



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## ELDERS

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Hayes Grady  
Billy Joe Stubblefield

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## WHY ARE SOULS SO VALUABLE?

**THE SOUL IS FROM GOD** .....Ecclesiastes 12:7

**OFFSPRING OF GOD** .....Acts 17:28-29

**IN GOD'S IMAGE**.....Genesis 1:26

**ETERNAL**.....Matthew 10:28;  
John 5:28-29

**LEAVES THE BODY AT DEATH**.....Genesis 35:18;  
Luke 23:46

**LASTS FOR ETERNITY**.....Luke 16:19-31; Mat-  
thew 25:16

**SOULS NEED TO BE SAVED**.....James 1:21; 5:20; 1

## The Choice Is Yours David McCain

What do you want the Green Plain church of Christ to be like? Let your imagination run wild for a moment: friendliest church, most imposing worship services, best evangelistic emphasis, most benevolent, best-taught Bible school, strongest visitation program, most loving, best youth program, most generous...the choice is yours, you know!

Of course, I am not talking about what doctrine we will believe, practice and teach; that has already been decided for us by the Lord. If we want to be the church of Christ, then obviously we must do what Christ said or we are not His church. What I am talking about is the way we apply that doctrine. That is what really determines what the Green Plain congregation will be like, and that is one decision that is left up to the membership. Let me explain.

Who decides what the attendance at services will be on any given Sunday or Wednes-

day? The membership decides! Who decides how much the church will spend on evangelism or benevolence? Someone says, “The elders do,” or “The men of the congregation do.” Wrong! Oh, yes, the elders (or in congregations without elders, the men’s business meetings) decide where the money will go, but the membership decides how much will be spent, because if we don’t give it, the elders or those responsible can’t spend it. What about the atmosphere of our assemblies, who decides that? Why, the membership, of course! You can’t have a friendly church without friendly members. You can’t have a loving church without loving members. You can’t have enthusiastic, spirited worship without members who want to worship God in a spirited and zealous fashion.

One final question: Who decides whether or not we are a growing church, a stagnant church, or a dying church? You’ve begun to catch on, and you’re right — you do! Oh, yes, the leadership plays a major part. I have always believed, and I think the Bible clearly teaches, that the church cannot outgrow its leadership. Generally speaking, the members will not go where their leaders will not lead and that’s why many churches are stagnant, dying, or dead — because their leaders offer little or no example of real leadership for the members to follow. As the Bible says, “*Where there is no vision, the people perish*” (Proverbs 29:18).

But ultimately, it again falls on the membership to decide whether the church grows, maintains the status quo (a nice way of saying it remains stagnant), or dies. Even if a church has dynamic, visionary, on-fire leadership, if it does not have zealous members who are willing to follow their lead and involve themselves in the work, then the battle is lost. It takes great leaders and great fol-

lowers to build a great church.

To a degree the success or failure of the local congregation is in **YOUR** hands. **YOU** must decide how much visiting will be done, how many folks will be invited to attend our services, how much the Gospel will be shared in private conversations, and what kind of influence the church will have in the community by your own personal demeanor and example. Whether or not a local church grows will to a great degree, be determined by these factors. So, you see, **the choice is really yours!**

What do you want this congregation to be like and what would it be like if everyone else attended, participated, fellowshiped, worshipped, gave, and worked just as **YOU** do? It is a sobering thought, worthy of serious soul-searching consideration. (adapted for use in the *Green Plain Proclaimer*)

## HOW DO WE LOOK UPON WORSHIP?

There are millions of people who meet every week to worship, but do they worship? Jesus said, “*God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24). God expects the worship offered to Him to be spiritual and according to His teaching. We are quick to point out to our denominational friends how they fail to worship God in spirit and truth, but what about our worship? How do we who are members of the Lord’s church look upon worship?

1. Some may look upon worship as an act that is forced upon them, not as

an opportunity to grow spiritually (2 Peter 3:18).

2. Some may look upon worship as a means of developing a good standing in the community and they fail to let God's word develop their lives (Colossians 3:16).
3. Some may look upon worship as a means of having a good standing with other members of the church and fail to use the opportunity to perfect and increase their happiness.
4. Some may look upon worship as a mere social function and not as fellowship with other Christians (Acts 2:42).
5. Some may look upon worship as a necessary evil done out of habit and not as an opportunity to escape for a short period of time from a world of sin which often overwhelms our daily lives (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).
6. Some may look upon worship as something not too important; for they arrive at the last minute before worship starts and leave immediately after or even sometimes before the last "Amen" is said. Thus, they fail to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

### HOW DO YOU LOOK UPON WORSHIP TO GOD?

If worshipping God is boring on earth, will it be less boring in heaven (Revelation 14:7)?

...Selected



**Prayer List:** Anne Brinkley, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Bennie Tyson, Mary Vincent, and any who may be in need of our prayers.

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

## News at Green Plain



**Wedding:** You are invited to the marriage ceremony of **Mary White & James Lowrie** on **June 25, 2010**, at **7:00 pm**, at the **Green Plain Church of Christ**. Reception to follow (no gifts please).



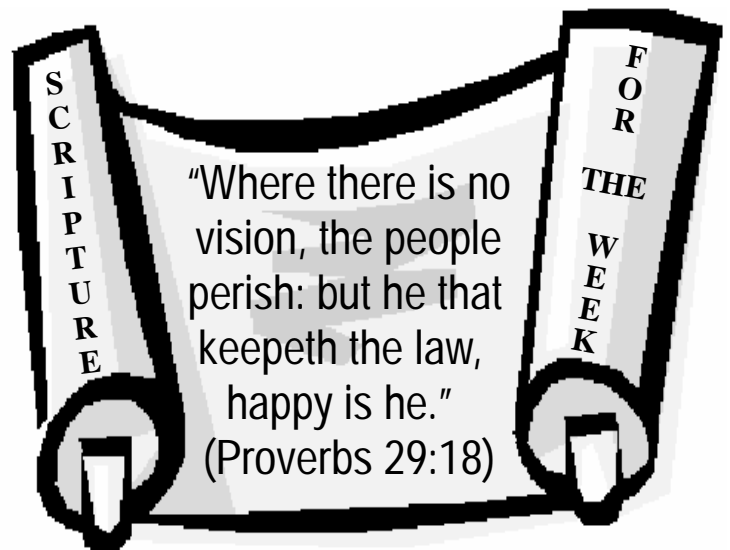
**Visitation Group #2** will meet **Sunday, the 13th**.



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



**Monthly Luncheon:** The monthly luncheon will be at **Taco John's** on **Thursday, the 17th**, at **11:30 am**.



### ATTENDANCE June 6, 2010

Bible Study	69	Worship P.M.	76
Worship A.M.	80	Mid-week (6-2)	67

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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  
June 2010**

**USHERS:** Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chad Canter

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

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

**Sunday PM**  
6-13.....Bobby Hall  
6-20.....Rex Enoch  
6-27.....Bobby Hall

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
6-13.....Larry Enoch (Lk. 14:25-27)  
6-20.....James Pigg  
6-27.....Rob Enoch

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
6-13.....Larry Enoch  
6-20.....Preston Barrett  
6-27.....Mike Ernstberger

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
6-13.....Dave Thompson  
6-20.....Eddie Ward  
6-27.....Rob Enoch

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
Roy Wyatt & Ira Sellars

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS**  
Matthias Meredith & Cody Canter

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

**LAWN CARE:** Rob Enoch  
**GREETERS:** Robert & Wanda Barrett

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

 **Luke 14**

1. What disease did the man have in this chapter?
2. Did the lawyers and Pharisees try to hinder Jesus from healing this time on the Sabbath day?
3. What parable did Jesus teach in this chapter?
4. What did Jesus say about one thinking more highly of himself?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said if we hate not our own family, even our own life, we cannot be His disciple?

1. Dropsy (v. 2)  
2. No, they held their peace (v. 4)  
3. A wedding feast (v. 8)  
4. Whosoever exaltes himself shall be abased, and he that humbly himself shall be exalted? (v. 11)  
5. Whosoever of you that forsake not all that he hath cannot be My disciple (v. 33)



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



**Pantry Item  
Plastic  
Utensils**

**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  
June 13, 2010**

A.M. - The Cost of Discipleship

P.M. - When God's Laws  
Seemingly Conflict

**WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED**

**Hear the gospel**  
*Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17*

**Believe**  
*Rom. 1:16; Mk. 16:7; 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*