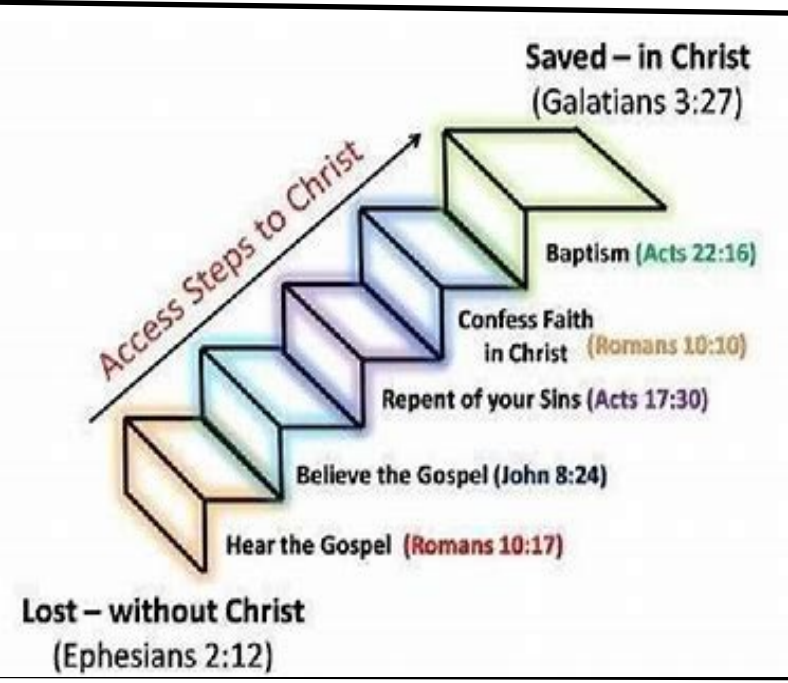
**PANTRY ITEMS May 2023:** 2—Corn; 9-Pinto Beans; 16-Vienna Sausages; 23-Diced Tomatoes 30-Mayonnaise. All items must be non-perishable or canned

**June 2023; Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 7—Chad Canter.18—Hayes Grady; 30—Jim Lowrie.

**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.

**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.

***“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6***



**AREA EVENTS**

**July 2-5 Gospel Meeting Hickory Grove church of Christ with Adam Faughn**

**July 7 Area Wide Singing at Williams Chapel Church of Christ—7:00 pm**

**July 8 9:00 am—1:45 pm VBS at Coldwater church of Christ—Classes for children & adults. Lunch to follow**

**July 9-12 Gospel Meeting at Williams Chapel with Victor Eskew**

**July 23-26 Gospel Meeting Dexter church of Christ with Bradley Smith**

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words, the kingdom of God. The Revised Standard Version translates “the power of darkness” as “the dominion of darkness.” The devil is the ruler of that dominion (2 Peter 2:4).

A person who lives in sin is a slave of the devil (Romans 6:16). But when a person is baptized into Christ, he is set free from the slavery of sin (Romans 6:6-7). In Being set free, he has gained his independence from the most cruel, ruthless, blood-thirsty tyrant there is. He no longer lives under sin’s curse. As long as he stays faith-

ful to God, he can look forward with assurance to eternal salvation (Romans 6:22; Revelation 2:10).

The most incredible Independence Day is the day a person is baptized for the remission of his sins (Acts 2:38), the day he enters into salvation in Christ (Romans 8:1), the day he is set free from sin, the day he comes out from under the tyrannical rule of the devil. Oh, what an Independence Day! Have you experienced that independence day in your life???

—Sunny Slope church of Christ

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS** *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Did you see this news headline? “N.J. Attorney General sues 3 school districts following outrage over transgender policies.” Reports state that these school districts “adopted or amended school policies **requiring staff to notify parents** when gender-nonconforming students wish to change their names, be called by new pronouns, or request other accommodations.” The attorney general states these policies are a violation of state civil rights laws and place “transgender students” in danger.

Just a few years ago no one was reading about “transgender or non-binary students.” But the most vocal in our society have relinquished all common sense and accepted the perverted views of gross immorality. Those who accept the existence of God and the authority of His Word as revealed in the Bible know that God created only two human genders, male and female (Genesis 1:26-27). Genesis 5:2 reads, “He created **them male and female**, and blessed them

and called them Mankind in the day they were created.” Every person born into this world is born either male or female. There is no other God approved alternative. Those whose desire is to please God and serve Him in this life will accept and be content in the gender with which they were born.

God gives parents the right and the responsibility to “bring up their children in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). Parents have the responsibility to provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of their children. No parent can please God and relinquish these responsibilities to others. Those parents who fail in this commit sin (1 Timothy 5:8). Parents must exercise their God given right to be directly involved in every aspect of their children’s lives. Dear parent, your child has a soul that will exist in eternity. How you fulfill your responsibility may well determine whether your child will exist with God in

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## THOSE TO SERVE JULY 2023

**Announcements:** James Pigg

**Lord's Table AM:** Bobby hall & Mike Ernstberger

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

### Opening Prayer AM

2-Jonnie; 9-Perry; 16-James; 23-Jim; 30-Mike

### Closing Prayer PM

2-Dave; 9-Chad; 16-Jesse; 23-Roy; 30-Junior

### Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Bobby & Mike

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heaven or be lost eternally in the punishment of hell (Matthew 25:46). Parents have such a limited time with their children before they grow up and leave home. Shouldn't you, as a parent, be using that limited time to properly teach your children about God and His Word? As a parent, you have the opportunity to help your child go to heaven. Please, do not let this opportunity pass. *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). Exercise your parental right to teach your children about God, setting the example in your own life of unwavering faith and faithful service.

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**"Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
So are the children of one's youth.  
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of  
them; They shall not be ashamed,  
But shall speak with their enemies in the  
gate." Psalms 127:4-5**

### 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**

**Book of 1 Thessalonians**

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

**"Is This YOUR Last Chance?"**

### SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00

**"The Lord's Prayer" John 17**

### WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

**Book of Matthew**



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