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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
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- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
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Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

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DON'T FALL FOR IT *By Joe Slaqter*

Sometimes I don't know whether to laugh or cry. So many "friends" on social media keep falling for the same hoaxes that were debunked years ago. "Oh no! Facebook is going to start charging us for having an account!" Um, no, they aren't. They couldn't even if they wanted to, because you haven't given them your credit card number or your bank information. Somebody started the hoax, it went viral, and gullible people keep passing it on. (sigh)

The same thing happens in spiritual matters. Jesus warned that false chorists would arise. Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or "There!" do not believe it (Matthew 24:23-24). His words came true in the first century AD and many were led astray. It still happens today, though less frequently.

John cautioned us to "test the spirits, whether they are of

God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1John 4:1). Just because someone says something with an air of authority doesn't make it true! Remember the noble Bereans who received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were

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so" (Acts 17:11).

It has been accurately stated that a lie, repeated often enough, becomes accepted as truth. Countless falsehoods are routinely treated as true today. For instance:

"Peter was the first Pope."

"The Catholic Church gave us the Bible."

"All you need to do to be saved is believe in Jesus."

"The denominations are branches on Jesus, the vine."

Don't fall for it! Search the Scriptures! Know the truth!

—[Bulletin Articles Archives - Groveland Church of Christ](#)

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim and Mary Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Roy Wyatt, Joan Lathrop and Jackie Spiceland (home recovering from a fall).

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison (is home), Ted Clark. Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Gina Hutchison, Donald Cook (Murray Hospital).

AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting at the Williams Chapel church of Christ, July 7-10 with David Lipe. Gospel Meeting at the Hickory Grove church of Christ July 21-24 with Mike McDaniel. See the bulletin board for details.

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.

WEBPAGE: The webpage for the church continues to receive visits from all over the world. If you haven't visited lately, please take a few minutes to do so. The webpage URL is <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

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. The first lesson will be sent ASAP with a SASE for you to return for grading. 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



Videos of our **Spring Gospel Meeting** with Bradley Smith are now available on our YouTube Channel.

Do a search on YouTube for the **Green Plain church of Christ** to view these Videos.

WHAT KIND OF FAITH DO YOU HAVE *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews reveals both the nature of saving faith and sets forth examples of men and women who possessed such faith. One important truth revealed in this chapter is that saving faith always involves active submission to what God commands.

Consider Abel who possessed a **worshipping faith**. Hebrews 11:4 reads, *“By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.”* NKJV. Since faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17) and Abel is said to have offered his worship “by faith,” it follows that God had commanded the details of Abel’s worship. Unlike his brother Cain, Abel conformed to God’s will in both the substance and sincerity of his worship. In other words, he worshipped God as God had directed him with the proper attitude of heart.

God has revealed in the New Testament what He desires of those who would worship Him. He has given five avenues of worship to be observed in the assembly of the church: Singing (Eph. 5:19; Heb. 2:13), prayer (1 Tim. 2:8; 1 Cor. 14:15), the Lord’s Supper each first day of the week (Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42), giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2), and preaching/teaching (Acts 20:7; Acts 15:35). Our worship must be done in both spirit (with proper attitude of heart) and truth (according to what God has revealed) - John 4:24; 17:17. Regular worship is required of those who would worship by faith. The Hebrew writer commands the necessity of refusing to willfully forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). Do YOU possess the strength of faith that Abel expressed in His submission to the will of God? Are YOU willing to confine your wor-

ship only to those acts of worship revealed in the New Testament? Do YOU have a **worshipping faith**?

Enoch had a **walking, pleasing faith**. *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.* (Hebrews 11:5 NKJV). The Old Testament account of his life tells us that Enoch **“walked with God”** (Gen. 5:24). Walking is used in the Bible to describe the way in which one lives his life. One may walk in the darkness of sin or one may walk in the light of divine truth. (1 John 1:6-7). One may walk after the flesh or after the Spirit (Romans 8:1). Enoch did not live for himself but for God. He did not seek to please himself, but God. Therefore, he walked with God and received a just reward for so doing. What kind of faith do you possess? Do you have a **walking, pleasing faith**?

Noah had a **preparatory faith**. Hebrews 11:7 tells us, *“By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”* Notice that Noah heeded the warning of God even though that was his sole source of information regarding the coming universal flood. He made preparation by building the ark exactly according to the pattern given Him by God (Gen. 6:22). His preparation resulted in his salvation and that of his family.

The faith that pleases God today is the faith that prepares for the coming day of judgment. *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, ac-*

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ording to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10). The Bible teaches that this material universe will perish at the coming of Christ (2 Peter 3:9-12). None of us have seen such destruction just as Noah had never witnessed a universal flood. Do YOU have the strength of faith that Noah had to make preparation for the saving of YOURSELF and your family? Do you have the kind of faith that Noah had to make that preparation by following exactly the directions God has given for salvation? (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38; 22:16). What kind of faith do you have? Do YOU have a **preparatory faith?**

Abraham had an **obedient, willing faith.** *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."* (Hebrews 11:8). God called Abraham and he responded without question. Abraham had complete faith in God's promises (Gen. 12:1-3). Hebrews 11:10 tells us that Abraham looked for a heavenly city. His faith looked beyond this world to eternity.

The faith that pleases God is the faith that takes God at His word and obeys Him without question (John 14:15; Hebrews 5:8-9). It is the faith that believes God and accepts His promises. What kind of faith do you have? Do YOU have an **obedient, willing faith?**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony" (Hebrews 11:1-2).

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 Oppprtunities

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
Study of Matthew**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Are You Spiritual?"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm
"You Don't Need to Run If
You Put Your Trust in God"**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm
A Study of Worship**



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