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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;  
MSOP—Eli Sales  
BIM—Duston Pool.  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## DO YOU REALLY LOVE GOD?

By Jonnie Hutchison

Biblical love for God is not just an expression of grateful affection but of total submission. Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Jesus Himself left us an example of this submissive love for the Father in the words of John 8:29, “And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for **I always do those things that please Him.**” Again Jesus declared, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me” (John 6:38).

A loving submission to God is expressed in one’s obedience to what God has commanded in His Word. John, often referred to as “the apostle of love,” wrote, “**For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome**” (1 John 5:3). This should surprise no one who has read Hebrews 5:8-9 which emphasizes the obedience of Jesus Christ and then tells us that

He is “*the author of eternal salvation to all **who obey Him.***” The Bible affirms that it is those who “*know not God and obey **not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ***” upon whom Jesus will take vengeance when He comes again (2 Thess. 1:7-10). If one loves God he/she will express that love in obedience to what He has commanded.

A loving submission to God is expressed in one’s willingness to practice self-denial. “Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23). Self-denial is one of the most obvious expressions of genuine love. It is putting the good of another before self. It is an expression of selflessness. It is often characteristic of the love shown in relationship to family and friends as one puts their needs above his own. The Bible tells us to be,

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, and Jan Pigg.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Carlee Poole, Kim Burrows, Calvin Hall, and Eddy and Betty Craft and Cathy and Steve Ernstberger and family.

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

**July 2023; Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 7—Chad Canter.18—Hayes Grady; 30—Jim Lowrie. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.

**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.

**TRACTS & DVD'S AVAILABLE** for free in the front lobby. Let's utilize these to bring others to Christ.

**WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?** *“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”* (Revelation 22:14). Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people (John 14:1-3). Are you preparing to be in heaven?

### **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

### **AREA EVENTS**

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

#### **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS**

**Fall Gospel Meeting Sept. 10-14  
With Victor Eskew**

**Fall Session School of Biblical Studies  
September 18-November 6  
Each Monday 7:00—9:00 pm**

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*“submitting to one another in the fear of God.”* (Eph. 5:21). Wives are to express their love for their husbands by submission (Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18). Love’s greatest expression is in relinquishing one’s own desires in submission to those of his/her God.

A loving submission to God is expressed in one’s effort to save the lost. God expressed His love for all of us in providing the means of our salvation through the blood of Jesus (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). We express our love for God and for those lost in sin as we fulfill our divine obligation to teach and preach the good news of salvation. It would do well for each of us to give serious consideration to the question, am I doing what I can do to express my love for

those ensnared in the bondage of sin? Am I truly letting my light shine? (Matthew 5:16). setting an example of the believers? (1 Timothy 4:12). Am I using every opportunity presented to me to reach out to precious souls who may never hear the true gospel without my efforts? (Romans 12:11; Hebrews 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:2).

Dear reader, do you really love God? How are you expressing your love for Him? Are you lovingly submitting to Him in obedience to His Word? Are you practicing self-denial? Are you doing what you can do to save the lost? Do you really love God?

**“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”** (Matthew 22:37)

## **SELF-JUDGMENT** *By Leroy Brownlow (Deceased)*

A man went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money and presented the sermon under three points.

- First point: “Make all you can.” The man nudged his wife and said, “This preacher is the best I’ve ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it’s all about. He is one smart man.”

- Second point: “Save all you can.” This excited the man, and he whispered again, “This beat anything I’ve ever heard. He’s smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him.” The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The man could not keep quiet. He whispered, “I’ve believed this all my life.”

- Third point: “Give all you can.” “Oh my,” exclaimed the man, “now he’s gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling.”

Isn’t it strange that some people’s conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember—your preacher did not write the Bible. He is not responsible (as to source) for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it (Acts 20:27). And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction.

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own

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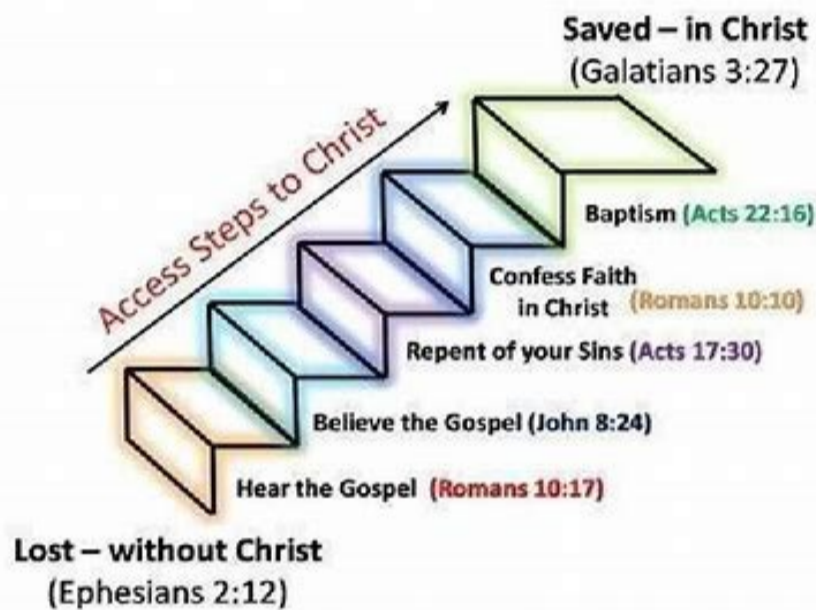
desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

—St. Peter’s Proclaimer, St. Peters, MO

### 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!

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED THESE STEPS OF OBEDIENCE?



### THREE TIMELESS QUESTIONS

1. Do you really want to do what is right?
2. Are you ready for the Bible to tell you what is right?
3. Are you willing to do what the Bible says right now?

**Matthew 7:21** “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

## Bible Study Opportunities

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM**  
Book of I Thessalonians

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
“Three Timeless Questions”

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
“Peter Denies Jesus”

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**  
Book of Matthew



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