



# 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  
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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
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### Deacons

- 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

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## GOD REMEMBERS OUR EFFORTS

By James A. Horton

*“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”* (Heb. 6:10)

Henry Allingham, the oldest man in England at 111, was given special recognition for his sacrificial service in the military. A celebration was held which featured a flyover of vintage aircraft and the playing of “Happy Birthday” by the Royal Marines Band. Henry rarely talked about his near-death experiences during the fighting in WW II. He had survived being shot, shelled and bombed on behalf of his country and was very grateful that his service and sacrifices were appreciated and recognized!

Passages like the one above provide a parallel to Henry’s story! Many who serve the Lord, especially in difficult places where the message of the cross is often rejected, end up being persecuted, imprisoned, or even killed as the result of their labors in the Lord!

While some may look upon such situations as “No good deed goes unpunished,” the inspired writer saw it in a different light. He reminds us that all we do in service to God will not go unnoticed nor unrewarded when our labors are over. Jesus said that even the sharing of a cup of cold water in the name of the Lord will be rewarded. (Ref. Matt. 10:42)

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So, do you feel forgotten or unappreciated after trying to serve God? Remember – our Heavenly Father will not forget anything that you have worked to accomplish in His name while trying to benefit others, whether you are recognized for it or not! Then, one day, you will hear Him say, *“Well done good and faithful servant. . .enter into the joy of your Lord.”* (Matt. 25:23) Then you will be granted entrance into the presence of the Lord where there will be “fullness of joy” and at whose right hand are *“pleasures forevermore!”* (Ref. Ps. 16:11)

-Ripley church of Christ TN

## 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: Ted Lovett, 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, Harvey Puckett and Tommy Boggess. 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](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com). You may also enroll on our website.: [greenplainchurchofchrist.org](http://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— *Guest Speaker-Dustin Pool*

6 pm— *5th Sunday Singing*

Wednesday Bible Class  
*A Study of Jude*

7:00 PM

## WHAT GOD KNOWS *By Donnie L. DeBord*

Do you remember what you had for lunch 2 weeks ago? Do you know what you will have for dinner in 3 days? It is hard for us to remember the past and nearly impossible for us to predict the future.

The Bible teaches us that God does not have these difficulties. Instead, God knows all things. This reality is called divine omniscience.

Just as God is superior to his creation in every way, divine knowledge stands supreme over human knowledge in every way. God said, *“my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts”* (Is. 55:8-9). As Michael Horton said, “Our knowledge is partial, ectypal, composite, and learned, but God’s is complete, archetypal, simple, and innate.” Since God transcends all we could imagine, it is impossible for us to comprehend what his knowledge is like. Some have said that God knows all the possible outcomes of the future but that he may not know which of those possibilities will become actual. Some have said that God does not know the future. They believe the future is unknown or open to God just as the future is unknown and open to us. Historically, most have understood God knows everything that is possible to be known. This view is known as divine

omniscience.

One of the key ways God proved himself to be the true God was to declare the future before it happened. This complete knowledge of future things indicates his divinity. If someone does not know the future with certainty, then that person is not divine. In Isaiah 46:9-10, for example, God affirmed he is the only true God because he *“declares the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done”* (Is. 46:10). God’s knowledge is inseparable from his nature. God is truth (Jn. 14:6; Heb. 6:18). Just as he *“declares the end from the beginning,”* he said, *“I have spoken and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it”* (Is. 46:11). If God knows something to be true, it is true and it is impossible for it not to be true because that would be an infringement on the divine nature.

Psalms 139 presents us with an incredible theology of God’s knowledge of his people. First, God eternally knows us (Ps. 139:1). He has eternally known everything about us even our sitting down and rising up (Ps. 139:2-3). God has eternally known every word we will say before we have said it (Ps. 139:4). God’s knowledge is also relational. He knows us and provides for us (Ps. 139:5). Truly, God’s knowledge is superior to ours and too wonderful for us (Ps. 139:6).

—*Bulletin Ripley church of Christ, TN*

## WHAT WILL CONVINC E YOU? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

In the Lord’s account of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man desired for Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to his five brothers to warn them so that they would not come to the place of torment where the rich man existed. Abraham’s answer was, *“...they have Moses and the*

*prophets, let them hear them.”* But the rich man argued, *“...’No, Father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.”* Abraham responded, *“If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the*

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*dead*" (Luke 16:27-31). What did Abraham say would produce faith in the rich man's five brothers? Not the resurrection of Lazarus, but the words of Moses and the prophets who spoke the Word of God. God's written word contains all the necessary evidence to produce genuine faith in the existence and reality of the one true and living God.

Jesus did many miracles while He was present on this earth. He healed the sick, cast out demons, cleansed lepers, made the lame to walk, the blind to see, and even raised the dead. Many were convinced by these miracles that Jesus is the Son of God. Yet, others who witnessed His miracles refused to believe His teaching. They attributed His miracles to the devil rather than accepting His miracles as proof of His Deity (Matthew 9:34; 12:24). Their hearts were hardened, their minds closed to the abundant evidence proving Jesus to be the Son of God.

Some would tell us that modern mira-

cles are necessary for people to be convinced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Is that true? Let the Bible answer. *"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name"* (John 20:30-31). Friends, the miracles of Jesus recorded in the New Testament are sufficient to produce faith in Jesus. Like the rich man's five brothers, if one will not be convinced by the written Word of God, he would not be convinced even if he witnessed a genuine miracle.

The written Word of God is *"active and living"* (Hebrews 4:12). It has the power to *"exhort and convince"* (Titus 1:9) and is able to *"save your souls"* (James 1:21). You ignore it to your eternal loss. Read it, study it, meditate upon it and let it convince you. Your eternal destiny depends upon it.



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