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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
270-293-2319 Cell

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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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IMPLORING OTHERS TO OBEY GOD By Jonnie Hutchison

A faithful child of God wants to see every person saved. Why? Because a faithful child of God has the “mind of Christ” (Philippians 2:5). Jesus died on the cross in order to save those who are lost (Luke 19:10). Neither He nor God the Father are willing to see any perish (2 Peter 3:9). Christians have the divine obligation to teach and encourage every lost soul to obey the gospel of Christ (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:15).

Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, made a very significant statement to which all of us need to give particular attention. He declared that, “*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were*

pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.” NKJ (2 Corinthians 5:20). Any Christian who implores others to be reconciled to God is doing so on Christ’s behalf. It is God pleading through him or her. Dear Christian, don’t ever let anyone discourage you from imploring others to be reconciled to God! You are doing what the Lord desires for you to do! Anyone who would discourage you from that path does not have the mind of Christ and is actually working against the will of God. One who would do so needs to be taught the error of his/her way and be admonished to repent and obey God! (Acts 8:22).

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY By Glenn Elliott

Footprints in the sands of time were never made by sitting down. Holding on to hope in the midst of adversity is never easy; but if our life’s work is to leave a positive impact for those who follow, it will be the result of our having chosen to hold a different course than that of the world.

The Christian life is like a

race in that it requires endurance and a firmly-set goal of completing the course (Heb. 12:1-2). Our race is not so much a sprint as a marathon. Where do we go to find the endurance we need?

Such endurance is found in the strength of the Lord, not in

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes Grady, Marjorie Grady (Spring Creek Rehab), Jim and Mary Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Roy Wyatt, Joan Lathrop, Jackie Spiceland and Dave & Ann Thompson.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Gina Hutchison, Donald Cook and Teri Mercer.

OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING with our brother John Sales is less than a month away. Begin now to pray for this effort. Announcements are available in the front lobby or you can pick up hand out or mail to those you invite to our meeting. Announcements have been mailed to all area congregations.

PANTRY ITEMS August 2024: 4-Peanut Butter; 11-Jelly; 18- Apple Sauce; 25-Peaches. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

August 2024; Anniversaries: 13-Gail and Jonnie Hutchison **Birthdays:** 4-Tresa Enoch; 10-Junior Morris; 21-Jackie Spiceland.

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. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge.

THOSE TO SERVE August 2024

announcements: Chad Camter

Lord’s Table AM: Roy W. & Junior M.

Lord’s Table PM: 4-Roy 11-Junior; 18-Roy; 25-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 4-Jonnie; 11-Bobby; 18-James; 25-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Russell; 11-Dave; 18-Jesse; 25-Chad..

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

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

***UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
GREEN PLAIN***

***Fall Gospel a Meeting with
John Sales Sept. 8-12.***

***Fall Session of the School
of Biblical Studies
Sept 16-Nov 4, 2024***

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that which is derived from some other source. It is God who gives perseverance and encouragement (Rm. 15:5). God may use others as sources of encouragement; but God, Himself, is the primary source of all spiritual strength.

Though we might prefer a less painful way to develop endurance, God uses suffering to provide strength. There are no shortcuts. Every successful long-distance runner knows the value of training. Without training we will possess insufficient endurance to complete the race.

When we trust in God for strength, tri-

als and tribulations can help us develop greater endurance. It is this strong and tested character that will see us through to the end. The glorious hope of heaven inspires us to meet each obstacle in faith and, with Jesus as our focal point, we hold to the course set before us and “receive what was promised” (Heb. 10:36). One day, looking back, we may discover two sets of footprints in the sand and realize that, in spite of the hardships along the way, we were never really alone. Jesus had been with us every step of the way.

—[Every Step of the Way – Greenbrier church of Christ \(gbcofc.com\)](#)

THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE WORLD *By Mike Riley*

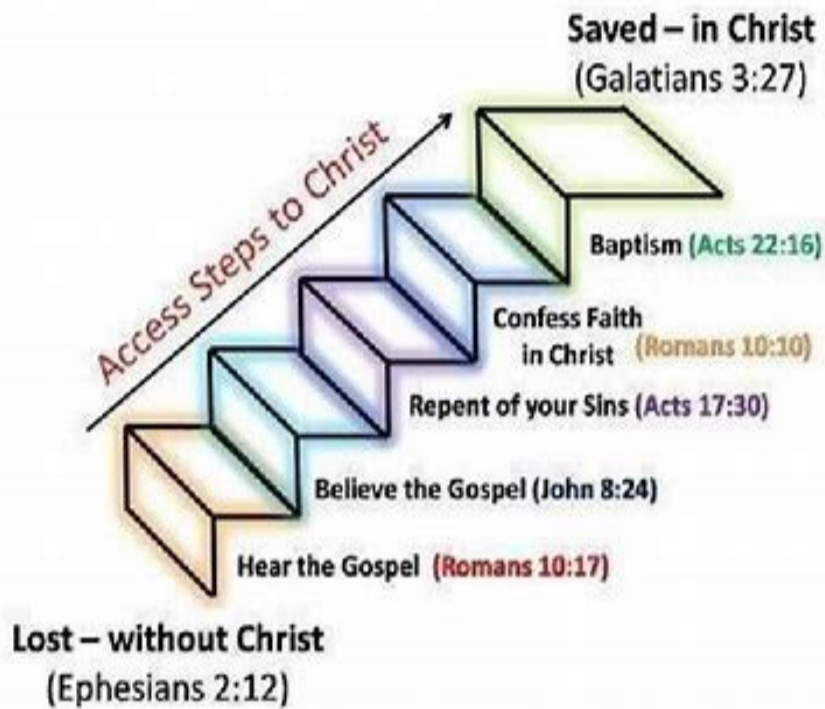
Our Lord said, “Upon this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). Jesus promised to build a church — it was to be His church. In Mark 9:1, Christ said this kingdom (church) would come with power. After His resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came on the first Pentecost day following the resurrection of Christ and His church was established on that day, according to Acts 2. Jesus is both the founder and the foundation of the church one reads about in the New Testament. “Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). Any church established by any person other than Christ, in any place other than Jerusalem, at any time other than the first Pentecost after the Lord’s resurrection, is not the New Testament church. The church of Christ is over 1900 years old!

The church Jesus built exists in the world today. It exists anywhere people abandon human opinions about religion and submit entirely and completely to the teaching

of the New Testament. You can identify Christ’s church in the world today! Read what the Bible says on the name we are to wear, the worship we are to offer God, the work of Christians, the organization and government of the church, and compare Scriptural teaching to what men are doing in the religious world. Where you find people who are “Christians only,” worshipping and working in exact conformity to the Word of God, without human creeds or catechisms, without additions, subtractions or substitutions to the teachings taught in the Scripture, you will have found the Lord’s church. It is in the world today!

We encourage all people to come back to the Bible, back to Christ, back to His teachings as revealed in the New Testament, and back to Christ’s church (Revelation 22:17).

—[The Oldest Church in the World - The Preacher's Files \(gewatkins.net\)](#)

**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
Study of Matthew

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“The Conversion and Fall of a Sorcerer”

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm
“Principles Necessary to Learning Truth”

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Ecclesiastes



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JESUS SAID IT! DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not **believe** that I am He, you will die in your sins.” John 8:24.

“I tell you, no; but unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13:3.

“Therefore whoever **confesses Me** before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 10:32.

“He who believes and is **baptized** shall be saved; he who does not believe shall be condemned.” Mark 16:16.

HAVE YOU DONE WHAT JESUS SAID?