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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

- Larry Enoch
- 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

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ARE GOSPEL MEETINGS OBSOLETE?

By Jonnie Hutchison

The Green Plain church of Christ usually conducts two gospel meetings each year. Some would have us to believe that such efforts are no longer effective and should be discarded. One individual declared that gospel meetings “are a leftover relic from a bygone era which are no longer effective in reaching the people.” This writer strongly disagrees!

What takes place during the gospel meetings that are conducted at the Green Plain congregation? The obvious answer is that the gospel of Christ is proclaimed. What does the Bible teach is the agency by which souls are saved? “*For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*” (1 Corinthians 1:21). Since the preaching of the gospel is the means by which the lost come to a knowledge of what to do to be saved it follows that as long as it is necessary to save the lost it will be necessary to preach the gospel. Rather than being a “relic from a bygone era” gospel meetings are an effort to reach the lost with the only message that has the power to save their souls.

When the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to address the church in Rome he wrote, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek*” (Romans 1:16). Later in the book inspiration declares, “*So then faith*

comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17). Since the source of faith is the hearing of the Word of God the preaching of the gospel will always be relevant under any and all circumstances including gospel meetings! While not nearly as many non-Christians now attend gospel meetings as in years past, in most gospel meetings there are non-Christians present who need to hear the saving message of the gospel.

The gospel is not only God’s power to salvation for the lost it is also that which strengthens and edifies the members of the church who attend. The preaching of the gospel reaffirms the reasons for our faith and strengthens us for the daily battle against Satan for our minds.

The Bible reads, “*Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another*” (Romans 14:19). “*Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing*” (1 Thess. 5:11). Both of these passages speak to the necessity of putting forth the effort to edify one another. How do we edify one another? That question is answered in the words, “*So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified*” (Acts 20:32). Since edification is the building up of ones faith and the Word of God builds up, then it follows

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary Lowrie and Hayes and Margorie Grady,.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Jack and Michel Phillip, and Tommy Boggess. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS August 2022: 7—Carrots; 14—Beets; 21—Corn; 28—Baked Beans. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.

AUGUST 2022 Anniversaries: 13-Gail & Jonnie Hutchison.
Birthdays: 4-Teresa Enoch; 10-Brent Morris. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

Our Thanks to Chad Canter and Jim Lowrie for preaching this past Sunday and Mike Earnestberger for teaching the Wednesday night class.

TODAY'S LESSONS
AM “What It Costs To Be Unfaithful”
PM “God Is”

THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 2022

Announcements—Mike E.
Preside at Lord’s Table AM—Roy W. & Junior M.
Lord’s Table PM: 7-Junior 14-Roy-21-Junior; 28-Roy
Opening Prayer AM: 7-Jonnie; 14-Bobby; 21-James; 28-Jim
Closing Prayer AM: 7-Perry; 10-Dave; 21-Jesse; 28-Chad
Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Chad; Wed Mike
Usher: Jesse
Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
Eight consecutive Mondays
Beginning Sept. 19, 2022
7:00-9:00 PM
(Meet in the Auditorium—Snacks will NOT be served)
Larry Powers
“Church History”

Jack Philips
“2 Corinthians”

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that the preaching of the gospel during a gospel meeting is fulfilling the passages which instruct us to edify one another. As long as edification of the body of Christ is necessary so gospel meetings will be relevant!

For much of the 160+ years the Green Plain church of Christ has been in existence we have been conducting gospel meetings. Many faithful men such as Roy J. Hearn, Foy E. Wallace, Jr., G.E. Woods, W.B. West, Jr., Leslie G. Thomas, Alan E. Highers, Will T. Winchester, Ivey Powell, Jerry Noblin, Tim Roland, Max Miller, Clifford Dixon, James Boyd, Terry Jo Kee, Virgil Hale, Gary Col-

ley, Kyle Butt, Mike Kiser, Alan Adams, Dan Sikes, Jack Philips, Larry Powers, Luke Puckett and others have preached the gospel during the gospel meetings here. Many souls have been saved as a result of these efforts. Many erring have been restored and the faith of many has been strengthened. As long as souls are lost and the saved need to be edified gospel meetings will be both relevant and a means of carrying out the Lord's command to "preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2). Brothers and sisters, let us do our part to make our upcoming gospel meeting a success by our faithful attendance and inviting precious souls to come and hear the saving message of the gospel of Christ!

FALL GOSPEL MEETING

September 11-15

OUR SPEAKER

MIKE KISER

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening Worship **7:30 PM**

Monday—Thursday 7:00 PM

In This World of Turmoil All Need the Good News of God's Love!



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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!

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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TRUTH MAKES CHRISTIANS

By James Boyd

A perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of Truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free (John 8:32).

Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true Gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element—a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread—would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The Gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error—the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed—destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the

perverters at Galatia: *"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ"* (Gal. 1:6-7).

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the Truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The Truth preached, the Truth believed, and the Truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it!

-Deceased Foy E. Wallace, Jr

*"Sanctify them through thy truth,
 Thy owrd is truth."* (John 17:17).



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