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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  
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### Deacons

- Bobby Hall
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## LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT *By Roy J. Hearn*

Romans 8:14 says, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”* Everyone interested in salvation should understand how this is accomplished. Due to false teaching, it is often shrouded in darkness, and people fail to investigate God's word and are thus deceived.

The church of Christ is often misrepresented. Opponents say God must do the converting and accuse us of denying that. They also say one must be converted by the Spirit and power of God and imply that we also deny that. Some say the heart is changed by faith and that faith is a gift from God and accuse of denying that. But we believe all these things to be true. There is no difference on what God does, but how He does it. To the law and the testimony (Isa. 8:20), and let that decide.

### Faith is Produced by the Word of God

Jesus prayed for a certain class of people—those who believe on Him through the words of the apostles, His personal representatives on earth (John 14:26; 16:13-15; 2 Cor. 5:18-20). John

20:30-31 shows that saving faith comes through the written word of God. Peter said that the Gentiles believed by hearing the word from his mouth (Acts 15:8).

The apostle Paul testifies that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17), but that one must hear before faith can be produced (Rom. 10:14). There is no belief without first hearing the word. All these witnesses agree. The only difference is that now the word that produces faith is written in the New Testament.

Paul told Timothy to preach the things that he had heard from him with many witnesses (2 Tim. 2:2). Further, he said we should stand fast in the word he had taught whether by word or letter (2 Thess. 2:15), and that any who would teach a different doctrine would be accursed (Gal. 1:6-9).

### How the Holy Spirit Gives Faith

As shown above, in reference to John 16:13-15, the Spirit was sent to the apostles to guide them into all truth. First Peter

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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. Marie Wyatt is scheduled for knee replacement surgery. If you know of others who need to be added to this list please let it be known.

**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** The elders would like to express their appreciation for all of those who made our recent Gospel Meeting a success. Victor presented excellent and much needed lessons. Our attendance was great with a high of 85 on Wednesday evening. The support from the members of this congregation is to be commended. And the support from area congregations was tremendous. Thanks to all who attended, invited others, provided meals and prayed and worked to make this meeting a success. To God be the glory!

**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.

### **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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1:12 says they preached the gospel with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven. Acts 2:1-4 reveals the coming of the Holy Spirit, and that the apostles began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. In Revelation 2:1, Christ says, "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus, write..." And verse seven says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. So the Spirit speaks through the written word.

Where is all this found? In the New Testament. Second Timothy 3:16-17 says that the Scripture furnishes all one needs for perfection. Second Peter 1:3 says that everything that pertains to life and godliness comes through knowledge, and for that reason one should study (2 Tim. 2:15).

#### **How People are Converted by the Power of God**

Romans 1:16 says the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone who believes it, and faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). This word was given to the apostles by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:13).

Paul said the gospel came to him by revelation (Gal. 1:11-12), and Peter affirmed that the Gentiles were purified by faith which was produced by his preaching (Acts 15:7-9). Furthermore, Peter says one purifies his soul in obeying the Truth (1 Pet. 1:22).

Without doubt, therefore, the Scripture teaches that faith is a gift of God, but that it comes from a study of God's word, not in some mysterious, direct means.

#### **This is Demonstrated by Divine Example**

Acts two reveals that the Holy Spirit spoke to the multitude through the apostles (Acts 2:1-4, 22). When they heard the word preached they were pricked in their hearts—made believers. The word of God is the

sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17) which was wielded by the apostles and other preachers (Acts 2:1-4, 22-27; 8:4-5, 12). When the people on that Pentecost day heard the word preached by the apostles, they were pricked in their hearts—convicted of sin.

#### **The Pentecostians Led by The Spirit**

Their change, or purification, was begun, and the effect was produced by the Holy Spirit. They were led by the words spoken by the apostles. But where? They were led to cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter answered and said, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" Acts 2:37-38).

With this example, it clear that to be led by the Spirit, to receive faith, and be saved by the power of God is accomplished by the written word now. Please observe that the whole process of conversion was begun in preaching the gospel, and hearing the gospel which produced faith and repentance, and obeying the gospel which in baptism which consummated salvation.

#### **Is Something Besides the Word of God Needed?**

How do you know Christ is the Son of God? The Bible says so. Don't you need some other proof? No, for the Bible says so. How do you know there is a heaven to be gained and a hell to be avoided? The Bible says so. Do you not need other testimony? No, the Bible is enough.

If one were to hear Christ say, "Thy sins are forgiven thee," how would he know he was pardoned? Christ said so. Would you need other proof? No, for Christ said so.

The same Christ says that in order to be saved one must:

1. Believe in Him as God's Son (John

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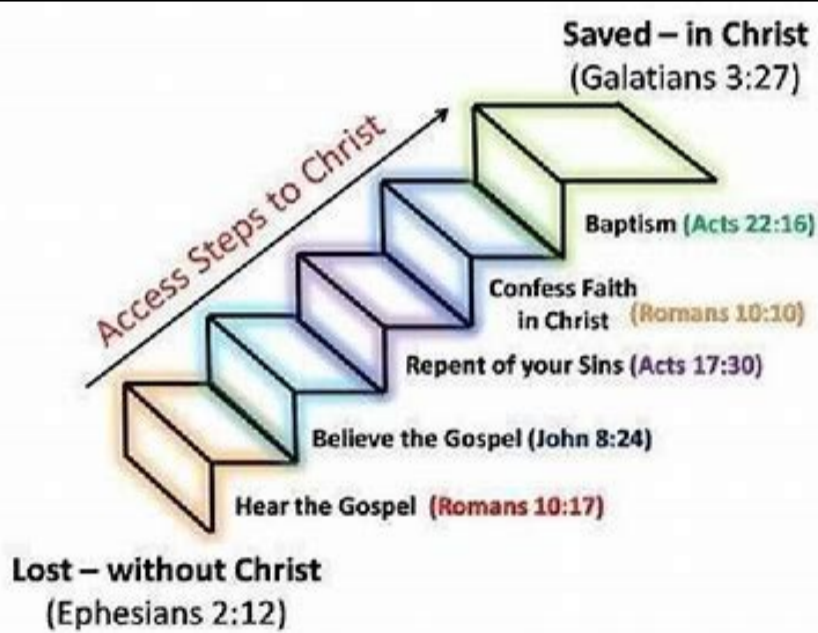
8:24).

2. Repent of sins (Luke 13:3); Acts 3:19).
3. Confess Him before men (Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37).
4. Be baptized to be saved (Acts 2:38; 10:48; Rom. 6:3-6).

Christ promises to save one who obeys His word. Why fight it?

—Led by the Holy Spirit - Roy J. Hearn

**“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” Rom. 8:31-32**



**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 I Thessalonians

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
“Would You Be Happy in Heaven?”

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 7:30**  
“Raising Ebenezers”

**Monday—Thursday 7:00 PM**  
Study of Matthew



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