



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## **ATTITUDES THAT NEED DROPPING**

**Christians Need To Drop The:**

- 1. FEAR attitude (2 Timothy 1:7)**
- 2. PROCRASTINATION attitude (2 Corinthians 6:2)**
- 3. LACK OF FAITH attitude (Mark 9:23)**
- 4. "SMALL IS OKAY" attitude (Mark 16:15)**
- 5. WORRY attitude (Matthew 6:25-34)**
- 6. DEFEATIST attitude (Romans 8:37)**

## **“Take Your Foot Off The Brake”**

**Jerry Weldon**

Could it be possible that a few, just a few, church members are like Pat, the Irishman? Two perspiring Irishmen on a two-man bicycle at last arrived at the top of a long hill. “That was a stiff climb, Pat,” said one. “I was at that,” said Pat, “and if I hadn’t kept the brake on, we would have gone backwards for sure!” There are several ways one can keep the brakes on when it comes to building up the church.

**Forsaking the assembly** is one way. We have a responsibility to be present (Hebrews 10:25-26) and when we are delinquent in our attendance, we slow the growth process down.

Another way is by **not loving with agape love**. We are to love one another even as Christ loved us (John 13:34-35), but many have hard feelings, strained relationships, which hold us back. God will not work in a heart full of bitterness. This slows God’s work down to a crawl.

**Marital problems** do so much to retard the growth process. The church is made up of homes and is no stronger than the homes which make it up. We spend time, time that should be spent converting people to Christ, working with family matters Christians should be able to work through.

We also slow progress down by **not giving as we have been prospered**. Everything we do, almost, costs money. From copy machines to mission work, it all costs. We could do more, it stands to reason, if we had more to do with. We ought to be doing more, but we are held back, **due to lack of funds** (2 Corinthians 8:9).

We keep our foot on the brake by **not serving in an area where we have the ability**. We beg for teachers, for people to head up different areas of work we'd like to be involved in, but cannot because no one will take the leadership. All of us will give an account for the way we've used what God has given us (2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:14-ff)!

And how we can slow things down by the **misuse of our tongues!** Swift to hear, slow to speak is Bible. Gossip, slander, negativism have no place in God's kingdom. We could go on and on with different ways one could keep his foot on the brake, but I'm sure you get the point. May God help us to be **strong enough, love enough, care enough, want the church to grow enough**, that we'd never intentionally do anything to slow its progress down.

**One added note:** It is not enough to simply take the foot off the brake. We must all pedal as hard as we can until we all get to the top (Galatians 6:2)!

## THE PERFECT PREACHER

Carroll Sites

What kind of preacher do you like? That question will receive multiplied and varied answers. Well, I came across this little article in my files about the "perfect preacher:"

After hundreds of years, a model preacher has been found to suit everyone. He preaches exactly 20 minutes and then sits down. He condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, doing everything from preaching to custodial service. He makes \$100 a week, drives a good car, and gives \$50 a week to the church. He is ready to contribute to every good work that comes along.

He is 26 years old and has been preaching 30 years. He is tall and short, thin and heavysset and handsome. He has one brown eye and one blue eye, hair parted in the middle, left side dark and straight, right side brown and wavy. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all his time with older folks. He spends all his time visiting the members and is never out of the office.

Funny, you say. Yes admittedly, but I have discovered after 35 years of preaching, that's just how difficult it is

to please some folks. I have come to the firm conclusion—and work by this principle—“you can please all of the people some of the time...and some of the people all of the time...but you will never please ALL of the people ALL of the time...so the preacher had better try to please God!!”

*“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2). “...do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” (2 Timothy 4:5).*

## You Finish The Story

Once there was a congregation in which every member was just like you. Each one cooperated and supported every program just the way you have been doing. Everyone worked as hard and attended the same services and gospel meetings that you did. The elders, deacons and preachers were all interested in the church as you are at this time. They put the same emphasis on their recreation, business, and other material affairs that you do. Each member gave as you do. Within a year or so, this congregation.....

...Selected



**Prayer List:** John Brinkley, James “Ed” Edwards (Betty Enoch’s brother-in-law), Jean Fielder, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent’s sister), Harold Pond (Vicki Canter’s father), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch’s mother), 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

The contribution of Sunday, the 13th, will go to the India work. Please keep this excellent work in your prayers and deeds.

**Visitation Group #2** meets **Sunday**, the 13th.

**Elders/Deacons Meeting:** **Wednesday**, the 16th, following Bible Study.

**Monthly Luncheons:** On **Thursday**, the 17th, the **ladies** will be going to the **home of Teri Meredith**, and the **men** will meet at **Pagliai’s**. The luncheon is at **11:30 am**.

Dear Brothers & Sisters of the Green Plain church. Thank you for all of your prayers, kind & uplifting words, food, and cards. Gail loved this church, she loved the word of God. She kept sermon notes every Sunday she attended. I miss her and I know you do, too. Thank you, with warmest regards, The Larry Wright Family.

Dear Brethren: Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to teach in your Bible School. It was a learning experience for me. In addition I was encouraged by the participation of so many. May God continue to bless your labors. In Christian love, Victor

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“Brethren, if a 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..” Galatians 6:1

### ATTENDANCE December 6, 2009

Bible Study	75	Worship P.M.	50
Worship A.M.	84	Mid-week (12-2)	61

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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  
December 2009**

**USHERS:** Roy Wyatt & Bobby Ward  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rob Enoch

**PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE**  
**AM:** Chad Canter & Larry Enoch  
**Substitute:** Rex Enoch

**ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
**AM:** Paul Brandon & Robert Barrett  
**Substitute:** Dave Thompson

**Sunday PM**  
12-13.....Hayes Grady  
12:20.....Larry Enoch  
12-27.....Bobby Hall

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
12-13.....Frank Pool (Gal. 5:19-21)  
12:20.....Bobby Ward  
12-27.....Bobby Hall

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
12-13.....Hayes Grady  
12-20.....Charles Enoch  
12-27.....Bill Stubblefield

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
12-13.....Robert Barrett  
12-20.....Paul Brandon  
12-27.....Robert Meredith

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
Roy Wyatt & Jesse Vincent

**SONG LEADERS:**  
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening.....James Pligg  
Wednesday.....Chad Canter  
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:**  
Cheyenne & Cadence Sellars

**GREETERS:** James & Jan Pligg

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

USHERS: Roy Wyatt & Bobby Ward  
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rob Enoch

 **Mark 5**

1. When Jesus went into the synagogue and preached to His own countrymen, was He well received?
2. What did King Herod say when he heard of Jesus?
3. Did John hesitate to tell Herod he could not have his brother's wife?
4. Was King Herod ever sorry for the rash promise he made to his step-daughter?

1. No (v. 2)  
2. He said He was John the Baptist  
3. risen from the dead (v. 14)  
No, he said it is not lawful for  
thee to have thy brother's wife (v. 18)  
4. He was exceedingly sorry but for  
the oath's sake before his guests  
he had to fulfill his promise to her  
(v. 26)

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

**Pantry Item  
Canned Corn**

**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  
December 13, 2009**

A.M. - Morality  
P.M. - Be Not Men Pleasers

**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*