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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  
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Hazel, KY 42049
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## TRUSTING IN THE LORD BY JONNIE HUTCHISON

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths”* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

What does it mean to “trust in the Lord”? The Hebrew word (btach) translated “trust” in our English translations is the idea of placing complete confidence in another. In the context that confidence is placed “in the Lord.”

Trust, as used in the English language, is defined as “belief that someone or something is reliable, good, honest, effective, etc.” (Meriam-Webster). To put one’s trust in the Lord requires that one believe all of these things about the Lord. If one has any doubts about the reliability, goodness, honesty or effectiveness of the Lord he or she lacks that strength of trust. The extent of that trust is stated in the words “with all your heart.” The Bible often uses the word heart to mean the mind. The mind is the seat of one’s intellect, will and emotions. The admonition to trust in the Lord with all of your heart involves all of these areas of the mind.

How does one show this

strength of trust in the Lord? The writer answers, “lean not on your own understanding.” In other words, lean on God’s understanding, not your own. Is there anything God does not understand? “Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite” (Psalms 147:5). From where do we get the necessary understanding that allows us to place our complete trust in God? God asked Job, “Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?” (Job 38:36). The who is God. David prayed to God, “Give me understanding according to Your word” (Psalms 119:169). God’s Word reveals to us what God wants us to know and understand for our spiritual good (Ephesians 3:3-5).

In addition, the writer says that one who trusts in God with all his heart is one who acknowledges God in all his ways allowing God to direct his paths. When one allows God’s Word to direct all his choices in life he is trusting in the Lord with all his heart.

Are you trusting in the Lord with all your heart? Are you allowing His Word to guide your direction in life? If not, you can change that. May we help?

## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Green Plain members:* Peggy Jarvis, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent,. Chad Canter was showing good improvement at the time of this writing.

**Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans and Larry and Rose Wyatt.

- **OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Mary and Jim Lowrie and all the family of Brian White who passed from this life last week. Services are scheduled at J.H. Churchill on Tuesday, February 15th, with visitation from 12:00 till 2:00 pm with funeral services to follow in the chapel at 2:00 pm. Burial will be in the Green Plain cemetery.
- **PANTRY ITEMS February 2022:** 6—Fruit Salad; 13—Corn; 20—Green Beans; 27—Baked Beans. 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:** 8—Krysta Smith; 18—Wanda Barrett (Green Plain Road); 19 -Maxine Pool; 25 -Jan Pigg; 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](mailto:greenplaincoc@gmail.com). You may also enroll on our website.: [greenplainchurchofchrist.org](http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org)
- Watch **A BIBLE ANSWER** each Sunday at 8:00 am locally on the CW WQQW TV. Paducah, KY.

### THOSE TO SERVE February 2021

Announcements: James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Mike & Bobby

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 6—Mike; 13—Bobby;  
20—Mike; 27—Bobby

#### Opening Prayer AM

6—Jonnie; 13—Junior; 20—Jim; 27—Larry

#### Closing Prayer AM

6—Roy; 13—James; 20—Bobby; 27—Dave

Song Leaders: AM Perry-; PM Mike-; WED Larry

Count Contribution: Mike & Bobby

Usher: Jesse

### **LESSONS TODAY**

Bible Study-10 AM  
*The Book of Acts*

#### Worship

10:45 am— “What  
Happened on  
Pentecost?”

6 pm—*Daniel Puckett*  
*will be our guest speaker*

Wednesday Bible Class  
*A Study of 1 John*

7:00 PM

## WORRY *By Raymond Sieg*

In [Luke 10:38-42](#), the Bible states: *“Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

From these passages we learn that Martha suffered from a problem that is still quite common today. She worried, and she was bothered about many things. She made the mistake of allowing anxiety to get the best of her. It controlled her to the point that she ridiculed Jesus for letting her sister listen to His teaching.

Perhaps if Martha had spent more time listening to Jesus like Mary did, she would not have been so filled with care. Thankfully, the Scriptures furnish us with some valuable

instructions that will help us overcome worry if we will put them into practice.

Consider the statement found in [Psalm 55:22](#): *“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”* Also, in [Philippians 4:6-7](#) we read: *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* Furthermore, Peter wrote, *“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you”* ([1 Peter 5:6-7](#)). Thus, the Bible teaches repeatedly that the alternative to worry is giving our concerns to the Lord through prayer.

Instead of worrying and allowing ourselves to be overcome with anxiety, let us practice the admonition given in [Hebrews 4:16](#): *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

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## ARE YOU PRAYING? *By Gary L. Hutchens*

Are you praying? The apostle Paul instructed that we should “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17). Following to his instruction to put on “the whole armor of God,” (Eph. 6:11-17), He added, “praying always with all prayer and supplication” (vs. 18). Jesus used an entire parable to emphasize “that men always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Lk. 18:1-8). Obviously, prayer ought to be a central feature of a Christian’s life.

Once again the question, Are you praying? A follow-up question would be, How often do you pray? The above scriptures emphasize not just that a Christian ought to pray, but that he ought to pray regularly, frequently, consistently. Note the emphasis: “pray without ceasing;” “praying always;” “men always ought to pray.”

So, how often do you pray? In another text the Lord stressed persistence in prayer

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(Lk. 11:5-10). Do you pray every morning before you take on the day? Do you pray over the food you eat at each meal during the day? Do you pray each evening before you call it a day and close your eyes for the night? Do you pray at other times during the day as you think of a need, either in your own life or that of someone else? Do you pray when you think about how much you have for which to be thankful? Do you pray with your family?

What is your mindset when you pray? A basic theme in all of the texts cited is that prayer can make a difference, prayer can change things. Do you have confidence that your prayers can make a difference? "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (Jas. 5:16). Do you trust God to keep His word that He will listen to and answer your prayers (1 Jn. 5:14-15)?

God wants you to pray to Him (Jer. 29:12; 33:3). He is the giver of all blessings (Jas. 1:17). His power can change things as He answers your prayers (Eph. 3:20). But He wants you to ask. James stated succinctly, "...you do not have because you do not

ask" (Jas. 4:2).

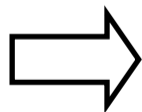
Are you praying for those mentioned in the announcements each week as needing our prayers? Are you praying for those whose names are listed on the prayer list, some of them listed for many weeks? Are you praying for members who are hurting in their personal lives? Are you praying for members who are struggling in their faith and commitment, some of whom may not have been at services for quite some time?

Are you praying for the congregation? Are you praying for unity, harmony and love to always prevail in order that we can be the proper example of Christianity before the world around us? Are you praying for our elders, deacons, preacher, and teachers? Are you praying for our youth to grow up to be strong, dedicated Christians? Are you praying for the work we are doing to teach the gospel in this area and around the world? Are you praying for souls?

Each one of us can pray, and your prayers are important and needed. So, again the question, Are you praying?

—Sunny Slope Church of Christ

**FOLLOW**  
**GOD'S**  
**PLAN**



1. Hear the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. Believe Jesus is the Son of God—John 8:24.
3. Repent of Sin—Acts 17:30-31.
4. Confess faith in Christ—Rom. 10:9-10
5. Be Baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21.
6. Faithfully serve the Lord—I Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 4:7-8.