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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

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### Supporting Works

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

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## BE PATIENT *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Patience is one of those virtues on which many of us must constantly work. Impatience is easy—exercising patience is much more difficult. But the Bible teaches, “By your patience possess your souls.” (Luke 21:19).

Patience is required in many areas of our lives. It is necessary in family relationships—between spouses and between parents and their children. It is necessary in work related situations—employers and employees. It is necessary when standing in line at the grocery store or when waiting at the doctor’s office. It is also necessary in our relationship and interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The inspired Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” From this passage notice that God is “the God of patience.” Even a superficial study

of the Bible will reveal that God has been very patient with man down through the ages. The term “long-suffering” is often used to describe this characteristic of God. (Rom. 2:4; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 3:9, 15). Would to God

**“By your patience possess your souls”**

that He would grant us to be “likeminded toward one another.” When one considers that the “longsuffering of our Lord is salvation” (2 Peter 3:15) it should cause us to stop and think twice before we act with impatience toward our brethren. In what ways should we show patience toward brethren?

**Be patient with those who are in need of growth** (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18). No one knows all he needs to know when he obeys the gospel. He must have time to grow in grace and knowledge. A lack of knowledge will result in mistakes being made. This requires patience on the part of those older in the faith. A part of being spiritually mature is recognizing that not all of our brothers and sisters in Christ are

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Green Plain Members: Peggy Jarvis , Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek) Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim and Mary Lowrie. Marie Wyatt (Spring Creek), Roy Wyatt,. and Joan Lathrop.

**Family and Friends:** Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Tommy Boggess, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison,, Ted Clark. Rose Wyatt (Spring Creek) and Tonya Morris.

**PANTRY ITEMS June 2024:** 2—Peanut Butter; 9-jelly; 16-Canned Chicken; 23-Canned Tuna; 30-Beef Stew. All items must be **non-perishable or canned**.

**JUNE 2024; Anniversaries:** 17-Jan & James Pigg; 21-Peggy & Perry Jarvis; 25-Mary & Jim Lowrie **Birthdays:** 15-Don Spiceland.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** On Sunday evening June 30th, brother Joey Treat, who works with the Gospel Broadcasting Network will be with us to update us on that good work.

**WEBPAGE:** The webpage for the church continues to receive visits from all over the world. If you haven't visited lately, please take a few minutes to do so. The webpage URL is <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.

**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.

**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. The first lesson will be sent ASAP with a SASE for you to return for grading. This is a great way to increase your Bible knowledge.

### THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 2024

**announcements:** Mike Ernstberger

**Lord's Table AM:** James Pigg & Chad Canter

**Lord's Table PM:** 2-Chad; 9-James; 16-Chad; 23-James; 30-Chad

**Opening Prayer AM:** 2-Jonnie; 0-Perry; 16-Bobby; 23-Jim L.; 30-Russell

**Closing Prayer AM:** 2-Roy; 9-Dave; 16-Jesse; 23-Mike; 30-Brent M.

**Song Leaders:** Sunday AM-Perry; Sunday PM-Chad; Wednesday-Mike

**Count Contribution:** James & Chad



**Videos of our Spring Gospel Meeting** with

Bradley Smith are now available on our YouTube Channel.

Do a search on YouTube for the **Green Plain church of Christ** to view these Videos.

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at the same stage of spiritual growth. Some are weak, some are strong and some are somewhere between. The Bible teaches, *"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all."* (1 Thessalonians 5:14 NKJV). Here is evidence that we can't treat every Christian as if they have reached the same state of spiritual growth. The more spiritually mature must be patient in helping weaker brethren to become stronger.

**Be patient with the elders.** The awesome responsibility placed upon the elders of the church can be both overwhelming and time consuming. Not every situation or problem faced by an eldership will be solved overnight. The congregation, therefore, needs to exercise patience in the men they have chosen as overseers.

**Be patient with yourself.** None of us live above the possibility of sin. Sometimes

we give in to temptation and are in need of repentance. No one should be impatient enough to simply give up trying to live for God when he stumbles. One must get up, dust himself off, and, in genuine repentance, continue the *"good fight of faith."* (1 Tim. 6:12).

**Be patient with God.** The book of James declares, *"Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord...."* (James 5:7a). And again, *"You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."* (James 5:8). What God promises He will deliver. *"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."* (2 Cor. 7:1).

How thankful each should be that God has been patient with us. Let us be likeminded with others and in patience possess our souls.

## JESUS SAID IT *By Jerry Joseph*

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). He is the one and only way, truth and life. He has the right to declare such because of His power (authority), "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). At the Lord's transfiguration, as recorded in Matthew 17:1-8, God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him". The Hebrews writer declared in Hebrews 1:1-2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds". He is God's spokesman today. What He says in His Word

is true, good and right.

Many are looking for spiritual direction and guidance in this life. That is good, provided we look for it in the right place and from the right one. It is only by looking to the Lord and His Word that we can find the spiritual help that we need in this life to prepare for eternity.

As sinners we need salvation. Jesus said how we can have it. Only by believing in Him, repenting of sins, confessing Him and being baptized can salvation be ours (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16). Is this the only way? Yes, because Jesus said it! Think about it!

-St. Peter's church of Christ Bulletin

## TREATING OUR BIBLES LIKE OUR CELL PHONES

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones.



- ⇒ What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- ⇒ What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- ⇒ What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- ⇒ What if we used it to receive messages?
- ⇒ What if we treated it like we could not live without it?
- ⇒ What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- ⇒ What if we used it as we traveled?
- ⇒ What if we used it in case of an emergency?
- ⇒ What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

Does this make you think, "Hmmm. Where is my Bible?"

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we do not ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

—Author Unknown  
Via The Beacon  
Bellevue church of Christ, FL.



## International Gospel Hour

Available at  
[www.internationalgospelhour.com](http://www.internationalgospelhour.com)  
and on the IGH YouTube channel

### 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**  
**"Meek People"**

**SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6 pm**  
**"Feelings"**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
**A Study of Worship**



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