



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10:00 of assembling together in the auditorium to worship God!

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
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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, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY *By Gary L. Hutchens*

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 words, the kingdom of God. The Revised Standard Version

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members:** Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends:** Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Marianne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, and Sandra Cook Downs. Please continue to pray for each of these and for those tending to their needs as well as the leaders of our nation in this time of crisis.

- **Worship Services:** It has been great to see so many attending our worship services each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. We want to remind you that we will **not** be meeting for Bible classes on Sunday or Wednesday or for evening worship at this time. We are hopeful that we will be able to return to our normal schedule in the very near future.
- **PANTRY ITEMS July 2020: 5—Green Peas; 12—Jelly; 19—Spinach; 26—Tuna.** 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.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **July 2020 Anniversaries:** none **Birthdays:** 7th—Chad Canter; 18th—Hayes Grady; 30th—Jim Lowrie. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- We offer **FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES** through the mail. If you would like to enroll in one of these courses send your name and complete mailing address to Green Plain church of Christ—3980 Murray Paris Road—Hazel, KY 42049. You may also call 270-492-8206 and leave a message with your information on our answering machine. We pay all postage and there is no obligation on your part.
- Wasting time is wasting life. God tells us to be “redeeming the time because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). Our time on this earth is brief at best which should encourage us to use our time in pleasing God and preparing for eternity. How are you using your time?

## ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

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 In Search of the Lord's Way  
<http://searchtv.org/>



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week: Who “moved” the Old Testament prophets to speak God’s Word?**

*Last Week:* What does the Bible call one who says “there is no God”?

*Answer:* A fool (Psalm 14:1)

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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, bloodthirsty tyrant there is. He no longer lives under sin’s curse. As long as he stays faithful 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  
Paducah, KY <http://www.churchofchrist.com/articles/independence-day>

## WHAT ABOUT FAITH? *By Jerry Joseph*

There are many verses in the Bible that mention “faith”. As these verses are examined we can learn about “faith”. One of the great passages in the Bible dealing with “faith” is Hebrews 11. From Hebrews chapter 11, what about faith?

**Faith has MEANING.** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” Hebrews 11:1. Faith is not blind but is based upon evidence. If there is no proof or evidence there cannot be the producing of faith (Romans 10:17). Faith does not mean the absence of proof. We have faith in God, in Jesus being the Son of God, in the inspiration of the Bible, etc., because of the evidence presented. There is no Biblical faith without evidence.

**Faith is MANDATORY.** Faith is necessary to pleasing God. Notice the words in Hebrews 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”. Jesus himself stated in John 8:24, “If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”

**Faith is MANIFESTED.** A genuine faith

is always manifested in action. In Hebrews 11, example after example is given of how faith is manifested in the lives of people.

⇒ “By faith Abel **OFFERED**” (verse 4)

⇒ “By faith Noah **PREPARED**” (verse 7)

⇒ “By faith Abraham **OBEYED**” (verse 8)

⇒ “By faith Abraham **OFFERED**” (verse 17)

Notice the words of action connected with faith. To have a faith that truly pleases God, means that one has an obedient faith. When one chooses not to obey, then that person’s faith is not acceptable to God.

May our faith lead us to become a child of God by repenting of sin (Luke 13; 3); confessing Christ (Matthew 10:32-33) and being baptized (Mark 16:16). As a child of God, as our faith grows in active and faithful service and we become spiritually stronger day by day, we demonstrate to God of our desire for that beautiful place called Heaven.



### 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!

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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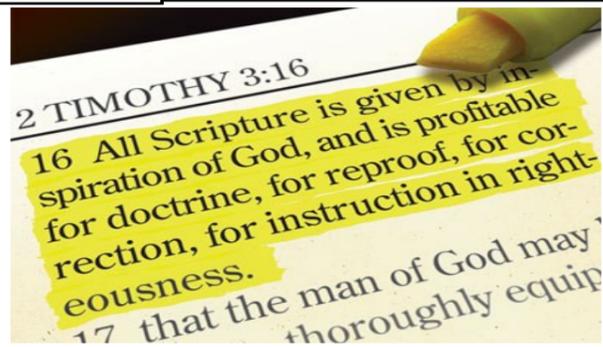
### SUNDAY'S SERMON

**"The Truth About Freedom"**

**10:00 AM**

**Assemble in the Auditorium**

**Remember to practice social distancing**



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### HOW TO GROW IN PERSONAL FAITH *By Jonnie Hutchison*

**"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God"** (Romans 10:17). It should be obvious from this passage that diligent and regular study of the Word of God is absolutely essential to the growth of one's personal faith. Sadly, some Christians limit their study of the Word of God to Sunday morning worship services. The result is a faith that is weak and in danger of weakening even more. Daily Bible study will help alleviate this condition, strengthening one's faith in God, building greater trust and confidence in His promises.

**"...the just shall live by faith"** (Romans 1:17). Growing requires exercise. To grow in personal faith requires putting the knowledge of God's Word into action. To live by faith is to exercise one's faith daily in obedience to God's will (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9). As Paul write, *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me"* (Gal. 2:20). Let us each strive to continue to grow in our personal faith in God!

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