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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

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Hazel, KY 42049
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## FALL GOSPEL MEETING

**September 10-14, 2023**



**At the  
Green Plain Church of Christ**

**Speaker: Victor Eskew  
Atlantic Beach, FL**

### Schedule of Services

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

**Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm**

## NOT DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The term “undenomina-  
tional Christianity” means differ-  
ent things to different people. To  
some it means the unconditional  
acceptance of anyone regardless  
of their religious persuasion. To  
others it may mean being inde-  
pendent of a denominational hier-  
archy, synod, convention, or oth-  
er organization. The actual mean-  
ing of the term is much more lim-  
ited. It simply means “not de-  
nominational.” Christianity that  
is not denominational has no con-

nection in any sense with denom-  
inational concepts or institutions.  
Original Christianity (that which  
is revealed in the New Testa-  
ment) is not denominational. The  
fact is that no organized religious  
denominations as we know them  
today existed in the first century.  
There was no Roman Catholic  
Church or Protestant denomina-  
tions. Neither Peter, Paul or John  
were members of different de-  
nominations or different kinds of

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## 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.

**OUR GOSPEL MEETING with Victor Eskew begins today!** If you are visiting with us we welcome you and our prayer is that you will return through the week. If you have questions about anything you see or hear, please do not hesitate to ask them. Handouts for our meeting and for the fall session of the School of Biblical Studies are available on the table in the front lobby. Pick up as many of these as you need and we will resupply as necessary. Please pray for this effort that souls will come to hear the saving message of the gospel.

**TRACTS & DVD'S AVAILABLE** for **free** in the front lobby on a variety of Bible subjects. Feel free to browse these titles and take those of interest to you.

**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.

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

**September 2023; Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 4—4-Jane Morris; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28-Carolyn Byars. Did we miss anyone? Please let us know.

### **THSE TO SERVE September 2023**

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Table AM: James Pigg & Chad Canter

Table PM: 3-Chad; 10-James; 17-Chad; 24-James

Opening Prayer AM: 3-Jim L. 10-Mike E.;

17-Jonnie ; 24-Bobby

Closing Prayer AM: 3-Roy; 10-Dave; 17-Junior;

24- Perry

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

Count Contribution: James & Chad

### **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**

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churches. . They were all members of the one church which Jesus built (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47). The church we read about in the New Testament has no earthly headquarters nor organization larger than the local congregation. Jesus is the HEAD of HIS church which is His spiritual body (Ephesians 1:22-23). The New Testament church has no denominational creed book, confession of faith, church manual or catechism. It has only the New Testament of Jesus Christ as its rule of faith and practice and which constitutes the final authority in all religious matters (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Each congregation of the New Testament church is self-governing. Its congregations answer to no central headquarters, synod or convention or the like. A plurality of qualified men called elders (also called pastors, presbyters and bishops – Acts 14:23; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 4:14; 3:1; Titus 1:5-7) have the oversight and responsibility in each local congregation to see that the Lord's work is carried out (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17). They are assisted by qualified men called deacons (servants- Phil 1:1; Titus 3:8ff)..

Not-denominational Christianity is as distinct from denominationalism as light is from darkness. Faithful churches of Christ are making every effort to practice original Christianity. We plead with men and women everywhere to return to the Word of God and reject anything for which there is no Bible authority (that which God has not given us permission to do). Whatever we do in religious matters, whether it be the mission, the organization or the worship of the church, must be done with the authority of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches *"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17). If "not denominational" Christianity appeals to you, we invite you to come and worship with us at the Green Plain church of Christ and see original New Testament Christianity in action. May God bless you consistent with His divine will..

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## SOME FACTS ABOUT FAITH *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Most of our readers would probably agree that faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is absolutely essential to salvation. Jesus said, "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). The book of Hebrews tells us, "But without faith it is impossible to please God..." (Hebrews 11:6). The Bible speaks of different degrees of faith such as "little faith" (Matthew 6:30), "great faith" (Matthew 8:10), "no faith" (Mark 4:40), "full of faith" (Acts 6:5), "weak in faith" (Romans 14:1), empty faith and futile

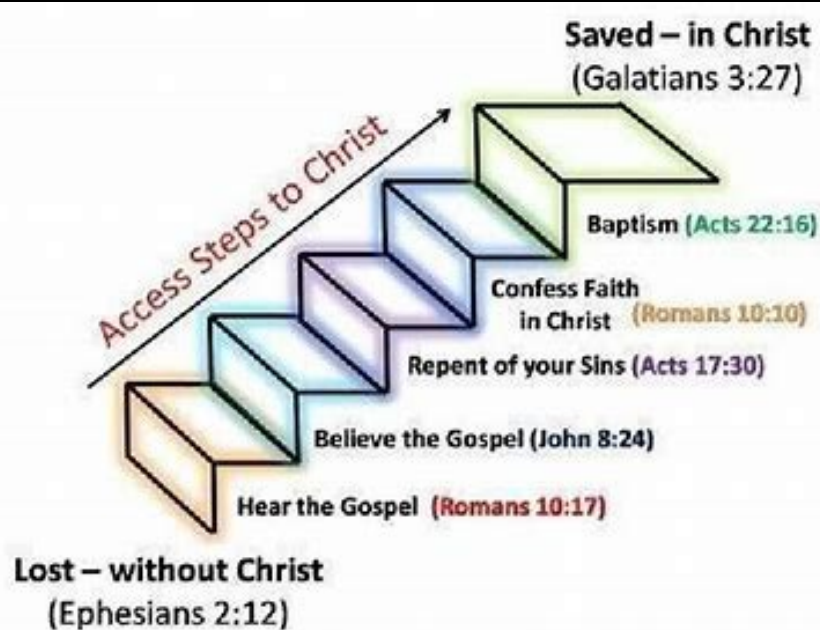
faith (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17), "sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5), "genuine faith" (2 Timothy 1:5), "rich in faith" (James 2:5) and a dead faith (James 2:20, 26). That faith is essential to salvation is clearly stated in the Bible. Hearts are purified by faith (Acts 15:9), sanctified by faith (Acts 26:18), justified by faith (Romans 3:28), and saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8). However, the Bible does not teach that one is saved by "faith alone." Instead, saving faith requires obedience to God. This is illustrated in Hebrews chapter eleven. "By faith Abel of-

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ferred....” “Buy faith Noah...prepared an ark....” “By faith Abraham... offered up Isaac....” “By faith Moses...chose ....” There is obvious action involved in genuine faith. The book of James expresses this truth in the words, “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only” (James 2:24). In the context James uses the example of Abraham and his obedience to God as an example of faith coupled with works of obedience. Faith without works of obedience is described as a “dead faith” (James 2:26). The Bible uses the words “the faith” to describe the system of faith or the gospel revealed in the New Testament. The book of Romans speaks of “obedience to the faith” (Romans 1:5; 16:26). The book of Acts describes many who were “obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7). They were obedient to the commands of the gospel which put them in contact with the saving blood of Jesus (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3- 5). The fact is that salvation requires God’s part, which is grace, and man’s part, which is an obedient faith (Ephesians 2:8-10). The source of genuine faith is the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith is not a “leap in the dark.” Genuine faith is based upon divine evidence revealed in the Bible (Hebrews 11:1). If you desire a strong unwavering faith, then you will spend much time in the study of God’s Word. Exercise your personal faith by being obedient to “the faith”



### 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**

**Victor Eskew**

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45

**Victor Eskew**

### SUNDAY PM WORSIP 7:30

**Victor Eskew**

### Monday—Thursday 7:00 PM

**Victor Eskew**



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