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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

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- John Sales
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WELCOME!

Please Accept Our Invitation to Attend A

GOSPEL MEETING

September 13-17, 2026

*At the Green Plain church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road—Hazel, KY*

Speaker: Alan Adams

East Main Street church of Christ - Manchester, TN

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Evening Worship **7:30 pm**

Monday—Thursday

7:00 pm
greenplaincoc@gmail.com

The church building is
located southeast of
Murray one mile off high-
way 641 near the corner of
the Green Plain and
Murray Paris Roads. We
look forward to seeing
you!

Call 270-293-7027 for
transportation or info.

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Dave & Ann Thompson (Hickory Woods), Wanda Barrett (Charter Health Care), Roy Wyatt, Marie Wyatt, Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Herndon, Peyton Mays, Patricia Dowdy, Darren Mays, Adam Kellam, Dan Sikes, Ariana Yount, and Joanne Hutchison.

WELCOME VISITORS! Today we begin our annual fall Gospel Meeting with brother Alan Adams. Thank you for taking time to visit with us. We welcome your questions and comments and hope you enjoy your visit with us. Our hope and prayer is for the salvation of precious souls. That is the purpose of this series of meetings. Again, thank you for coming.

September 2026; **ANNIVERSARIES:** None. **BIRTHDAYS:** 27-Diana Travis; 28-Carolyn Byars. Congratulations!

Enroll in a FREE Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and complete mailing address to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD, Hazel, KY 42049. You may also enroll online at our website: <https://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

ARE YOU WATCHING? “A Bible Answer” is available locally on **CW-30 (Paducah & Murray, KY):** Sundays at 8:00 AM. It can also be seen on their YouTube channel 24/7.

THOSE TO SERVE September 2026

Announcements: Mike

Lord’s Table AM: James and Chad

Lord’s Table PM: 6-Chad; 13-James; 20-Chad; 27-James

Opening Prayer AM: 6-Bobby; 13-Jonnie; 20-Jimmy 27-Perry

Closing Prayer AM 6-Russell; 13-Don; 20-Jesse; 27-Roy

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

Count Contribution: James and Chad

Fall 2026 School of Biblical Studies

Sept. 21-Nov.9

Revelation—Larry Powers

1&2 Peter—Jack Phillips

Each consecutive Monday in the Annex **7:00-9:00 pm**

Bring your Bible. Notebooks, pencils and pens will be provided.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE FORGIVEN OF SIN *By Jonnie Hutchison*

People may make fun of it. They may ignore it. They may deny its existence. They may not even think of it at all. But SIN is a universal reality! *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). Every accountable person is guilty of sin for every accountable person has transgressed God's spiritual law. *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law"* (1 John 3:4). Sin separates the transgressor from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and places one's soul in eternal jeopardy. Unless the sinner receives forgiveness of sin he or she will be eternally separated from God in the everlasting punishment of hell (Matthew 25:46). Sin is indeed a very serious matter both now and in eternity. God extends forgiveness for sin through the shed blood of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9; Revelation 1:5). However, forgiveness of sins is not without conditions. God in His grace and mercy extends forgiveness to all those lost in sin (Titus 2:11). Yet, in order to accept God's gift of salvation man must respond to the conditions God has set. What response is required? Belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is a necessary response. Jesus said, *"Except ye believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins"* (John 8:24). Repentance of sin is also a necessary response. Surely, no one would believe that one could possibly be forgiven of sin of which he refuses to repent. The Bible clearly reveals that God has commanded all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30). Jesus said, *"repent or perish"* (Luke 13:3). The confession of one's faith in Christ as the Son of God is another necessary response. Jesus

said that if we confess Him before men He will confess us before the Father in heaven (Matthew 10:32-33). This confession is made with the mouth—a verbal confession (Romans 10:9-10). An example of such a confession is found in Acts 8:37 where an Ethiopian who had requested baptism stated, *"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."* In order to receive the forgiveness of sin one must contact the blood of Jesus for it is the blood of our Lord that washes away sin. This requires an additional response from one who desires the forgiveness of sins. The Bible does not teach that one reaches the blood of Jesus at the point of faith, repentance or the confession of faith in Christ. One may only reach the blood of Jesus when he reaches the death of Jesus, for Jesus shed His blood in His death. Yet, one must wonder, how it is possible to reach the death and thus the blood of Jesus some 2,000 years after He died on the cross. The Bible teaches that this takes place in obeying the command of the Lord to be immersed in water (baptized). Read this plain statement of fact in Romans 6:3-4, *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ **were baptized into his death** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."* If one desires to walk in "newness of life" he must receive the forgiveness of his sins. Yet, newness of life does not occur until after one is baptized into the death of Christ and has thus been washed of his sins by the blood Jesus shed in His death. No

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wonder Saul was told *“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:16). No wonder those in Jerusalem on Pentecost Day were told, *“...Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”* (Acts 2:38). Only the blood of Jesus can wash away sin and only those who make the proper response to God’s offer of salvation will reach His cleansing blood receiving His forgiveness. To be thus forgiven of ones sins means that one is added by the Lord to His spiritual body, the church, the saved (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23). It means that one is no longer separated from God but instead is enjoying His continual spiritual fellowship and access to the blood of Jesus as one who is walking in the light (1 John 1:7-9). It means that one is no longer in the bondage and under the domination of sin but is rejoicing in the new life he/she has been granted (John 8:32; Rom. 6:7). It means that one is filled no longer with despair and hopelessness but in anticipation of the fulfillment of the hope of eternal life which anchors the soul and the ultimate joy he/ she will experience in the very presence of God (Hebrews 6:19; Romans 5:2; Colossians 1:5). For forgiveness of sins means that one no longer must face the trials and tribulations of life alone. One can take those things to God in prayer and find help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). Receiving the forgiveness of sins means that one may face the prospect of the coming judgment of God with the greatest of confidence because *“as He is so are we in this world”* (1 John 4:17).

Have your sins been forgiven? May we help you to find that forgiveness?

“BACK TO THE BIBLE” is a home Bible study conducted by our teachers in your home or at our building at a time convenient for you. . It consists of three lessons designed to teach the pattern of New Testament Christianity. Please contact us to set up a time for this study. We love you and look forward to studying the Bible with you.

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!



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
Alan Adams

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
Alan Adams

SUNDAY WORSIP 7:30 PM
Alan Adams

Mon-Thurs 7:00 PM
Alan Adams

Salvation Requires Me To...

1. **Hear** the gospel -Romans 10:17.
2. **Accept the Deity of Jesus Christ**—John 8:24.
3. **Repent** of sin—Acts 17:30.
4. **Confess** faith in Christ—Acts 8:36-38; Rom 10:9-10
5. **Be immersed in water**—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27.
6. **Be a faithful servant and Steward**—1 Cor. 4:2; Rev12:10