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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;
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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Hazel, KY 42049
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GOSPEL MEETING September 8-12, 2024

THEME: "Meditate Upon These Things"

I Timothy 4:15

A Study Concerning Things That Matter

With

John Sales
Dexter church of Christ



At The
Green Plain church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris RD
Hazel, KY 42049

SCHEDULE AND LESSONS

Sunday Bible Class 10 am— The Bible Matters

Sunday Worship 10:45 am—Jesus Matters

Sunday Evening Worship **7:30 pm**—Eternity Matters

Monday 7:00 pm—The Gospel Matters

Tuesday 7:00 pm—The Church Matters

Wednesday 7:00 pm—Worship Matters

Thursday 7:00 pm—Holiness Matters

Questions? Call 270-978-7569

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 scheduled to begin next Sunday morning. **A potluck will follow the morning services.** Announcements are available in the front lobby or you to pick up hand out or mail to those you invite to our meeting. Let's pray and work hard to make this meeting a success!

PANTRY ITEMS Sept. 2024: 1-Ketchup; 8-Mustard; – Mayonnaise; 22-Sweet Relish; 29-Miracle Whip. All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

September 2024; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 4-Jane Morris; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28-Carolyn Byars.

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 September 2024

announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Lord's Table AM: James & Chad

Lord's Table PM: 1-Chad; 8-James; 15; Chad;
22-James; 28-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 1-Bobby; 8– Jonnie;
15-Perry; 22-Mike; 28-Russell

Closing Prayer AM: 1-Roy; 8-Dave; 15-Jesse;
22-Junior; 29-Chad

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

Count Contribution: James & Chad

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Sept 16-Nov 4, 2024

**Each Consecutive Monday
7-9 pm**

**“A Study of Parables”
Larry Powers**

**“A Study of Hebrews”
Jonnie Hutchison**

Everyone is Invited!!

WHAT A GOSPEL MEETING DOES By Victor Eskew

“The day of the gospel meeting is over.” “Gospel meetings are no longer effective.” “We need to find alternatives to our gospel meeting.” “Gospel meetings are just not what they used to be.” These are some of the statements that are made by elders, preachers, and members regarding gospel meetings in our 21st-century society. These feelings have led many churches to quit having gospel meetings altogether. Some churches have not had a gospel meeting in years.

In this article, we want to look at the subject: “What A Gospel Meeting Should Do.” By the end of this article, it is hoped that we will come to understand that a gospel meeting has many, many noble purposes. These purposes are Scriptural. They should cause us to be eager in our efforts to promote and support the gospel meeting being held by our local congregation. We will consider ten things a gospel meeting does.

#1: A gospel meeting obeys God’s command to preach the gospel. “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” ([Mark 16:15](#)). “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” ([II Tim. 4:2](#)).

#2: A gospel meeting sows the seed of God’s Word into the hearts of men and women. “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” ([Ps. 126:5-6](#)). “But that on good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience” ([Luke 8:15](#)).

#3: A gospel meeting enlightens the mind. “The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” ([Ps. 19:8](#)). “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple” ([Ps.](#)

[119:130](#)).

#4: A gospel meeting warns the wicked. “Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” ([Acts 20:31](#)). “Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ” ([Col. 1:28](#)).

#5: A gospel meeting confronts false doctrine. “And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you” ([Gal. 2:4-5](#)). “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” ([Jude 3-4](#)).

#6: A gospel meeting brings salvation. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” ([Rom. 10:13-15](#)). “...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” ([I Cor. 1:212b](#)).

#7: A gospel meeting increases our faith. So then cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God ([Rom. 10:17](#)). “In whom

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ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation..." ([Eph. 1:13](#)).

#8: A gospel meeting strengthens the inner man. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" ([Col. 1:9-11](#)).

#9: A gospel meetings reminds us of what is important. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" ([Matt. 6:33](#)). "And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word...But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" ([Luke 10:39, 42](#)).

#10: A gospel meeting prepares us for eternity. "And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" ([Acts 20:32](#)). "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints" ([Eph. 1:17-18](#)).

If gospel meetings can accomplish these ten things, how can anyone believe they are useless today. Our problem is two-fold when it comes to gospel meetings. First, we just refuse to get excited about them as the church. We do not want to attend. Therefore, we can not enthusiastically invite others to attend. Second, we have lost our faith in the power of the Word of God. Even for many Christians, the message has become dull and boring. Dear readers, when we are excited about the salvation of the lost, gospel meetings will be one vehicle we can use to teach others. And, when we are convinced of the power of God's Word ([Heb. 4:12](#)), we will use every available means to hear it for ourselves and get others to hear it as well. The reality is that the gospel meeting is not ineffective; we have become unfaithful and ineffective.

—Oceanside church of Christ, Jacksonville, FL.
Oceansidechurchofchrist.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
"Who Is Your Master?"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm
"Going the Second Mile"

Wednesday 7:00 pm
Study of Ecclesiastes



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