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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
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Supporting Works

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

Location

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AN EXHORTATION TO PRAY

BY RAYMOND SIEG

The apostle Paul wrote: *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"* ([I Timothy 2:1-4](#)).

We learn from these passages that God wants His children to offer up four kinds of petitions to Him, including supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks. A "supplication" is asking God to supply a need. An example is found in [Matthew 6:11](#) where Jesus taught His disciples to pray, *"Give us this day our daily bread."* "Prayer" is the general term used to refer to an address that is directed to God. An "intercession" is making a request on behalf of someone else. An example is praying for people who are sick. "Giving of thanks" is expressing gratitude to God for His blessings.

We also learn that God wants His children to petition Him on behalf of all men, especially our civil leaders and rulers. We are to pray for them so we may live in a quiet and peaceful environment. Such an environment is conducive to the spreading of the Gospel. God wants the Gospel to be taught so that all will have an opportunity to hear it, believe it, and obey it. His desire is *"that all should come to repentance"* ([II Peter 3:9](#)).

With all the strife and contention in the world, let us remember to pray for our nation's leaders and for the leaders of all nations. Let us pray that they will be blessed with wisdom and that they will lead in a way that is in harmony with God's will. Let us pray for peace so the Gospel may be carried to all countries ([Mark 16:15-16](#)).

—Church of Christ,
Daytona Beach, FL.

Please continue to pray for our **brothers and sisters in Christ in the country of Ukraine** and that peace may soon prevail in that nation.

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, and Bobby and Sue Hall.

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

- **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Rex Enoch here at the building on March 19th. There will be a period of visitation from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm immediately followed by the Memorial Service. A meal for the family will follow in the annex.
- **GUEST SPEAKER:** Eli Sales is scheduled to be with us next Sunday morning. Eli is presently a student at the Memphis School of Preaching preparing himself to preach the gospel.
- **PANTRY ITEMS March 2022:** 6—Tuna; 13—Peanut Butter; 20—Canned Tomatoes; 27—Table Salt. 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.
- **March 2022 Anniversaries:** 12— Roy & Marie Wyatt; 15—Bobby & Sue Hall. **Birthdays:** 9—Gail Hutchison; 14—Roy Wyatt; 20—James Pigg; 23—London Smith. 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.

THOSE TO SERVE March 2022

Announcements: Chad

Preside at Lord's Table AM: James & Mike

Preside at Lord's Table PM: 6—Chad; 13—James;
20—Chad. 27—James

Opening Prayer AM

6—Jim; 13—Larry; 20—Jonnie; 27—Bobby

Closing Prayer AM

6—Roy; 13—David; 20—Perry; 27—Junior

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

Count Contribution: James & Mike

Usher: Jesse

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— “Your
Autobiography”

6 pm— “Why Remem-
ber Jesus?”

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 1 John

7:00 PM

WHY DO CHRISTIANS PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON SUNDAY? - By Kevin Cauley

In Matthew 26, it talks about the Lord's supper. However, it never says anything about taking of the Lord's supper on Sunday (the Lord's Day). Why do we partake on Sunday? Does the Bible say we should?

We read in Matthew 26:25-29 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." It is interesting to note that in this passage, Jesus says that He will drink of the cup with the apostles in His Father's kingdom. The kingdom was established on the day of Pentecost (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1, 4) which was always observed on a Sunday according to Leviticus 23:15, 16. It was on this day that Jesus was raised from the dead (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1), and it was on this day of Pentecost that many became Christians for the first time. Acts 2:42 says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." This is the first mention that we have of Christian worship within the kingdom, and it includes the breaking of bread, one of the elements of the Lord's Supper.

Paul writes concerning the Lord's Supper, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Corinthians 11:26). Notice specifically the phrase, "As often as." This indicates regularity to the matter. In oth-

er words, it was not just once in a blue moon that they partook of the Lord's Supper, but on a regular basis. What was that regular basis? It was the first day of the week. In Acts 20:7, we read, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Immediately before this particular verse, we see Paul waiting in Troas for a period of seven days. Paul expected the church to meet and he knew the day of their meeting. We can conclude from this that it was customary for the church to meet to worship once a week, (every seven days, upon the first day of the week) and that this day was when they partook of the Lord's supper. So, "as often as" means "upon the first day of the week, every week." Such was also true of the contribution that was to be taken on the first day of the week. 1 Corinthians 16:2 states, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." The church met upon the first day of the week to worship and this included observing the Lord's Supper.

In thinking about the principles of worship, one of the most important is the principle of authority (Colossians 3:17). We have the command to partake of the Lord's Supper. We have several examples of the early Christians partaking of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week. If we were to suggest that we could partake of the Lord's Supper upon some other day of the week, we would find ourselves in the position of not having any authority to do that. There is no command, example, or implication within

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the scriptures that authorize the church to partake of the Lord's supper upon any other day than the first day of the week and with that we must be content if we are going to walk by faith—if we are going to live and act based upon the word of God (Romans 10:17).

But how do we know that we need to partake of it upon every first day of the week. This should be obvious from the expression, "upon the first day of the week." The expression does not indicate any other time value except a weekly value. If I were to say to you that I go to volunteer at the community center on the third day of the week, you would understand me to mean, every Tuesday. If I did such any less than every week, you would expect me to qualify that statement with a "once a month" or such like. So also is the meaning of "upon the first day of the week."

The correct understanding of that phrase without additional clarification is a weekly.

Such was also true regarding the Sabbath day under the Old Law. God said, "Honor the Sabbath." If the Israelites were to honor the Sabbath once a month, would that have been what God commanded? No. They were to honor every Sabbath and that was understood. We are on safe ground by partaking of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week, every week. We know that this is something with which God cannot be displeased and faith seeks to please God (Hebrews 11:6). By observing the Lord's Supper in some other way or less than weekly, we step out of God's authority and onto our own without any biblical statement of support for such practices.

—[Why do Christians partake of the Lord's Supper on Sunday? - GEWatkins.net](http://www.gevatkins.net)

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