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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

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WHICH CHURCH? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Matthew 16:18 records the promise of Jesus, *“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”* The promise of Jesus to build His church was fulfilled on the first Jewish Pentecost after His ascension into heaven as recorded in Acts chapter two. Before Acts 2 the church is spoken of in the future tense. But in Acts 2, and the remainder of the New Testament, the church is spoken of in the present tense. Thus, the promise of our Lord was fulfilled on that Pentecost Day *“and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved”* (Acts 2:47).

It is obvious that the church of Christ was established in the city of Jerusalem. The location of the establishment of the church was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. After prophesying that *“the mountain of the Lord’s house would be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills”* and that *“all nations shall flow to it,”* the prophet declared, *“for out of Zion will go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem”* (Isaiah 2:2

-3). Shortly before Jesus ascended into heaven He told His apostles not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the “promise of the Father” which refers to their being “baptized with the Holy Spirit” which took place on the following Pentecost Day. He further told His apostles, *“...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4). The reception of the baptismal measure of the Holy Spirit allowed the apostles to miraculously speak in the various languages of the Jews who had gathered for the Pentecost feast in Jerusalem. This ability was used to preach the gospel of Christ and some 3,000 souls, upon hearing the words spoken and being cut to the heart, were obedient to the command to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins and were added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:1-4; 35-47).

We plead with each reader to ask, “when and where and by whom was the church of which you are a member established. The truth is that any “church” or religious group that came into ex-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Wanda Barrett (Charter Health Care), Roy Wyatt, Marie Wyat, and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy, Darren Mays, Adam Kellam, Dan Sikes, Ariana Yount, Joanne Hutchison, Jack Phillips and Ron Hutchison.

July 2026; ANNIVERSERIES: 13th-Gail & Jonnie Hutchison. **BIRTHDAYS:** 4th-Teresa Enoch; 21st-Jackie Spiceland. Congratulations!

Enroll in a FREE Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and complete mailing address to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049. You may also enroll online at our website: <https://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

⇒ **All are invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gail and Jonnie Hutchison, Saturday, August 8th at 2:00 pm in the Annex.** Join us as we celebrate 50 years of love, faith and family. No gifts, just your presence.

“Failure is merely an opportunity to start over again, wiser than before.”

“TODAY is the TOMORROW you worried about YESTERDAY. “

THOSE TO SERVE August 2026

Announcements: Chad

Lord’s Table AM: Bobby & Perry

Lord’s Table PM: 2-Bobby; 9-Perry; 16-Bobby;
23-Perry; 30-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM: 2-James; 9-Jonnie; 16-Jimmy;
23-Mike; 30-Chad

Closing Prayer AM 2-Russell; 9-Don; 16-Jesse;
23-Roy; 30-Jonnie

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Chad; Wednesday-Mike

Count Contribution: Bobby & Perry

**COMING IN
SEPTEMBER**

Fall Gospel Meeting
September 13-17, 2026

With Alan Adams

**Fall 2026 School of
Biblical Studies**

Sept. 21-Nov.9

Revelation—Larry Powers

1&2 Peter—Jack Phillips

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istence at any other time or place or with any other than Jesus as its builder cannot possibly be the church that Jesus built and to which He adds the saved. Since Jesus is the savior of His spiritual body which is His church then it is imperative for your salvation to make sure you are a member of His church and not that which has no higher authority for its existence than mere men! (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23).

One final point: when a penitent, confessing believer is baptized into Christ that is when the Lord adds that obedient person

to His church. The Bible reads in 1 Corinthians 12:13, *“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into **one body** — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”* Jesus is the Saviour of this one body (Ephesians 5:23). That one body is the one church Jesus built (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 2:16; 4:4).

Dear reader, are you a member of the one church that Jesus built and to which He adds the saved and of which He is Savior? If not, will you let us help you to find His church? Please, contact us today.

A LIFE OF TRUST By V.E. Howard (Deceased)

The beauty of a life of trust is incomparable. God is not ashamed of those who believe, trust, and obey. At one time, God said that “it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart” (Gen.6:6), but this was because of the unbelief, disobedience, and corruption of man. If we are faithful and obedient and a friend of God, as was Abraham, He will not only be glad to be the God and Father of His creation (man) but will rejoice to be man’s greatest friend. No, God does not regret His creation of man if we love and obey. To show His appreciation, He has promised a city with

many mansions in which the faithful may dwell. At the end of our faith, we may expect this promise—the salvation of our souls (1 Pet. 1:9). To this end, our faith must grow, but it must be fed and cultivated to grow. It is fed by the Word of God, cultivated by obedience, and tested by trials. May our will always be subjugated to the will of God, with the sincere determination to obey faithfully, to the best of our ability, every command of Christ.

-The Beacon, Bellview church of Christ [Bellview Church of Christ - Articles by Authors - H](#)

THE TIRED DOG

A man was driving along a road when he overtook a farmer with his dog walking along beside him. The man offered them a ride. The farmer got into the front seat putting the dog in the back. After glancing at the dog who seemed too tired to even wag his tail, the driver remarked, “You must have been walking a long time from the looks of you dog.” Laughingly the farmer said, “It wasn’t



the trip that wore him out. He was running back and forth across the road and sticking his nose into every gate, wrestling with every stone wall. He had to chase every cat and scare all the old hens he saw. If a dog barked at him, he barked back ten times in return. No wonder he is tired.” The old farmer pushed back the hat on his head. He was silent for a moment, then

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said, “You know, people are like that. If they get worn out on their journey through life, it is usually not the distance they have covered that makes them tired, it is the extra work they make for themselves by minding everybody’s business but their own.” “For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies” (II Thess. 3:11). - *Via Sharon church of Christ weekly bulletin, TN.*

Worn-out Old Book (Psalm 119:73)

When I was just a child, to Grandpa’s house we’d go.
To his little farmhouse in the country, where the tall
pine trees grow.
A mule in the pasture, milk cow in the stall.
Chickens in the yard, all of which I now recall.
An old rocker on the porch, a lantern on a hook.
And on a homemade table by his chair, laid an old worn
-out book.
The cover was curled and torn, the pages crumpled and
stained.
As I gazed at the volume lying there, I wondered why it
remained.
So one day I asked him, the reason he kept it around.
Why he didn’t replace it, he responded with a serious
frown.
Why son, that’s the Holy Bible, a treasure to behold.
Within it are the words of God, and those words will
never grow old.
If a man will take it and read it, then remember it well.
He will obey the Lord and be saved, then to others the
Gospel he’ll tell.
One day that old book will be yours, never let it depart.
But if it crumbles and fades away, keep its words safe
within your heart.
—Jay Launius -2022

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!



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM**
A Study of Luke

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
“Why A Second Baptism?”
Acts 19:1-7

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
“What Is Christ to You?”

Wednesday 7:00 PM
A Study of 2 Kings

Salvation Requires Me To...

1. **Hear** the gospel -Romans 10:17.
2. **Accept the Deity of Jesus Christ**—John 8:24.
3. **Repent** of sin—Acts 17:30.
4. **Confess** faith in Christ—Acts 8:36-38; Rom 10:9-10
5. **Be immersed in water**—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27.
6. **Be a faithful servant and Steward**—I Cor. 4:2; Rev 12:10