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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger 270-753-2108 Home 270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg 270-759-2145 Home 270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
Cell: 270-978-7569

Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
3980 Murray Paris Road
Hazel, KY 42049
- Phone: (270) 492-8206

MOTHERS

MOTHER IS...

Someone who cares when others couldn't care less.

Someone who encourages when others discourage.

Someone who defends when others attack.

Someone who is patient when others are intolerable.

Someone who appreciates when others ignore.

Someone who is accepting when others reject.

Someone who gives security in an uncertain world.

Someone who is a friend always, to cherish and protect, as her achievements will linger for generations. — Decatur Highway, Gardendale, AL

The saying that someone has something about them that only a mother could love

speaks volumes about the love of mothers for their children. Of course mothers are not perfect and not all mothers love as mothers should. We are blessed with the examples of many godly mothers in the Bible and should learn from them whether we are mothers or not.

One of the harshest rebukes Jesus gave was toward those who through trickery and a false show of piety weaseled their way out of caring for their aging mothers. Some of Jesus' final words were making sure his mother would be taken care of by John. God commands us to honor our mothers, but he shouldn't have to make it a command. If your mother is still living make sure she knows that you love her and honor her.

- Blue Ridge Church of Christ, GA



NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Green Plain members*: Peggy Jarvis, Marie Wyatt, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, Bobby and Sue Hall all need our prayers and encouragement.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington and Nick Sudzam.. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2022: 1—Pork-n-Beans; 8—Toothbrush; 15—Pickles 22—Mixed Vegetables; 29— Canned Carrots. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.

May 2022 Birthdays: 19—Peyton Smith; 27—Ann Thompson; 29—Mary Vincent;

ENROLL IN A FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. Send your name and complete mailing address and phone number to Green Plain church of Christ 3980 Murray Paris RD Hazel, KY 42049 or email your request to greenplaincoc@gmail.com. You may also enroll on our website.: greenplainchurchofchrist.org.

HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “*Back to the Bible*” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Monday's. 7—9 pm..

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2022

Announcements—Mike Ernstberger
 Preside at Lord’s Table AM—Roy & Junior
 Lord’s Table PM: 5/1-Roy; 5/8-Junior 5/15-Roy;
 5/22-Junior; 5/29-Roy
 Opening Prayer AM: 5/1-Jonnie; 5/8-Bobby;
 5/15-James; 5/22-Jim; 5/29-Mike
 Closing Prayer AM: 5/1-Perry; 5/9-Chad;
 5/15-Dave; 5/22-Jesse; 5/29-Larry
 Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Chad; Wed Larry
 Usher: Jesse
 Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts
Worship
 10:45 am— “*God Made Mothers*”
 6 pm— “*Do You Want “Sum” or Just “Some”?*”
Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 12 John
 7:00 PM

WORSHIP GOD By Mike Riley

We read within the Bible that Christians assembled together upon the first day of the week to **worship God** through His Son, Jesus (Acts 20:7). When they met together, they studied God's word, prayed, sang hymns of praise, gave of their income, and partook of the Lord's supper. We have examples for each of these practices within the New Testament (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 14:15; 16:1-2). We see in these simple, yet powerful, actions of worship, how God desires to be worshiped in the name of His Son, Jesus.

Why We Worship God As We Do In The Churches of Christ

The worship observed within the churches of Christ is one of the biggest differences that are noted by those who are not members of the church of Christ. Many want to know where the "music" is. Many want to know why the Lord's supper is observed every Sunday. Many want to know why such emphasis is placed upon Bible study. Many want to know why we do not "tithe." The answer is really quite simple, though many do not accept it. We seek to *worship God* upon the terms and conditions that God has set for worship within the New Testament.

One will not find the word "tithe" in the New Testament. One will not find the use of mechanical instruments of music in the worship of the church in the New Testament. One will not find the Lord's supper being observed once a quarter, or month in the New Testament, but every Sunday. One will not find with-

in the New Testament "self-help" motivational speaking, but rather the preaching and teaching of the word of God. It is our desire to worship God in the way that God would have us worship Him, not in the way that makes man feel good. We seek to serve God in our worship, not to serve self.

We Worship God Because He Is Worthy

We worship God not to gain an emotional experience, but because God is worthy of our worship. Revelation 4:11 states, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." The reason for our very existence is to give pleasure to God; it makes no sense for God's creation to fashion worship practices which give pleasure to the creature rather than the creator.

We Worship God in the Way He Desires to be Worshiped

Indeed, who ought to determine how we are to worship? The one who worships? Or the one who deserves to be worshiped? Certainly, the creature has no right to tell the creator how he/she is going to worship Him. God Himself must tell us what we may do to worship; we dare not approach God with our own righteousness (Romans 10:1-3).

Jesus said that God desires to be worshiped in spirit and in truth. Spiritual worship is worshiping God out of a humble, respectful, and subservient attitude. Truthful worship means to

**We worship
God as He
desires, not as
we desire!**

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worship God according to His word, for God's word is truth (John 17:17).

So as we worship together this day, let us focus upon God as the one toward whom we are worshiping; let us acknowledge His wishes in the way in

which He would have us to worship Him; and let us be content to satisfy God in our worship as opposed to satisfying ourselves.

—[Worship God | We Worship God As He Desires, Not As We - GEWatkins.net](#)

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea.

The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from these things,
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through,
He called it simply - Mother.

~ Herbert Farnham

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!

~ Anon.



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