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Schedule of Services

- All worship
- services are suspended until further notice.

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, and Ronnie Gootam
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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POSITIVES OF A VIRUS *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The Covid-19 virus has had a tremendously negative impact upon millions of people across the world. It has impacted not only physical health but the economy of nations and has created much anxiety and fear. One may wonder is there anything positive that one can see in such a negative atmosphere. The fact is that there are some positives that should result from our present experience.

IT SHOULD HELP US TO SEE OUR DEPENDENCE UPON GOD. We need God all of the time but situations we experience that seem to be out of our control help us to realize just how much we depend upon Him. It is God who brought all things into existence and who upholds all things by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:4). It is God who is *“able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we think or ask”* (Ephesians 3:20). God is dependable for it is impossible for Him to lie and He will fulfill His promises (Hebrews 6:18; 2 Corinthians 1:20). During this or any other trying time, know that you can depend upon God for comfort, strength and guidance.

IT SHOULD GIVE US A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE BIBLE. No matter what the question, the Bible has an answer. It guides and directs us, not only in obtaining salvation, but in dealing with the trials of this life. God’s Word is *“living and powerful”* (Hebrews 4:12). It is a *“lamp unto my feet and light unto my path”* (Psa. 119:105). In a time of uncertainty it is a source of faith, hope and stability upon which you can depend (Romans 10:17; Psa. 119:81; Proverbs 20:5).

IT SHOULD CREATE WITHIN US A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP. When faithful Christians are prevented from assembling together for worship it leaves an emptiness in our lives. Corporate worship not only allows us to express honor, reverence and appreciation to our God, but it lifts us up, strengthens our faith and allows us to experience the fellowship of God and one another. Along with the Psalmist we can say, *“I was glad when they said to me,*

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Margarette Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Jesse & Mary Vincent, Carolyn Byars and Dave & Ann Thompson. **Family and Friends:** Pat Hocking, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook
- **FROM THE ELDERS:** During these unusual times that we are facing the COVID-19 virus pandemic, we encourage each of you to hold tightly to your faith and do your best to remain strong both physically and spiritually. Please follow the government regulations for social distancing so that we can as soon as possible overcome this outbreak. Check on each other daily by phone or text. If any of you have a need during this time, please feel free to contact us. And of course, continue your prayers for all of the sick and for our country and her leaders as well—James and Mike. Note: **Weekly contributions** can be sent directly to James Pigg at 2220 Glenwood Drive Murray, KY 42071.
- **OUR BULLETIN:** We will continue to mail the bulletin each week until the present situation changes. If you have any information that needs to be included in the bulletin please email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org or call 270-978-7569.
- **Pantry items March 1—Corn;** 8—Canned Meats; 15—Chili; 22—Tomatoes; 29—Pickles. All food items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQWQ TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at abibleanswertv.org and on GBN and YouTube.
- **March 2020 Anniversaries:** 12th-Roy & Marie Wyatt; 15th-Sue & Bobby Hall; **Birthdays:** 9th-Gail Hutchison; 14th-Roy Wyatt; 20th-James Pigg; 22nd-Preston Barrett; 23rd-London Smith.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network
<https://gbntv.org/>
 World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>
 A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>
 Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>
 Dexter church of Christ
www.facebook.com/Dexterkycoc/
 Coldwater church of Christ
www.facebook.com/Coldwater-Church-of-Christ-170296152984011/ and on YouTube



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

Question: *What were those with leprosy required to do under the Old Testament Law?*

Answer will be given in next week's bulletin.

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"Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalms 122:1). Oh how we long for a return to the assembly of the saints!!

IT SHOULD HELP US TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND PLACE OF PRAYER IN OUR LIVES. Prayer is the first line of defense against feelings of hopelessness and anxiety. *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7). Isn't that a great promise? In this trying time we can utilize the avenue of prayer and know that God will hear and answer according to His will. 1 Peter 3:12 reads, *"For the eyes of the Lord are on the*

righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers...." And the book of 1 John assures us, *"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight"* (1 John 3:22). Pray for a quick resolution to this virus. Pray for those impacted by it. You can depend upon prayer in this time of uncertainty knowing that God is listening and will answer your prayer in accordance with His will.

Let each of us continue to trust in and serve our God. Remember this admonition and promise, found in Hebrews 13:5-6, *"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"*

THINGS YOU CAN DO WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- ◆ Call someone on the phone and let them know you are thinking of them. Offer whatever help and encouragement you can supply.
- ◆ Write a letter or send a card to someone to cheer them up.
- ◆ Use social media to stay in contact with family, friends and your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- ◆ Engage in the study of your Bible. Research some question you have had about the Bible. Let God speak to you through His Word.
- ◆ Utilize the available resources on the internet for Bible study and worship.
- ◆ Spend some time examining your life and your relationship to God. Determine to make any changes in your life and relationships that are necessary.
- ◆ Spend time in prayer. Pray for the leaders of our nation. Pray for the victims of the virus. Pray for those who have lost loved ones. Pray for God's help in your time of need.
- ◆ Study the Bible with someone online. Direct them to the articles on our website or to other websites of faithful congregations and organizations such as the Gospel Broadcasting network. See page 2 for a list of online resources.

◆ — Jonnie Hutchison



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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WE DID NOT FORSAKE

Years ago, I began preaching in an area where cold weather brought heavy snow some years. The eldership told me they never closed the doors. They were always open for Bible Study and Worship. One Wednesday evening no one called to say otherwise, so I made my way alone to the church building (I thought it was too dangerous for my family and did not know if I could make it back home safely) with at least 8 inches of snow already on the roadway and snowing heavily, I finally arrived at the building, turned the lights on and turned up the heat. Service time arrived and no one came. I called one of the elders and he asked why I was there and told me to go home. No one forsook the assembly.

Growing up in a hurricane prone area,

once in a while it was too dangerous to venture out.

My health this last year, in and out of the hospital has kept me several times from attending services, I never forsook. It was always hard to accept. Several times I have visited with the sick who wept because they no longer were able to attend. They did not forsake.

These are exceptional times, we must cooperate with those trying to keep us from danger.

Forsake: to abandon (someone or something) desert, leave, quit, leave behind, renounce, give up, relinquish.

—Pennington Bend church of Christ

OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH

At the Fifth of Ephesians, Paul the apostle used the marital relationship of a man and his wife to illustrate the relationship of Christ to the Church. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the Church, and a wife is to be subject to her husband as the Church is to be subject to Christ. At the Third of Jeremiah, God also used marital terms to describe Israel's unfaithfulness to Him. The sins of the people were figuratively described as a commission of adultery, and the Lord's response to it was just as figuratively a bill of divorce with which He put them away. If the people embraced other gods, Jehovah warned that His jealousy would kindle unto anger, and He would destroy them from off the face of the earth.

— David Hayes Prophater The post [Daily Lift – March 25, 2020](#) appeared first on [GBN](#).