



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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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  
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### Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE WORLD By Mike Riley

Our Lord said, “Upon this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). Jesus promised to build a church — it was to be His church. In Mark 9:1, Christ said this kingdom (church) would come with power. After His resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came on the first Pentecost day following the resurrection of Christ and His church was established on that day, according to Acts 2. Jesus is both the founder and the foundation of the church one reads about in the New Testament. “Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). Any church established by any person other than Christ, in any place other than Jerusalem, at any time other than the first Pentecost after the Lord’s resurrection, is not the New Testament church. The church of Christ is over 1900 years old!

The church Jesus built exists in the world today. It exists anywhere people abandon human

opinions about religion and submit entirely and completely to the teaching of the New Testament. You can identify Christ’s church in the world today! Read what the Bible says on the name we are to wear, the worship we are to offer God, the work of Christians, the organization and government of the church, and compare Scriptural teaching to what men are doing in the religious world. Where you find people who are “Christians only,” worshipping and working in exact conformity to the Word of God, without human creeds or catechisms, without additions, subtractions or substitutions to the teachings taught in the Scripture, you will have found the Lord’s church. It is in the world today!

We encourage all people to come back to the Bible, back to Christ, back to His teachings as revealed in the New Testament, and back to Christ’s church (Revelation 22:17).

--[The Oldest Church in the World - The Preacher's Files \(gewatkins.net\)](http://The Oldest Church in the World - The Preacher's Files (gewatkins.net))

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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 SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES** got off to a good start last Monday evening with 20 students. Bothers Luke Puckett and Josh Manning presented excellent studies. These will continue tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm in the annex. If you missed the first session it is not to late to attend these studies. Outlines are available for you to catch up.

**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**

## “WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE END THEREOF?”

By Jonnie Hutchison

In the days of Jeremiah, the nation of Judah had embraced idolatry and rejected God. Their rejection of God would bring them into captivity as their northern neighbor, Israel, had already experienced. Despite Jeremiah’s warnings of their coming activity, the people of Judah refused to believe him. Instead they are described in Jeremiah 5:31 with these words, *“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?”*

Obviously, the false prophets told the people what they wanted to hear rather than what they needed to hear. They spoke lies and the priests agreed with their false prophesies. But Jeremiah asked a very important question. Though the people believed the false prophets and priests **“what will we do in the end thereof?”** In other words, the deception of the people would not save them from captivity in the end. The captivity was certain whether the people believed it or not!

Many today have the idea that God will save everyone regardless of whether they choose to live in harmony with His will or not. However, Jesus taught there are two ways one may walk in this life – the strait and narrow way that leads to life or the broad way that leads to destruction. His

conclusion regarding the “broad way” was that “many go in by it” while “few” choose to walk the way that leads to life” (Matthew 7:13-14). Yes, one may believe God will save everyone but **“what will we do in the end thereof?”**

Some religious groups reject the idea of eternal punishment in hell for sinners. Their argument is that God is so loving that He would not allow anyone to be punished in hell forever. Yet, Jesus taught concerning the wicked, *“these shall go away into everlasting punishment....”* (Matthew 25:46). The Bible tells us that those who *“know not God”* and *“obey not the gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...”* (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Yes, one may reject the reality of eternal punishment in hell but **“what will we do in the end thereof?”**

The book of Psalms declares, *“Forever O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven”* (Psa 119:89). God’s Word does not change simply because one chooses to reject what it says. What was true in the days of Jeremiah is still true today. The end will be as God has said whether one believes it or not. If you choose to reject God’s plan for your salvation **“what will YOU do in the end thereof?”**

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting** at the Coldwater church of Christ, October 8-11, 2023 with Alan Adams.
- ⇒ **1st Annual Tent Singing** at the Coldwater church of Chris, October 27, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm.

***See the bulletin board for details***

## COMMITMENT TO THE LORD

By Jerry Joseph

Every accountable person is committed to someone or something. The apostle Paul reminds us that we are either servants of sin or servants of righteousness in Romans 6:16-18. Jesus said "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). To please God our commitment must be to the Lord. He must be first in our lives (Matthew 6:33). Commitment to the Lord involves ...

- Choosing to be more like the Lord in our attitudes and actions. It is saying, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow". It is saying, "Not my will, but thine be done." As the Lord declared, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

- Changing our lives, being Converted. Where there is no conversion there is no commitment to the Lord. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out ..." (Acts 3:19). Only by submitting to His terms for forgiveness of sins, will there be conversion (Matt.18:1-4; 7:21-23; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matt.10:32-33; Mark 16:16).

- Complying with his commands. The Lord demands obedience from His followers (Matthew 6:24). Our commitment to the Lord must be without any reservations. It is not a matter of convenience. The never said, "I want you to obey me if it is convenient for you". Our commitment to Lord involves complying with His commands whether it is convenient or not.

- Conviction and the Courage to demonstrate it (1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:13). This commitment will be seen no matter the situation or circumstances we find ourselves in. It matters not who we are with. Whether at home, at school, at work, in worship or in the everyday activities of life, this commitment will be seen even in choosing our recreational activities and how that we dress (Matthew 5:16). ***"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me"*** (Matthew 16:24). – *Via St. Peters church of Christ weekly bulletin*

### 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**  
**"But I Obtained Mercy"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"Walking in Integrity"**  
**Psalm 26**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
**Study of Matthew**



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