



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10 AM of assembling together in the auditorium to worship

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
270-759-2145 Home  
270-293-2319 Cell

## Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

## Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## SOCIALISM: The Founders of Socialism Embraced | Godless Evolution - *Victor M. Eskew*

Many individuals are very quick to accept systems of thought and living without looking into the backgrounds of those who founded the systems. They embrace the systems for many reasons. First, they accept the system because of the benefits they believe the system will provide to them personally. Second, they accept the system because of the promises made by the system, 3. The reputation of those who promote the system, 4. Being weary of the present system that is in place, and 5. A willingness to follow the crowd.

At this present time in our nation, there is a big push to move from a system of capitalism to a system of socialism. Before we jump headlong into socialism, we would be wise to study the foundation upon which it is based. Socialism is founded upon the godless theory of evolution. Evolution began in the discipline of science. Charles Darwin is credited as the originator of this theory of origins. Evolution rejects the idea of God as the

Creator of the Universe. It rejects the idea of God as the Creator of man. Religion is looked upon as a concept devised by the fears and weaknesses of man because he did not have an accurate understanding of the world. Evolution, having a "scientific view" of man, proclaims that man is his own savior. Evolution believes that man will eventually evolve and be able to handle all the problems he faces. In essence, he can free himself.

Some of the leaders of socialism from the past are Karl Marx (1818-1883), Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), and Ernest Untermann (1864-1956). All of these men accepted evolution and rejected the God of the Bible, Christ, the Bible, and the church. Nietzsche was a 19<sup>th</sup> century philosopher. He wrote a book entitled, Human, All Too Human: A Book for Free Spirits, and dedicated it to the memory of Voltaire. In his book, Nietzsche writes: "When on a Sunday morning we hear the old

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members:** Remember Jane Morris, Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends:** Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, Sandra Cook Downs, Hollis Stubblefield, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely and Carol Pigg.

- Please continue to pray for our elders as they make decisions in carrying out the will of the Lord here at Green Plain. They do not have an easy task. We are thankful for these men and their love for the Lord and the congregation. Let's all do our part to help and encourage them.
- **PANTRY ITEMS September 2020: 6—Peanut Butter; 13—Paper Towels; 20—Canned Peaches; 27—Canned Carrots.** Please bring any additional items you wish for the "blessing box" which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **September 2020 Anniversaries:** 28-Shane & Krysta Smith. **Birthdays:** 4-Jane Morris; 13-Mary Crutchfield; 18-Jackson Hale; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28 –Carolyn Byars; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at [greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).
- **Additional Study Opportunities:** We encourage our readers to take advantage of the wealth of Bible study opportunities which are available online. There is a list of some of these at the bottom of this page. You will find scores of recorded videos and live programs that you can watch at your convience. (Read 2 Peter 3:18).

## ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network  
<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School  
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer  
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today  
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way  
<http://searchtv.org/>



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week: Why was Jesus baptized?**

*Last Week:* Did Jesus baptize anyone?

*Answer:* John 4:2 reads, "(though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples."

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bell ringing, we ask ourselves: Is it possible? All this for a Jew crucified two thousand years ago who said he was God's Son. The proof of such an assertion is lacking. [...] A god who begets children by a mortal woman, a sage who demands that no more work be done, that no more justice be administered, but that the signs of the approaching end of the world be heeded; a system of justice that accepts an innocent as a vicarious sacrifice instead of the guilty; a person who bids his disciples to drink blood; prayers for miracles; sins against a god expiated upon a god. [...] Is one to believe that such a thing can be believed?" (pp. 149-150 as quoted by W.F. Lemmons in The Evils of Socialism). Ernest Untermann wrote the following: "According to materialist monism, the only 'true religion' is the 'religion of Natural Truth. And this truth is not to be sought in the unknowable and impossible nothing called supernatural...But this 'true religion' of Natural Truth never came to conscious life until it found its monistic expression in the minds of thinkers of proletarian socialism" (Lemmons, p. 9).

Why do socialists embrace evolution? It is because they believe their system of socialism is the evolved (higher) being in social evolution. They suppose "that religion and our present system of civil governments are only the outgrowths of heathenism, and that we have reached a point in evolutionary developments when all our present systems of religion, governments, marriage relations, educational institutions, and society generally, must give way to Socialism, which proposes to correct all the present evils of society, and that, too, without offering us one statutory law, through which we are to reach this end: Socialism is to become the religion - the politics - the everything, with many promises, but with no remedy through which

they can be carried out" (Lemmons, pp. 11-12).

Listen to the leaders of the Socialist party today. Listen carefully about what they say about religion and God. Most of the time there is a deafening silence about these matters. If they do speak of them, they aggressively advocate "the separation of church and state." They do this so they can silence religion and gain power for themselves in the political realm. Once they are the dominate power, they will attack the religious freedoms of our nation. Socialism has no love for religion. We will close with another quote from Fredrich Nietzsche: "In reality, there exists between religion and true science neither relationship nor friendship, not even enmity; they dwell in different spheres" (Lemmons, p. 12). They see religion dwelling in the sphere of fantasy and fiction. Socialism, they believe, is the acceptance of true science. When it is fully embraced, people no longer need a made up God.

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**Editor's Note:** Victor's informative article reminds us of Paul's inspired command to the church in Ephesus which, of course, applies to us with equal authority. "*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*" (Ephesians 5:11). As Victor shows in his article, it is not just the present political system that is threatened by modern socialism, it is also freedom of religion, the nuclear family, moral values and law and order. The devil is doing all he can to lead precious souls to an eternity of suffering. (1 Peter 5:8). Resisting the devil by exposing the works of darkness continues to be the responsibility of every Christian.



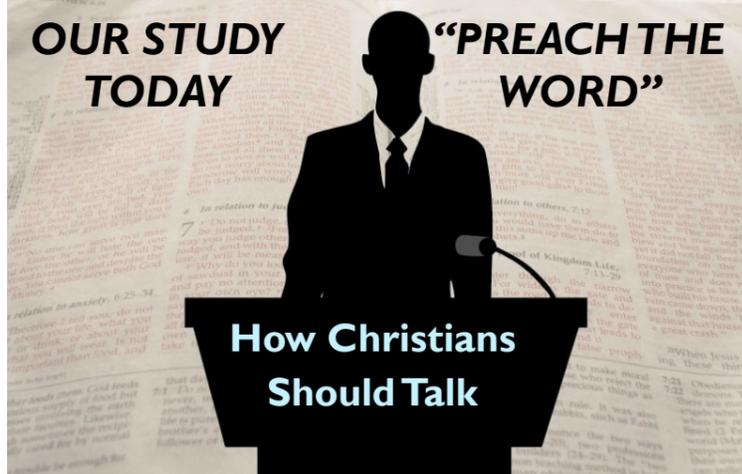
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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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<b>Hear</b>	<b>Believe</b>	<b>Repent</b>	<b>Confess</b>
The Gospel	In Christ	Of Sins	Faith in Christ
<b>Romans 10:17</b>	<b>John 8:24</b>	<b>Acts 17:30-31</b>	<b>Acts 8:37</b>
<i>and</i>			
<b>Be Baptized</b>			
<b>Mark 16:16</b>			
<b>Acts 2:38</b>			