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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
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Supporting Works

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

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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FALL GOSPEL MEETING

September 10-14, 2023



**At the
Green Plain Church of Christ**

**Speaker: Victor Eskew
Ocean Side, FL**

Schedule of Services

Sunday: 10:00 & 10:45 am & 7:30 pm

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm

WORK WHILE YOU CAN *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Jesus said, as recorded in John 9:4, *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."* Jesus had a mission, a work to do in this world. He realized that His time to complete His work was necessarily limited. It was imperative for Him to work while He still had time and opportunity on His side.

However, Jesus did not limit this statement only to Himself.

He said *"the night is coming when **no one** can work."* There is an urgency associated with the work God has left us in this world to accomplish. Just as was true of Jesus, our time to complete our work for God is limited. Life is brief. As James writes, it is like a vapor that appears for a little while and quickly vanishes (James 4:14) Time will run out for each of us. What will you have accomplished for the Lord when you can work no more?

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: ***Green Plain members:*** Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady and Jan Pigg.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, Kim Burrows, Calvin Hall, Eddy Craft, , and Lucetria Hutchison.

BENEVOLENCE: The elders recently sent funds to the Maui church of Christ in Hawaii to help with the relief efforts there following a destructive wild fire. They also provided funds for Eddy Craft to help with his extensive hospital bills as he battles liver cancer. Please remember these brothers and sisters in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for our upcoming gospel meeting are available on the table in the front lobby. Please use these as you invite others to attend our gospel meeting.

PANTRY ITEMS **August 2023:** 6—Sweet Pickles; 13-Canned Potatoes; 20-Toliet Tissue; 27-Mustard. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

August 2023; Anniversaries: 13-Gail & Jonnie. **Birthdays:** 4—Teresa Enoch;10—Brent Morris; 21—Jackie Spiceland. 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.

TRACTS & DVD’S AVAILABLE for free in the front lobby. Let’s utilize these to bring others to Christ.

THSE TO SERVE AUGUST 2023

Announcements: Chad Canter

Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Table PM: 6-Roy; 13-Junior; 20-Roy; 27-Junior

Opening Prayer AM: 6-Jonnie; 13-Bibby; 20-James;
27-Jim Lowrie

Closing Prayer AM: 6-Dave; 13-Mike; 20-Jesse;
27-Chad

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

Count Contribution: Roy and Junior

***Fall Session
School of Biblical
Studies***



September 18-November 6

Each Monday 7:00—9:00 pm

Everyone Is Invited!

Romans—Josh Manning

Daniel—Luke Puckett

EVANGELISM: SOMETHING WE ALL CAN DO

By Josh Blacknor

It is clear from the teaching of our Lord and His apostles that it is the imperative of the church to spread the Gospel message. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:19-20). This directive we’ve been given we see played out so many times in the book of Acts. What is interesting is that it is not something that is reserved for just the Apostles or big names in the Bible. Ordinary men, women, and whole households were involved in those evangelistic efforts.

Early in Acts we see the majority of the preaching is done by the Apostles. However, a sermon that we have recorded in Acts chapter seven was preached by a deacon in the church, Stephen (Acts 6:5). Before that moment we had no idea who he was. He was a man who stepped out on faith, full of the Holy Spirit began preaching and doing the work. He was a great example of one with the faith of a mustard seed and what God was able to do through him (Matt. 17:20).

After the death of Stephen and the persecution that followed, we have a group of people that leave Jerusalem. When they leave, they don’t hide the beliefs that were dangerous to them. They don’t stop talking about the very thing that caused them to flee. “Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). They were counted among those that put the

fear of death aside for the joy of the gospel and continued to share the saving message (Rev. 2:10).

There were families that helped with the spreading of the gospel. Cornelius, one who feared God before he even became a Christian, had his house full of people ready to listen to the gospel (Acts 10:27). “A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God” was one that shared in the work that took place in Philippi as she implored that Paul and his company stay with her and her family (Acts 16:15). The work that was done there in that city was also accredited to her account as she was a fellow partaker in the work (Phil. 4:17). When Paul was in Thessalonica he had been staying in the house of Jason. That is where the mob went to find Paul. Not finding Paul, they dragged Jason out (Acts 17:5-6). We don’t read of him shrinking from his faith after this. He was probably a part of helping Paul escape from the area.

Evangelism is something we can all do. Even with our families. We are armed with faith and the powerful gospel.



Doing What God Says

By Jerry Joseph

Are we under the obligation to do exactly what God commands? Must one acknowledge, accept, apply, and adhere to the Bible as the sole authority in what we believe, teach and practice? Do we get to pick and choose what we want to do and still be right with God?

Did God allow any of the following people to do what they desired to do and still be pleasing to Him?

- ♦ Adam and Eve in Genesis 2 – 3
- ♦ Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-2
- ♦ Achan in Joshua 7
- ♦ King Saul in 1 Samuel 15
- ♦ Uzzah in 2 Samuel 6:6-7

Example after example can be given to show that when God commanded something to be done in a certain way for a particular reason at a certain time, it had to be carried out accordingly or one suffered the consequences. God's dealings with mankind have always been the same, no matter the time period we are talking about. When man obeys God, they are blessed but when they disobeyed the Law of God they were punished. That principle is still the same today.

Read the following verses and ask yourself if you can obey what is said without "doing exactly" what is being said (John 14:21; Romans 13:9; 1 or. 7:19; 1 Timothy 6:14; 1 John 2:3-4; 3:24; 5:2-3).

Let us also remember that God does not want us to "just do what e commands without regard for the condition of our hearts". When we do what God demands it must be coupled with the right attitude. If it is not, we have not obeyed God (Isaiah 1:11-20; Amos :21-27; Malachi 1:7-8; Matthew 15:8-9; Psalm 51:16-19). Think about it!

– St. Peter's church of Christ, MO.



**"The fruit of the righteous
is a tree of life,
And he who wins
souls is wise."
Proverbs 11:30**

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

Book of I Thessalonians

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

**"Action Words
for Christians"**

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00

**"John's Account of the
Burial of Christ"**

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

Book of Matthew



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