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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

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

### Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison  
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India—Dale Foster, David  
Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;  
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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## The Inability To Situationalize Truth *By Wes Garland*

I don't know how many times I have encountered people thinking that their situation, or another's situation, changes the parameters of what truth really is. They think that the situation that they present is the ONE exception that God allows. But what is truth? Does truth change depending on certain parameters or does it stay constant? TRUTH, by nature, is ABSOLUTE. It declares the simple statement of what is reality and what is real and true. When God states a truth, NOTHING can alter the reality of that statement. Let's discuss 3 areas in which people try to situationalize truth.

First, **obeying the Gospel**. I have encountered many people, even some in the church, that believe that "I know that is what the Bible says, but..." and then they will proceed into thinking that their specific situation MIGHT CHANGE the situation for them. People think that if they have the "right heart" God will somehow

change the result for them because they think that their heart justifies their refusal of obedience. The fact is this. If the person has a "right heart" then they will proceed to do what God wants them to do. One of the aspects of obedience is that you are APPEALING TO GOD'S AUTHORITY through the actions of doing exactly what He wants us to do (Rom. 10:13). It is the answer of a GOOD CONSCIENCE (mind or heart) towards God (1 Pet. 3:21). You can never bend the rules of salvation to what we WANT to believe, but have to stand on the TRUTH itself. What does truth say? UNLESS a person obeys the Gospel, the vengeance of God will be upon them (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Unless a person repents from their sins, they will perish (Lk. 13:3,5). Unless a person believes and is baptized, they will not be saved (Mark 16:16). These are not our words or our impressions, but the SIMPLE

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Marie Wyatt and Jim Lowrie.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Lucetria Hutchison, Carleigh Hutchison (Gail & Jonnie’s granddaughter) and Jan’s brother Ted Clark.

**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.

**HOME BIBLE STUDY;** Request a **FREE** home Bible study—“Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

**PANTRY ITEMS December 2023:** 3—Great Norther Beans; 10-Spinach 17-Carrots; 24-Canned Meats; 31– Mixed Veges.All items must be **non-perishable or canned.**

**December 2023; Anniversaries:** 17-Mary & Jesse Vincent; 22–Marjorie & Hayes Grady.

**Birthdays:** 7-Mike Ernstberger; 9-Debbie Ernstberger; 12-Wanda (Robert) Barrett; 12-Jesse Vincent; 16-Chad Canter; 17-Marie Wyatt; 18-Wanda (Alex) Barrett.



**TUNE IN TO WATCH AND HEAR THE  
GOSPEL PROCLAIMED 24/7 ON THE  
GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK  
GBNTV.ORG**

**THSE TO SERVE December 2023**

Announcements: Mike Ernstberger

Table AM: James Pigg & Chad Canter

Table PM: 3-Chad; 10-James; 17-Chad;  
24-James; 31-Chad

Opening Prayer AM: 3-Jonnie; 10-Perry;  
17-Bobby; 24-Jim L. 31-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 3-Roy; 10-Dave; 17-Brent;  
24-Chad; 31-Jesse

Song Leaders: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: James & Chad

**If you cannot serve contact Chad Canter**

**ORNAMENT  
PARTY**

**DECEMBER  
9TH**

**5:00  
PM**



**At the Home of  
Jane Morris**

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WORD OF GOD. We just need to have enough faith to believe in what it says.

**Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage.** God's law for marriage is very simple: one man, one woman for life (Rom. 7:2-3). The only way of getting out of that marriage is either by the death of the spouse (Rom. 7:3) or through ONE EXCEPTION, fornication on the part of the other spouse (Mat. 19:9). THEN, the one who DID NOT commit fornication would have the right to remarry someone ELIGIBLE to be married or remarried (1 Cor. 7:39). But as some try to do, they look at these simple laws and they see that their situation doesn't meet up with these laws. Instead of making their situation in harmony with God's law, they try to situationalize themselves against God's law. In their minds they think, "I don't think that God would hold me accountable" or "I think that God will allow this to happen" or "God is loving and would not want me to live celibate the rest of my life." In each of these statements, the people do not want to accept nor deal with the consequences of their actions of disobedience. In each of these statements, God has to be seen in a light that is not the way He is seen in scripture. For these statements to be true, it would give man the ability to create God in a fashion that is best suited for themselves. May we remember that God made us and not we made God. God's law is firm and true (corresponds to reality). Will we listen and be honest with ourselves and make the changes to be right in the sight of God or will we remain in disobedience? We choose. John 12:48, "He who rejects Me, and does

not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

**Faithfulness.** I have come across a lot of people who used to be very strong in the faith but aren't now or have obeyed the gospel and you see them never really getting to their full potential, spiritually speaking. When confronting these individuals, I have heard numerous statements like "I have just gotten really busy", "Things have just come up", "My child has practice or games" etc. Now with these individuals, a lot of times, I never hear statements like "We are going to quit these sports teams because they are taking us away from God" or "I am going to make changes in my scheduling to make sure that God comes first" or "I am going to empty my plate so that I can put God first". Why is this? They think that because these situations have occurred, a lot of the times because they, themselves, have allowed it, will somehow excuse them in the realm of faithfulness. But, what has happened, is that they have replaced God with all of these other things that, in their heart, God can become second. We need to realize that God is to ALWAYS TAKE PRECEDENCE in our lives (Col. 1:18) and that the things of this world, the sports teams, the scheduling, our jobs, etc. are only to get us through this life. If we only focus on the physical, it will only lead us to the end of the physical, death and ultimately the second death (Rev. 21:8). God expects His people to look beyond the physical and look on to the eternal (Tit. 2:13). God expects His people to not become in love with this

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world (1 John 2:15-17), but to love Him (Jn. 14:15). God expects His people to continue staying faithful and not deserting the things involving Him (Heb. 2:1-4).

**NO SITUATION can arise to excuse us of faithfulness!** May we do what we must to have what God wants us to receive! It will NOT happen if we don't MAKE it happen! Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

—Warner's Chapel church of Christ Clemmons, NC.

**Editor's Note:** The above article was a three part series which ran three consecutive weeks in the Wanner's Chapel weekly bulletin. We edited and combined these articles into one.



**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!

**Bible Study Opportunities**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM**  
**Study of Matthew**

**SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45**  
**"A Study of John 1:1-5"**  
**Ron Hutchison**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00**  
**"UFO's, ET's & the Bible"**  
**Ron Hutchison**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
**Study of Premillennialism**



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