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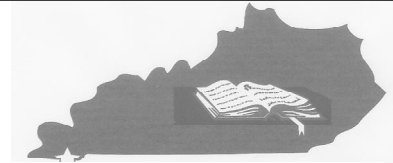
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## Spring Schedule Green Plain School of Biblical Studies



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies

**Each Monday Night  
March 1 - May 24, 2010  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

### Subjects:

**The Home as God Would have It - Virgil Hale - Hickory Grove Church of Christ**

**First & Second Timothy - Robert Meredith - Green Plain Church of Christ**

**Titus - Larry Powers - Sharon Church of Christ**

**Philemon & Jude - Victor Eskew - East Wood Church of Christ**

A class is provided for children of those attending the adult classes.  
Please feel free to attend all or as many classes as you wish.

## The Church Needs Sound Preachers Who Will Go Forth And Proclaim The Gospel Joseph D. Meador

*“And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. And He said, Go and tell this to My people; Ye indeed hear, but do not understand; and ye indeed see, but do not perceive” (Isaiah 6:8-9)*

The text of scripture which serves to introduce this study is found in Isaiah chapter six, with the context contained in verses one through thirteen. The figure of the prophet is that of one who is witnessing a divine vision of the glory and majesty of the triune God; Jehovah of Hosts. The inspired prophet is humbled by his experience and cries out because of his sinfulness.

God therefore cleanses Isaiah of his iniquity and only then does God call forth this brave scribe to be a soldier in the Lord's Army. Indeed, God can use those who are humble in attitude, and who are of a contrite heart. Such have been the defining marks of God's faithful preachers spanning the corridors of time.

God called this preacher forth in order that Israel might know that they were spiritually weak and had been found lacking in regard to their faithful observance of God's law. This was true, in spite of the fact that their "maturity" in the religion of their fathers should have provided a foundation for continued spiritual growth. Yet, because of their attitude of self-righteousness, such was not the case.

Therefore, Isaiah had been raised up by God, as had the Judges of old, in order to preach the message of repentance to the congregation of the Lord. Thus, if we keep the context of this passage in mind, and seek to understand the high degree of apostasy which had pervaded the religious and moral fiber of Israel's latter history, then our appreciation for and sympathy of the role of Isaiah as a preacher becomes obvious.

Such forceful preaching, as the situation necessitated, would not be warmly received...such preaching would not be popular...such preaching would be described as "unloving"... "unwise"...such preaching would be depicted as "negative"...and the preacher of such sermons would be chastised for his lack of "balance." Too, such a preacher would be chided for his strong stand for truth, and would be described as a representative of a certain "camp," rather than being simply a spokesman for God.

This is no doubt what the majority, or the

"mainstream" of Israel thought nearly three thousand years ago, and these are the same impotent charges which some, who claim to be in the "mainstream" of the church today, hurl at steadfast preachers of the ancient order. In fact, many of these congregations, where "love feasts" are ritual attractions, have ruled from within their own elderships that such "negative" and "unloving" preaching be banned.

Indeed, who has changed during the last forty years? Who among us cries, "peace, peace" when there is no peace? Who among us calls good evil and evil good? Who among us turns in disdain from the "old paths" which men of godly estate have walked down befitted with armor and sword? Who among us is warming by a fire which he has not helped to build, but rather is committed to quenching? And who among us is striving to be the petted and pampered pet of the "mainstream" in the Lord's church today? To these queries, our "mainstream" brethren refuse to honestly respond, and yet, in their doctrinal slumber the thunderous voice of God echoes through the writings of departed prophets: "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*" Sadly, few are willing to go as the Lord intended.

In many pulpits, the preaching of the Old Jerusalem Gospel has given way to a new and uncertain sound, and the clarion call of Christ has been muffled by the hands of human philosophy resulting in a synthesized gospel whose origin and standard are not divine.

The preaching of Christ in many congregations has been modified by the theories of Carnegie, while the admonishments of Paul have been tempered with the attitudes of Peale, and the Bible's revealed truths are being interwoven with the teachings of Schuller, Conn,

Ziglar, et al., producing a “new message for a new age.” This new message is promoted for those who desire “quick” friendships... “quick” influence...a “quick” power. In such a “quick” system of positive propaganda, self-justification and the relegation of matters of faith to matters of opinion have become the touchstone of truth, thus avoiding “negative” confrontation.

However, such should not be confused with the “Certified Gospel” whose grand story has been repeated with humble affection by faithful soldiers of the church of Christ for generations, and by whose blood countless martyrs have borne witness. While the former is built upon the quicksand foundation of pseudo-love, utilized by the admirers of these false prophets in order to make a “quick” sale of the Gospel, the latter is built upon the genuine and ever enduring love of God toward His offspring (the human race), drawing men to Christ by virtue of that love as seen in the lives of active soul-seekers who are also contenders for the faith. This is done to the glory of God and Him alone.

The ancient army of God formerly consisted of His mighty prophets who called the adulterous nation of Israel to repentance. In like manner, or in antitype, men of God today are calling for many in the church to repent of compromise and doctrinal weakness and thereafter “*contend earnestly for the faith*” in such a way that the church might present herself as a solid phalanx for Truth to a world searching for light.

In essence, God needs preachers today who will go into battle against all odds in order to save lost souls from perdition. In so doing, the bride’s honor and integrity will be sustained. Will you go? Will you prepare? How will you answer?



**Prayer List:** Paul Brandon, Vicki Canter, James “Ed” Edwards (Betty Enoch’s brother-in-law), Margrette Enoch, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent’s sister), Jason Hill (Amy Barrett’s father), Warren Jackson, Binita Irvin, Jimmy Shelly (Robert’s uncle), Ross Simmons, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch’s mother), Jesse Vincent, 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

We rejoice in that **Trista Tyson** was baptized into Christ this past Sunday night. Let us be an encouragement to our new sister in Christ.

**We would like to thank each of you for the calls, visits, cards, flowers, donations to the India work, and the wonderful food prepared during the recent illness and death of our father, M. W. (Dub) Henry.**

**In Christian love,  
The family of Dub Henry**

**Gospel Meeting:** Walnut Grove Church of Christ (Benton), **February 28 - March 2, 7:00 pm** (Monday - Tuesday), with **Eric Lyons**.

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“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 28:19)

### ATTENDANCE February 21, 2010

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>Worship P.M.</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Worship A.M.</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>Mid-week (2-17)</b>	<b>52</b>

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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
February 2010

**USHERS:** Jesse Vincent & Tristan Enoch  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chad Canter

**PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE**  
AM: Max Henry & James Pigg  
Substitute: Frank Pool

**ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
AM: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett  
Substitute: Robert Meredith

**Sunday PM**  
2-28.....Rob Enoch

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
2-28.....Ira Sellars (Acts 2:36-39)

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
2-28.....Roy Wyatt

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
2-28.....Preston Barrett

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
Robert Barrett & Tristan Enoch

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

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:**  
Matthias Meredith & Mary Vincent

**GREETERS:** Jesse & Mary Vincent

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



# Luke 1

1. To whom was Luke writing this epistle?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was King of Judea at this time.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was a priest and his wife's name was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What was his duty as priest in the temple of the Lord?
5. When the angel of the Lord appeared unto Zacharias, what message did he tell him?

1. Theophilus (v. 3)  
2. Herod (v. 5)  
3. Zacharias, Elizabeth (v. 5)  
4. To burn incense (v. 9)  
5. That he & Elizabeth would have a son & his name would be John (v. 13)



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



**Pantry Item  
Soup**

## 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 February 28, 2010

A.M. - Baptism

P.M. - God Will Not Cast Us Out

## 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*