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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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“R-E-S-P-E-C-T” By Jonnie Hutchison

“R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me.” These words to a song that was popular several years ago speak of one of the most neglected items prevalent in many different areas of life. The comedian Rodney Dangerfield has made a good living with his well-known statement, “I don’t get no respect.” There are others who do not get the proper respect too.

RESPECT FOR GOD.

“There is **no fear** of God before their eyes.” (Romans 3:18). Respect, reverence, fear of God is at an all-time low in modern society. People either do not know or have forgotten who God is. The very fact that God is God is reason enough to respect Him. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). What tremendous power is evidenced in the creation of this material universe and all that exists in it. It did not happen by chance. God is the Creator of it all. Surely one who seriously considers the fact of creation must stand in awe and respect at the power of God. “*He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you*

these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. (Deut. 10:21). Respect for God demands respect for His written Word. “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it*” (Luke 11:28b).

REPECT FOR BRETHREN. Brothers and sisters in Christ must learn to respect one another. We must not be “*puffed up for one against another*” (1 Cor. 4:6). There is no place for holding a grudge against a brother or sister in Christ as James writes, “*Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*” (James 5:9). Instead, we are to be “*kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.*” (Rom. 12:10). To honor another suggests the utmost respect for that person. It is being “*of the same mind one toward another....*” (Rom. 12:16). In matters of judgment where one’s opinion may be expressed; we must respect the views of others that are different from our

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes Grady, Marjorie Grady (Murray Hospital), 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.

GUEST SPEAKER: Next Sunday morning brother Ricky Burse from New Pathways will be with us and will conduct Bible class and present the Sunday morning lesson.

AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting at the Hickory Grove church of Christ July 21-24 with Mike McDaniel. Gospel Meeting at the Maple Hill church of Christ July 21-24 with B.J. Clarke. Gospel Meeting at the Union Grove church of Christ July 28-31 with B.J. Clarke. West Kentucky Bible Lectureship July 26-28 at the Sunny Slope church of Christ in Paducah. See the bulletin board for details on these events.

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 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. 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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own. This principle is stated in Romans 14:2-3 *“For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.”* In other words, respect one another's opinions in areas of judgment. As Romans 14:19 says, *“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”*

RESPECT FOR GODLY ELDERS.

Elders or bishops are faithful Christian men who have met the qualifications given in 1 Timothy chapter three and Titus chapter one. These men oversee the work of the local congregation to which they have been appointed. They make decisions in areas of judgment, watch for the souls of those under their oversight, and protect the church from error. They visit the sick, reach out to those who are lost, plan the work of the congregation, and assist those in need. Faithful elders visit the sick, seek to restore the erring and teach the lost. They take the lead in exercising both instructive and corrective discipline. They are human beings who have been entrusted with one of the most challenging, yet most needed and greatest works on earth. The responsibility of the members of a congregation toward their elders is clearly stated in Heb 13:17 which reads, “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.” Obviously, good faithful elders are worthy of our love and respect.

RESPECT FOR FAITHFUL PREACHERS. Preachers are men who have devoted their lives to proclaiming the good news of salvation. That faithful gospel preachers should be shown respect is clearly

implied in Romans 10:15, “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.” Preachers have their marching orders from the Lord (Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 4:2). The job description of a preacher of the gospel is outlined in 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus among other places in the Bible. Most people have no idea how a preacher spends his time. Consider the following. Faithful preachers of the gospel spend hours in sermon and Bible class preparation each week. Many preachers also study and prepare radio/TV programs, newspaper articles, periodicals for publication, podcasts, prepare and print a weekly bulletin, and some write books and Bible class material.. Preachers are called upon to speak at gospel meetings, brotherhood lectureships, Vacation Bible Schools, weddings, funerals, graduations, etc. In addition, faithful gospel preachers teach home Bible studies, grade Bible correspondence courses, answer questions, counsel both members and non-members of the church, visit the sick, the erring, the disgruntled and meet with the elders to plan the work of the congregation. That of course is not to mention the time spent in family and personal obligations and those preachers who also labor at a secular job. Such faithful men deserve the respect of those whom they serve. Let it never be said of us that we did not show the proper respect for God, our elders, our brothers and sisters in Chris or faithful gospel preachers.

WATCH

“A BIBLE ANSWER”

(<https://abibleanswertv.org>)

Also Available on YouTube



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**GBNTV.ORG and
YouTube**

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

A multiplicity of answers are given to this simple question but only one answer counts and that is the one found in the Bible. How the lost responded in New Testament times is the same response necessary today for salvation. What the lost were told by inspired men to do then is what the lost must do now. The lost were told to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 16:31). They verbally confessed faith in Christ (Acts 8:36-37). Those who believed were told to "repent and be baptized...for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). These simple steps of obedience allowed one to be added by the Lord to His church which is the spiritual body of Christ (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23). Those who accepted and obeyed these commands of the Lord were to be "faithful unto death" (Rev. 2:10). Conspicuously absent in the inspired instructions to sinners in the New Testament is any reference to "praying the sinner's prayer" or being "voted into the church." Friend, will you accept the divine answer to this important question? - Jonnie

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 Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

Study of Matthew

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

"Immoveable Objects"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm

"What is Divine

Inspiration?"

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Study of Ecclesiastes



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