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*You are invited to the
27th Annual Singing
at the*

Green Plain Church of Christ

*3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY 42049*

*Friday, November 20, 2009
From 7:00 pm until ???*

There will be a refreshment break at 9:00 pm

*The church building is
located southeast of
Murray - One mile off
highway 641 -
Near the corner of the
Green Plain and
Murray Paris Roads*

The Work of the Church

Robert Meredith



There are many good organizations in our country which do many good works. The Boy and Girl Scouts of America both do good works and they help build character in our youth. The Lion's club and other such civic organizations do much for the communities in which they exist. However, it is only in the church that our God is glorified (Ephesians 3:21). Let us see what the Bible tells us concerning the works in which God desires His kingdom to be involved. There are three such works.

The primary work of the church is that of evangelism. Jesus came to this world "to seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This was the Lord's work and one that He has given unto His disciples. Jesus declared, "All power is given unto Me in heaven

and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:18-19). Mark penned it this way, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned*" (Mark 16:15-16). From these accounts of the Great Commission, one can clearly see that it is the work of the church to take the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ to the lost. The Apostle Paul tells us the gospel is the power which God uses to save man (Romans 1:16).

A second work in which the church of Christ was involved in Bible times was benevolence. It is the work of Christ's church to be benevolent to those in need. The Holy Spirit had penned, "*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith*" (Galatians 6:10). Also, He had written, "*But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him*" (1 John 3:17)? The early church can be seen as a benevolent church (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-34).

Edification is the third area of work in which one can see the first century church involved. To edify means to build up, strengthen or encourage. The name of Barnabas means "son of exhortation or

consolation." He was given that name by the apostles (Acts 4:36). No doubt he excelled in this vital work. Christians should strive to build up one another. There are times when some fall away from faithfulness and God has given instructions to the stronger to restore such. Paul proclaimed, "*Brethren, if any man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness: considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ*" (Galatians 6:1-2). One can help to edify in several ways; by visiting (James 1:27), by studying with others, by speaking words of encouragement, and by faithful attendance of all the services (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The Lord has authorized (Colossians 3:17) His church to be involved in three areas of work (Evangelism, Benevolence, and Edification). There are many good works in which man can be involved. There may be social issues which need changing, but it is not the work of the church to correct our social ills. The gospel, when proclaimed and applied, will bring about social change. For example, the New Testament did not demand the end of slavery, but this evil practice has ended because of the principles of the gospel. Let us focus our attention on the works in which Christ, the Head of the church (Colossians 1:18), has told His spiritual body to be engaged.

"How Did You Like The Sermon?"

"How did you like the sermon?" Sound familiar? This question is often asked as one seeks to gain impressions of the worship services. It appears to be the thing uppermost in the mind of the average churchgoer.

It is well enough to "like" the sermon. Most preachers like to have their sermons liked; they are just that human. But seriously, is this the most important thing? Should a gospel preacher slant his sermons for the pleasure of the people? Centuries ago, Paul asked this question: *"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ"* (Galatians 1:10).

Many evaluate religious services, preachers in particular, as they evaluate a play, a game, or a TV program. The preacher is on stage and the people are the spectators. God never intended that such criteria be used in the evaluation of worship or in preaching the gospel.

Sermons are preached by faithful ministers, not to be liked, but to be lived. The big question in the heart of every faithful minister is: "What does God want?" This is the supreme and constant consideration of the gospel preacher.

Suppose one does not like the sermon. Does the hypocrite like to be told of his hypocrisy? Does the covetous man like to be reminded that he will have no inheritance in the kingdom of God? Or, the liar, that he will have his part of the lake of fire? Or, the lukewarm church member that he nauseates God? Godly people will not be too much concerned whether people like the sermon. Rather, the question will be: "Did it move you away from sin and nearer to God?" "Was it true?"

Sermons are to be measured not by the approval and pleasure of the people, but by their response in holy living, godly actions, and true Christians devotion.

...Homer P. Reeves



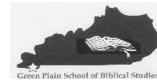
Prayer List: **Wes Alexander, James "Ed" Edwards** (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), **Justine Hannah** (Robert Meredith's aunt), **Darlene Hale** (Mary Vincent's sister), **Kye Luffman, Joan Turnbow** (Betty Enoch's mother), **Faustine Walker, Gail Wright, Frances Wyatt** (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: **Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.**

News at Green Plain

Elders/Deacons Meeting: **Wednesday, the 18th**, following Bible study.

Monthly Luncheons: On **Thursday, the 19th**, the ladies will be going to **Dumplin's** and the men to **Cracker Barrel** at **11:30 am**.



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday night through **December 7th**. The subjects are **The Work of the Church & the Book of James**.

Thank you for the delicious food. Everyone is so nice to us. Love, Gail & Larry

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" James 1:27.

ATTENDANCE November 8, 2009

Bible Study	62	Worship P.M.	61
Worship A.M.	73	Mid-week (11-4)	66

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HAZEL, KY 42049

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The church building is located
southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
Near the corner of the Green
Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
November 2009**

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Tristan Enoch
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Max Henry & James Plgg
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Robert Meredith

Sunday P.M.

11-15.....Robert Meredith
11-22.....Rob Enoch
11-29.....Frank Pool

SCRIPTURE READING:
11-15.....Hayes Grady (Ezek. 37:1-5)
11-22.....Paul Brandon
11-29.....Larry Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
11-15.....Chad Canter
11-22.....Roy Wyatt
11-29.....Rex Enoch

CLOSING PRAYER:
11-15.....Bill Stubblefield
11-22.....Preston Barrett
11-29.....Frank Towery

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Robert Barrett & Paul Brandon

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening...Larry Enoch
Wednesday.....Bill Stubblefield
Substitute.....James Pigg

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Matthias Meredith & Kye Luffman

GREETERS: Rex & Margrette Enoch
LAWN CARE: Larry Enoch

If you are unable to serve, please contact
Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.



Mark 2

1. When Jesus went into Capernaum, does it tell whose house He entered?
2. Which miracle did He perform in this chapter?
3. Who did Jesus call in this chapter?
4. What was the name of the high priest in David's day?
5. What were Jesus and his disciples criticized for doing on the Sabbath?

1. No
2. Healing the man with the palsy (v. 5)
3. Matthew (v. 14)
4. Abiathar (v. 26)
5. Picking and eating corn (v. 23)

**Remember to
bring snacks for
the hospital.**

**Pantry Item
Paper Towels**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
"A Friendly Welcome Awaits You"

RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
November 15, 2009**

A.M. - Three Bones

P.M. - The Scriptures Speak of Jesus

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel

Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe

Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent

Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ

Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)

*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;
Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Continue faithful unto death

Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9