



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## ELDERS

John Brinkley  
Rex Enoch  
Hayes Grady  
Billy Joe Stubblefield  
Bobby Ward

## DEACONS

Robert Barrett  
Chad Canter  
Larry Enoch  
Rob Enoch  
Bobby Hall  
Robert Meredith  
James Pigg  
Jesse Vincent  
Eddie Ward

## PREACHER

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You are cordially invited to attend our  
**Spring Gospel Meeting**

at the

**Green Plain Church of Christ**

April 11 - 15, 2010

Our Speakers will be

**Virgil Hale** - Sunday & Wednesday

**Dean Crutchfield** - Monday & Tuesday

**Victor Eskew** - Thursday

### Service Times:

**Sunday Morning—10:00 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.**

**Sunday Evening—7:30 p.m.**

**Monday—Thursday Evenings—7:00 p.m.**

3980 Murray Paris Road  
Hazel, KY 42049  
270-492-8206

1 mile off highway 641 near the  
corner of the Green Plain and  
Murray Paris Roads

## The Preacher Who Would Not Preach Allen Ashlock

There was once a preacher who would not preach. He had the education and the degrees. He attended the “socially elite” schools of the brotherhood. He smiled often and was fond of telling little jokes and stories. He worked very hard to get everyone to like him. For the most part it seemed that all men did like him (Luke 6:26). He spoke words that men liked to hear. He told the adulterer he was OK so long as he was sorry. He told all people of his sorrow for their problems. He told them the Lord understood and that grace would cover their sins.

This preacher was found often criticizing what he called the “**sound doctrine, sound church**” brethren. He declared that preachers should not be so definite about their preaching. “**After all,**” he said, “**truth is often more difficult than any have imagined.**” This preacher was well known for his doctrine of uncertainty.

This preacher was fond of raising questions to perplex all people. He delighted in showing

that truth and its application was often a serious and very complex matter. So complex, he declared that people should not draw too definite conclusions.

This preacher derided the attacks against him. He spoke often of “**being misunderstood.**” “People just don’t understand,” he often said soberly. This preacher was hard to nail down and even harder to fully understand.

This preacher loved to criticize the church. In his view the church just was never right. He spoke constantly of the need for changes but rarely about the specifics. This man was the “self-appointed” savior of the church. How thankful we should be for him we were told by many.

The sad thing about the above preacher was that **HE WOULD NOT PREACH!** The Lord God declared, “*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*” (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

Brethren, the description above of “The Preacher Who Would Not Preach” is more true than most realize. It seems that this is the kind of preacher that more and more are wanting in the church. This kind of preacher is weak on doctrine and big on opinion and philosophy. The great question at this hour is this: **What will the church be like in 10 years with a diet of preachers like the above?**

We urge all brethren everywhere to stand for the truth of God and to uphold the truth that makes men free (John 8:32). Let us not be indifferent to error and to preachers who proclaim such error. If we love the church and the souls of men we will stand up against every false way (Psalm 119:104)!

## BE - ATTITUDES

We're familiar with the beatitudes in Matthew 5. Here are a few additional BE - Attitudes to help you enjoy a better life...

BE - content with what you have.

BE - willing to share what you have.

BE - loyal to your friends.

BE - patient and understanding with others.

BE - strong in the face of adversity.

BE - weak enough to seek God's help.

BE - charitable to those in need.

BE - wise enough to know that only God is wise.

BE - quick to share your smile.

BE - willing to weep with others.

BE - a leader when others are lost.

BE - first to lift up a fallen opponent.

BE - last to boast of your own victory.

BE - sure you know the path, so you will not stumble. ...Selected

# SATAN'S LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Mr. Lukewarm Christian  
Wherever, U.R.

Dear Lukie,

I'm so glad you took my suggestion last winter and did not bother too much about going to church curing the cold weather. Now by all means be careful about getting out too much in this "sun stroke" weather. You know you must stay well if you are going to work every day, and you sure couldn't afford to miss a day at work. Going to church in this hot weather might be bad on your health, especially the Sunday night and Wednesday night services. Don't take this radio program too seriously. Why, you know you are satisfied to see things as they are. The church house is alright, we don't need a larger building. Also, you know you shouldn't give more than a dollar or two on Sunday. After all, the others will give, so you just sit back and let others carry on. I think you understand this.

I must close now and write old Buddy Backslider. He's been thinking about starting back to church and I'm afraid he will. He might even confess that he has been unfaithful. That would be a silly thing for him to do and embarrassing too. I better close and write him.

Your friend & father of lies,  
B. L. Z. Bub  
...adapted



**Prayer List:** Paul Brandon, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Margrette Enoch, Jean Fielder, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Starkie Hall (Bobby's father), Jason Hill (Amy Barrett's father), Jane Lovett (Mary White's sister-in-law), Patricia Lovett, April Luffman, Cara Meredith, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Bennie Tyson, 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

**Visitation Group #1 meets Sunday, the 4th.**

### WE CAN WIN A SOUL FOR CHRIST

If you cannot sing like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot cross the ocean,  
And the heathen land explore,  
You can find a soul much nearer,  
You can find one next door.

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."  
(2 Timothy 4:2)

### ATTENDANCE March 28, 2010

Bible Study	65	Worship P.M.	59
Worship A.M.	81	Mid-week (3-24)	64

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3980 MURRAY PARIS ROAD  
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  
April 2010**

**USHERS:** Robert Barrett & Cody Canter  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Larry Enoch

**PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE**  
AM: Frank Pool & Roy Wyatt  
Substitute: Bobby Hall

**ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
AM: Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett  
Substitute: Frank Towery

**Sunday PM**  
4-4.....Rob Enoch  
4-11.....Rob Enoch  
4-18.....Larry Enoch  
4-25.....Larry Enoch

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
4-4.....James Pigg (Isa. 1:16-20)  
4-11.....Robert Meredith  
4-18.....Chad Canter  
4-25.....Rex Enoch

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
4-4.....Frank Pool  
4-11.....Bill Stubblefield  
4-18.....Brent Morris Jr.  
4-25.....Eddie Ward

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
4-4.....Ira Sellars  
4-11.....Hayes Grady  
4-18.....Dave Thompson  
4-25.....Roy Wyatt

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett

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

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:**  
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

**LAWN CARE:** Rex Enoch

**GREETERS:** Dave & Ann Thompson

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



**Luke 4**

1. How was Jesus led into the wilderness?
2. Did the devil think he could easily tempt Jesus?
3. When Jesus went to the synagogue to read on the Sabbath Day from what book did He read?
4. In the time of Eliseus there were many lepers in Israel, but who was the only one healed?
5. What kind of illness did Simon's mother have?

1. By the Spirit (v. 1)
2. Jesus had been tempted forty days without food and He was hungry (v. 2)
3. The book of Isaias (v. 17)
4. Naaman (v. 27)
5. A great fever (v. 38)



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



**Pantry Item Salsa**

**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  
April 4, 2010**

A.M. - The Seven Dwarfs

P.M. - Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

**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*