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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  
Cell: 270-978-7569

### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance. & Ronnie Gootam;  
MSOP—Eli Sales  
BIM—Duston Pool.  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## ISN'T IT TIME TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY?

By Jonnie Hutchison

No one now living on this earth is guaranteed tomorrow. Having reached seventy-one years, this writer looks back and realizes just how quickly his life has passed. Many of our readers can relate. Time has a way of getting away from us if we fail to use it properly. When it comes to the matter of salvation letting time get away from us is a dangerous practice with eternal consequences.

The Bible has much to say about the brevity of life. Job said, *"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And are spent without hope"* (Job 7:6). 2 Chronicles 29:15 says, *"...our life on earth is like a shadow...."* The Psalmist wrote, *"LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor"* (Psalms 39:4-5 ). James

agreed when he by inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote, *"whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away"* (James 4:14 ).

How are you going to use the remainder of this short life? You can choose to use it to prepare for heaven or you can use it to indulge in sinful pleasure neglecting that preparation. Regardless, you will reap in eternity what you sow in this life (Galatians 6:7-8).

Isn't it about time that you took the matter of your salvation seriously? You can ignore it, reject it, and even joke about it. None of that will change the reality of your need for salvation from your sins! Remember "the wages of sin is death (eternal separation from God), but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). There is nothing more important or serious

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Peggy Jarvis (spent time in the hospital in Murray this past week), , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jesse and Mary Vincent. Remember our shut-ins in prayer.

**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.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Dorothy Cook who passed from this life this past week. Dorothy was a faithful Christian & will certainly be missed by all who knew her.

**INDIA REPORT:** Brother David Nance is scheduled to be with us on Sunday morning July 16. He will teach our Sunday morning auditorium class and present the morning lesson. This congregation has been supporting David and others in India for some time and we look forward to having David with us again.

**PANTRY ITEMS May 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.

### **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 9-12 Gospel Meeting at Williams Chapel church of Christ with Victor Eskew.**

**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**

**Sept. 18-Nov. 6**

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than your soul's salvation and that of every

person you love and influence in this life..  
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## **Foundational Apologetics Talking Points By Doy Moyer**

I have tried, for better or worse, to dedicate myself over the years to the foundations of what it means to defend the reason for our hope (1 Pet 3:15). While the study of apologetics (the defense of the faith) has many layers and even more topics, here are, in my experience, the most significant issues, aside from a defense of Scripture (which takes its own special studies). Others may have a different list, but here I'm boiling down what I see as the matters that need the most attention:

**1. The nature of faith.** Biblical faith is very different from the way the world defines it. Pitting science against faith, faith is typically defined as believing something without or in spite of evidence. Even some believers accept this faulty idea. This is not at all what biblical faith is about, which instead is a demonstration of trust in the reality of what we cannot see based upon the evidence that such reality provides. Don't let the secular world define biblical faith. Establish early on what is actually meant by the term faith with respect to God and Scripture. It is not in spite of evidence, but because of evidence, that we accept the reality of what we cannot see. The truth is, everyone does the same thing with respect to something.

**2. The nature of God.** Again, the world often tries to define God for us, and we may well buy into terrible definitions. The God of Scripture is not the God so often spoken of by unbelievers. They speak of a flying spaghetti monster and bearded sky clown, attempting to mock the God in whom we believe. But don't let that rattle you because they are not talking about Yahweh of Scripture, even though they think they are.

Rather, they are revealing a basic ignorance about whom they think they speak. This is a matter that needs serious attention, but we need to remember that the God of Scripture is the God who has infinite wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and power. This is the God who owns life and death and has the absolute right of judgment, and He will exercise that judgment, always, with the greatest possible wisdom and understanding. What this means is that those issues in which people argue against God on the basis of their lack of understanding need to be reconciled under [the] umbrella of God's nature (e.g., the problem of evil or suffering). If they do not grant that the God whom we are defending has this nature, then they are talking about a different god, and we are not interested in defending anything or anyone less than the biblical Yahweh. Making clear who we are actually talking about is crucial.

**3. The nature of mankind.** Getting to the point, the issue here is whether we understand mankind as being the result of mindless, purposeless, accidental, chance, amoral processes, or rather the product of a mindful, purposeful, intentional, moral God. This major worldview difference is the starting point for how we view ourselves and other human beings. This includes the most important features of who human beings are, including why we are moral beings, how we have the capacity to know, to love, to freely choose our actions, and to have consciousness and conscientiousness. Our moral and epistemological foundations are grounded in who we are. Are we made in the image of God, or are

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we creatures of accident in an accidental universe that has no mind behind it? Under this umbrella would also fall the most significant questions of society, such as: why do we have human rights, and what are they? Why is racism ultimately wrong? Why do any of our actions matter at all? How do we know anything at all, including what is right or wrong? These and many other questions need to be answered, and they tie in not only to the nature of mankind, but also to the nature of God.

**4. The Resurrection.** The resurrection of Jesus is at the center of any apologetic defense, and it was the apologetic of the apostles in the book of Acts. Paul argues that this is so important that if it did not happen, faith is vain and we are still in our sins (1 Cor 15:12-19). What we need to see is that the resurrection is first an historical question: was the same person who died seen alive again? Paul's account in 1 Corinthians is so important because even skeptics admit that a) Paul wrote it, and b) Paul wrote it sometime between AD 50-55. That places this writing within a 20-25 year period after the events in question, and, historically speaking, that is fantastic. The importance of getting a strong grasp of the resurrection is that Paul also points out that 1) it is the foundation for our own resurrection, and 2) if we know this, then we can know that all we do for the Lord is worthwhile (see v. 58). Get the resurrection figured out, and the rest will fall into place. Sometimes we get sidetracked by other issues, but never let the resurrection out of your sight.

Again, while there are multiple issues in studying apologetics, these are, in my view, the most significant ones foundationally.

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**LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD, SOUND MATERIAL ON APOLOGETICS?**

**VISIT APOLOGETICSPRESS.ORG**

<https://apologeticspress.org/how-can-a-person-know-which-god-exists-5154/>

**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**  
**Book of 1 Thessalonians**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
**"The Inspiration of Scripture"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"The Lord's Prayer-2"**  
**John 17:20-24**

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



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