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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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## Transgendered Issues *By Brad Harrub*

While homosexuality has been the hotly-debated political issue for Christians over the last few years, the agendas of godless activists have continually been pushed behind the scenes in ways we might have predicted but certainly didn't expect to see so soon. Consider the issue of transgendered people, those who are born a certain sex but decide they are psychologically the other. The argument made is that there is a difference between your sex (determined by the actual body parts with which you are born) and your gender (determined by which one you decide you are). While the homosexual battle has been fought for decades now, the advocates of "anything goes" sexual norms were much smarter about their push for transgendered acceptance. They simply did all the work behind the scenes and revealed it all at once, as has happened in the last year or two. Consider a few examples.

The June 9 issue of Time magazine features a cover story on Laverne Cox, who was born a boy but made the decision to become a woman, saying "I just thought I was a girl and that there was no difference between girls and boys.

I think in my imagination I thought that I would hit puberty and I would start turning into a girl."

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has stated that sex-reassignment surgeries will be covered by taxpayer dollars under Medicaid because they are "medically necessary."

Laws have been passed in cities in California, Colorado, and even Texas to ensure the rights of transgendered people to use the public restroom of their choice, including full legal protection against any person who might have a problem with the presence of someone of the opposite sex in the restroom.

**Here's what Christians need to know about transgendered issues:**

1. **As with homosexuality, nobody is "born that way"**

We've often pointed to the fact that, despite millions of dollars and great efforts put in by those who wanted to believe in it, a gay gene was never discovered. Even gay historians have conceded that the 21st century argument

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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, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, Bobby and Sue Hall and Marie Wyatt.

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

- Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine and an end to hostilities. We sorrow with so many who have lost loved ones in this conflict. Remember, the effective fervent prayers of the righteous avail much (James 5:16).
- **PANTRY ITEMS April 2022:** 3—Paper Towels; 10—Kleenex; 17—Toilet Paper; 24—Vienna Sausages. 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.
- **April 2022 Birthdays:** 1-Tina Wyatt; 3-Mary Lowrie; 24-Dave Thompson; 27-Steve Enoch; 29-Sue Hall;
- **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).
- **HOME BIBLE STUDY;** We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” or anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

### THOSE TO SERVE April 2022

Announcements: Bobby Hall

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Larry & Chad

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 3—Chat; 10—Larry;  
17—Chad. 24—Larry

#### Opening Prayer AM

3—Mike; 10—Bobby; 17—James; 24—Jim

#### Closing Prayer AM

3—Perry; 10—Dave; 17—Junior; 24—Roy

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

Count Contribution: Larry & Chad

Usher: Jesse

### ***LESSONS TODAY***

#### Bible Study-10 AM *The Book of Acts* Worship

10:45 am— “*What Shall I Do With Jesus?*”

6 pm— “*What Do You Do More Than Others?*”

#### Wednesday Bible Class *A Study of 1 John*

7:00 PM

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that homosexuality is innate is something all of human historical understanding contradicts. The same can be said for transgender people. Similar to homosexuality, transgenderedness was medically considered a mental disorder until recently – chemically more a matter of gender misidentity than gender identity. The factors that make a person choose the opposite gender have long been understood as tied to uncertain childhood environments and confusion as a child, something Lavern Cox even pointed to in the Time interview. Modern sexual acceptance doesn't change those facts.

**2. God doesn't make mistakes** In the creation account we can see exactly what God intended for mankind when Genesis says, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Gen. 1:27, 31a). One cannot believe in God's sovereignty, biblical inerrancy, and the created order of male/female relationships and still buy into the idea that people were put in the wrong body. Sure, the schools (one of the first places transgender restrooms were debated) and our culture in general will try to educate young people to tolerate those who are not content living as the person God made them, but we must continue to speak the truth and

hold the line where God's Word created it. Additionally, the Bible also speaks out against those who are effeminate (1 Corinthians 6:9), proving that God expects people to live as they are created.

**3. We need to be prepared** Just as homosexuality is beginning to hit the church, with lawsuits occurring in other countries that won't be far behind here, transgender people will want to be accepted unconditionally by churches as well. While we should treat all people equally – as sinners like us in need of God's love – parents should be very wary of the people around their families as transgendered restroom use opens the possibility of all kinds of new dangers.

We live in a world that needs God as much as it ever has and a country that is as far from Him as it ever has been. That doesn't mean our cause is hopeless. The one positive lesson we can learn from the homosexual and transgender communities is that consistent, tireless, coordinated efforts to spread their message have worked out perfectly according to plan. Until we are so dedicated to our goal of turning our culture back to Christ that we put aside all distractions and work together with one goal and one mind, we'll never enjoy the success they have. With God's guidance and a lot of prayer we can do it, though. Let's win this battle. Soldiers of Christ, arise!

## ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER *By Kevin Cauley*

This morning when I got into work, I set about on the task of trying to get my plastic carpet protector under my office chair to quit scooting across the floor. This led me to a local hardware store for some Velcro, but the Velcro wouldn't stick to the carpet, so I opted for a big strip of shelving liner that has non-skid properties. After lifting the large plastic carpet protector, the obviously dirty carpet beneath needed to be vacuumed, so I got the vacuum, cleaned the

carpet, and then vacuumed the whole office afterward. This led to straightening up the office in other ways: shelving books, storing papers, trashing empty cardboard boxes, removing some equipment that was no longer needed – all from just trying to get my carpet protector to stay in place! It was a full morning's work. Sometimes, one thing just leads to another.

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### COME VISIT WITH US

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This story has a spiritual application. There are some small things that you can do to get involved in the Lord's work, and then, one thing will lead to another in a good way! You will find yourself more connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ. You will be less interested in the things of the world. You will be more concerned about the church and its work of evangelism. Your relationship with God will grow! Your

love, joy, and contentment will increase, and you will feel good about yourself. It just takes one little step to get started. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Let's let one spiritual thing lead to another for Christ and the church!

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## THE POWER OF YOUR HAND *By Jack McNeil*

*Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.*  
 (Proverbs 3:27-28 KJV)

To whom is "good" due? The New Testament tells Christians that they are to do good unto all men, especially their fellow Christians. What is meant by doing "good"? In the context here, it is something that we have a limited opportunity to share. The "good" could be showing benevolent love in providing some physical sustenance. Or more im-

portantly it could be by showing love for their eternal welfare and speaking to them about spiritual matters.



The focus here is on the urgency of the matter at hand. This might be your or their only opportunity to give or receive. Life promises us nothing beyond this very moment. Who knows when the Lord will return or when we or our neighbor might come the end of

life's journey?

Read Galatians 6:10; James 4:13-17

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**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."**