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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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WELCOME HOME JOHN & LAURA SALES!

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 Vincent and Jesse Vincent who is continuing his cancer treatments..

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! We are thrilled to have John and Laura Sales with us today as John begins his labors here at Green Plain as our preacher. John has been preaching for a number of years. However, he and Laura worshipped here at the Green Plain congregation several years before John decided to dedicate himself to preaching the gospel. We look forward to many years of serving together with John and Laura.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY. Announcements are available on the table in the lobby. Let's pray fervently for the success of this effort. Brother Adams will do his part. Let us each do our part.

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>.

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

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Fall Gospel Meeting
September 13-17, 2026

With Alan Adams

**Fall 2026 School of
Biblical Studies**

Sept. 21-Nov.9

Revelation—Larry Powers

1&2 Peter—Jack Phillips

WHERE ARE YOUR AFFECTIONS? By Jonnie Hutchison

The word “affection” is a beautiful word. It brings to mind a warm attachment, love and fondness for someone or something. The New Testament tells Christians to “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Colossians 3:2). It would do well for each of us to ask, where do my affections lie? Am I more fond of the spiritual or the material? Do I love things below more, or those things which are above?

One cannot truly set his affection on things above until he has been “risen with Christ.” (Colossians 3:1). What does it mean to be “risen with Christ?” The New Testament declares, “*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*” (Romans 6:4). When a believing, penitent person is baptized “into Christ” (Galatians 3:27), he

is then “raised” from the watery grave **WITH CHRIST**. From that point on he should have his affections set on those things which are **ABOVE**. He will love and respect the Word of Christ, the church of Christ and will recognize that his own life is “*hid with Christ in God*” (Colossians 3:3). This means the necessity of putting to death all that is contrary to the will of Christ in ones life. Or, as inspiration states, “*put off the old man with his deeds,*” and “*put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*” (Colossians 3:5-10).

We plead with our readers to truly “set your affections on things above.” The things below will perish (2 Peter 3:9ff). Only genuine love and submission to the will of Christ will bring eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Where are YOUR affections?

Who will you invite or bring to our Gospel Meeting?

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL By Jonnie Hutchison

Do we underestimate the tremendous power of the gospel of Christ? Inspiration describes the original gospel of Christ as “*the power of God to salvation*” (Romans 1:16). It is not difficult to understand these words. There is power to save in the gospel of Christ. However, the power cannot be exercised in the hearts of lost men and women until they hear the gospel. Jesus said, “*It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me*” (John 6:45 NKJV). Teaching the gospel is the responsibility of those who have already heard and obeyed the gospel themselves (Mark 16:15; 2 Timothy 2:2). The power is not in those who teach, but in the gospel they faithfully pro-

claim. Yet, those who teach the gospel are essential in God’s plan to save man from sin (See Romans 10:13-15).

The gospel is powerful because it tells of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To the church in Corinth the inspired Paul wrote, “*Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that*

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He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV), If the body of Jesus is still in a tomb somewhere on this earth (as some have claimed) then the gospel has no power at all to save. *“And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty”* (1 Corinthians 15:14 NKJV). However, the infallible proofs of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead are clearly revealed in scripture . In addition there is no proof of the claims that the body of Jesus has been found. There is power in the gospel because Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead to ascend into heaven and is even now sitting at the right hand of God (Acts 2:30-33). The Hebrew writer declares, *“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”* (Hebrews 7:25 KJV). Note the present tense *“he is able also to save.”* This is the power of the gospel!

The gospel is powerful only in its original form. Paul warned the Galatians against accepting a “different gospel” (Gal. 1:6-9). A different gospel is something other than the original. So vital was the original gospel that Paul declared, *“but even if we, or an angel from heaven from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed”* (Gal. 1:8). There is no power to save in the religious doctrines and commandments that men originate (Matt. 15:8-9). The whole system of modern denominationalism is built upon the concept that man has the right to inject in his belief and practice something other than what is revealed in the original gospel. The steps of salvation are different from the original gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38ff; 17:30; Romans 10:9-10). The avenues of worship are different from the original gospel (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Eph. 5:19; 1 Tim. 2:8) . The organization is different from the original gospel (Eph. 1:22-23; Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1). The mission is different from the original gospel (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 8:4) . As a result the power of the original gospel is lost!

The original powerful gospel is revealed in the New Testament of Jesus Christ. What it teaches is the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is powerful (Hebrews 4:12), convicting (Acts 2:37), and able to save your soul (James 1:21). We plead with each one to embrace this original powerful gospel without reservation. If you do, you will gain the forgiveness of your sins and the hope of eternal life in heaven!

**THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD TO
SALVATION—ROMANS 1:16**

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
Oppprtunities**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
A Study of Luke**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM
John Sales**

**SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM
5th John Sales**

**Wednesday 7:00 PM
A Study of 2 Kings**

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