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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

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## EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD BY JONNIE HUTCHISON

When you arose from your nights rest this morning, did you think of the coming of the Lord? This writer would venture to say that the majority of people never think about the second coming of our Lord. They are not only not thinking about it, they are living their lives as if the Lord will never return. Those who do think about the coming of the Lord often have the same attitude as those mentioned in 2 Peter 3:4 where those described as “scoffers” question the validity of Christ’s second coming. They reason, “*Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation..*” In other words, if it hasn’t already happened it’s not going to happen. Of course, the Lord answers that invalid argument by using the example of the universal flood in the days of Noah. All things were continuing then as normal, **but then the flood came** (2 Peter 3:5-6). Inspiration then states this truth: “*But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and*

*perdition of ungodly men*” (2 Peter 3:7).

Dear reader re you eagerly waiting for the coming of the Lord? Is it something that you think about often or does it seldom cross your mind? The Bible indicates that each of us should be constantly looking for the Lord’s return. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth that they should be “*eagerly waiting for the revelation [the second coming JH] of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Cor. 1:7). The word “eagerly” suggests an attitude of urgent anticipation. It is a constant desire for the fulfillment of the hope possessed by the faithful child of God—the hope of the Lord’s return and the ultimate reward of an eternity with Him in heaven.

Is the Lord coming again? He promised He would— “I will come again” (John 14:3). Angels testified that He would come again in the same manner as He ascended (Acts 1:11). The Lord’s Supper is observed each first day of the week in anticipation of His coming (1 Corinthians 11:26). To

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margie Grady, Hayes Grady is recovering from surgery he had on Tuesday. and Jesse and Mary Vincent. Remember Vickie Canter as she continues to undergo treatments Please pray that these treatments will be successful. Family and Friends: Teresa Tacker, Bryan White, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Jackie Armstrong who passed from this life this past week. Funeral arrangements are as follows: Visitation is Monday from 10 am to 1 pm. at J.H. Churchill. The funeral will follow at 1:00 pm. Please pray for her children and Sue, Bobby and Karen. We will certainly miss Jackie's presence in our assemblies. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..." (Rev. 14:13).

- **PANTRY ITEMS January 2022:** 2—Peaches; 9—Peanut Butter; 16—Carrots; 23—Peas; 30— Canned Potatoes. 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.
- **January 2022 Anniversaries:** None. **Birthdays:** 14—Shane Smith; 18—Karen (Hall) Elkins; 26—Marjorie Grady; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- **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.
- Watch *A BIBLE ANSWER* each Sunday at 8:00 am locally on the CW WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY.

### THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 2021

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger  
 Preside at Lord's Table AM: Larry & Junior  
 Preside at Lord's Table PM: 2—Larry; 9—Bobby;  
 16—Larry; 23—Bobby; 30—Larry  
Opening Prayer AM  
 2—Jonnie; 9—Chad; 16—James; 23—Jim;  
 30—Mike  
Closing Prayer PM  
 2—Jesse; 9—David; 16—Roy; 23—Bobby; 30—Perry  
 Song Leaders: AM Perry-; PM Mike-; WED Chad  
 Count Contribution: Larry & James  
 Usher: Chad

### **LESSONS TODAY**

Bible Study-10 AM  
*The Book of Acts*

### Worship

10:45 am— *"The Wrath of God"*

6 pm— *"Lessons From Jericho"*

Wednesday Bible Class  
*A Study of 1 John*

7:00 PM

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the church in Philippi the inspired Paul wrote, *“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself”* (Philippians 3:20-21).

The only way one may truly be eagerly awaiting the Lord’s return is to be prepared for it. When the Lord has returned it will be too late to prepare. Now is the time! (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Though no human knows when Jesus is coming we know that He is. Are you ready for Him to come? You can be if you are willing to obey His commands to believe in Him as the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of your sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess your faith in Him (Romans 10:9-10) and be immersed in water into His death to have your sins washed away by His precious blood (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27) And then, to eagerly await His return by living in hope as His faithful servant. Then.... *“When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory”* (Colossians 3:4).

### IT’S FUNNY HOW ...

It's funny how difficult it can be to wake up for worship, and yet how easy it is to wake up super early for our favorite hobbies.

It's funny how a cold and cough can keep us from going to worship, yet the same cold is hardly even noticed when a day of fun is planned.

It's funny how treacherous the road conditions look when Bible class is the destination, and how passable they appear when a social event is planned.

It's funny how \$20 can seem so large when the collection plate goes by, and yet seem so insignificant when shopping at the mall.

It's funny how long it can feel to spend 60 minutes serving the Lord, and how quick those 60 minutes can go when watching TV or playing games.

It's funny how difficult it can be to read a few pages of Scripture, and yet how easy it is to read 300 pages from a good book.

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I'll admit these statements are difficult to read. Some of these statements may step on toes, including my own, but these are important points to consider. Is it funny? No, perhaps that's not the right word. But it is interesting how inconsistent and misguided we can be in our decisions. What is really important to us? What are we truly focused on? It really comes down to our perspective. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my be-

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### COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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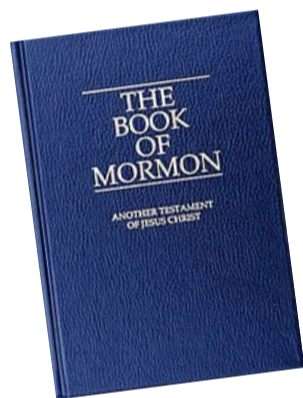
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loved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

There is simply nothing more valuable and useful than spending time on spiritual things. At times spiritual things may not be as fun as golf or as exciting as shop-

ping, but it is infinitely more important. We can still enjoy life to the fullest, but let's keep our interests in perspective. Let's not bring a double standard to the Lord (Luke 10:27). Let's keep what is truly important in clear focus (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

-Copied from the Bear Valley Church of Christ's daily email ministry *Daily Bread*



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Mormons claim that the book of Mormon is "another gospel" which was given to Joseph Smith by an angel. Here is what the Bible says about an angel delivering "another gospel."

#### **Galatians 1:6-9**

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another gospel**: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert the gospel of Christ**. But though we, or **an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you**, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach **any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."



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