



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10 AM of assembling together in the auditorium to worship

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## A POWERFUL PRIVILEGE

By Jonnie Hutchison



Prayer is a powerful privilege given to those who choose to serve God in this life. It is a line of communication from the servant to his Master. It is a means of expressing one's deepest needs to the willing and receptive God who has the power to meet those needs. No wonder the Bible admonishes us to **"Pray without ceasing"** (1 Thess. 5:17).

The effectiveness of prayer is dependent upon implicit faith in the One who answers prayer. James 1:6-7 reads, *"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord."* The question is not whether God will hear and answer prayer, but do we have the strength of faith to trust Him to do so. We must have the same attitude expressed by the Psalmist when he wrote, *"Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness"* (Psalms 143:1). We can depend upon God's faithfulness and

righteousness in the matter of prayer. That makes prayer a powerful privilege.

The effectiveness of prayer is dependent upon our willingness to pray for that which is in harmony with God's will. 1 John 5:14-15 tells us, *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."* We can be confident that when we ask according to His will, God will hear and grant our petitions. This is the powerful privilege of prayer!

Sometimes God does not answer our prayers in the way or in the time we think He should and we may become discouraged or even doubt the power of prayer. When Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow He said, *"...that men always ought to pray and not lose heart"* (Matthew 18:1). Let us not become discouraged in using the powerful preage of prayer

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Green Plain members:** Remember Jane Morris, Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends:** Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, Sandra Cook Downs, Hollis Stubblefield, Jason Rutledge, James Bishop and Kevin Smith.

- **WORSHIP SERVICES:** We will continue to meet at 10:00 am for worship each Sunday morning for the present as the pandemic continues. The elders welcome any suggestions or concerns that you may have. Let us continue to pray for all impacted by our present circumstances.
- **PANTRY ITEMS September 2020: 6—Peanut Butter; 13—Paper Towels; 20—Canned Peaches; 27—Canned Carrots.** 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.
- **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 Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **September 2020 Anniversaries:** 28-Shane & Krysta Smith. **Birthdays:** 4-Jane Morris; 13-Mary Crutchfield; 18-Jackson Hale; 20-Peggy Jarvis; 27-Diana Travis; 28 –Carolyn Byars; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at [greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org](mailto:greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org).
- **Additional Study Opportunities:** We encourage our readers to take advantage of the wealth of Bible study opportunities which are available online. There is a list of some of these at the bottom of this page. You will find scores of recorded videos and live programs that you can watch at your convience. (Read 2 Peter 3:18).

## 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/>

In Search of the Lord's Way  
<http://searchtv.org/>



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** What were the Babylonian names give to , Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah?

**Last Week:** Under the Law of Moses, what was the penalty for adultery?

**Answer:** Adulterers were to be put to death (Leviticus 20:10).

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knowing that God knows and sees things we do not, therefore He knows how and when to answer our prayers either with a yes, a no, or wait a little longer.

Let us use the powerful privilege of prayer without doubting and with the assurance that we serve a loving and

merciful God who knows our individual needs. *“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).

## AMAZING WHAT “THE TRUTH” TEACHES

*By David Sproule*

More than 60 times in the New Testament the definite article “the” is found before the word “truth,” to emphasize the single, absolute and distinctive nature of Divine truth. The plural form of “truths” is never found in Scripture, which again would seem to be God’s way of emphasizing the single, absolute and distinctive nature of Divine truth. Let’s examine what we can learn about “the truth” from the usage of that expression in the N.T.

Through the work and guidance of the Holy Spirit, “all the truth” has been given to us in Scripture ([John 16:13](#)). Knowing that we can trust it (for, it is “the truth”) and knowing that we are not missing anything God intended for us to have (for, it is “ALL the truth”), we must come to Scripture with the utmost respect for how God expects us to respond.

First of all, consider that there are devastating ways in which man may respond to “the truth.” Scripture affirms that “the truth” can be (but should not be) “suppressed” ([Rom. 1:18](#)), “exchanged for the lie” ([Rom. 1:25](#)), “rejected” ([Rom. 2:8](#)), “withheld” ([1 Tim 6:5](#)), “opposed” ([2 Tim. 3:8](#)), “strayed from” ([2 Tim. 2:18](#); [Jas. 5:19](#)), “turned from” ([2 Tim. 4:4](#); [Tit. 1:14](#)) and “lied against” ([Jas. 3:14](#)). May God help us to never treat “the truth” or act toward “the

truth” in these ways.

Even more so, Scripture makes it very clear that “the truth” can and needs to dwell or abide in us ([1 John 1:8](#); [2:4](#); [2 John 2](#); [3 John 3](#)), in order that we might respond properly and as Divinely expected. “The truth” can be and needs to be (but, because of freewill, it doesn’t have to be) “heard” ([Col. 1:5](#)), “known” ([John 8:32](#); [1 Tim. 2:4](#); [1 Tim. 4:3](#); [2 Tim. 2:25](#); [3:7](#); [Tit. 1:1](#); [Heb. 10:26](#); [1 John 2:21](#); [2 John 1](#)), “believed” ([2 Thess. 2:12-13](#); [1 Tim. 4:3](#)), “loved” ([2 Thess. 2:10](#)), “obeyed” ([Gal. 3:1](#); [1 Pet. 1:22](#)), “practiced” ([John 3:21](#); [1 John 1:6](#)), “manifested” ([2 Cor. 4:2](#)), “lived” ([Gal. 2:14](#)), “told” ([John 8:45-46](#); [John 16:7](#); [Rom. 9:1](#); [Gal. 5:7](#)), “spoken” ([2 Cor. 12:6](#); [Eph. 4:15](#); [1 Tim. 2:7](#)), “established in” ([2 Pet. 1:12](#)), “stood in” ([John 8:44](#)), “walked in” ([3 John 3-4](#)), “turned back to” ([Jas. 5:19](#)) and “worked for” ([3 John 8](#)).

When we respond properly to “the truth,” Scripture reveals the power of the single, absolute and distinctive truth. It “makes us free” ([John 8:32](#)), “sanctifies” ([John 17:17](#), [19](#)), “purifies” ([1 Pet. 1:22](#)) and “testifies” of our faithfulness as we

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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

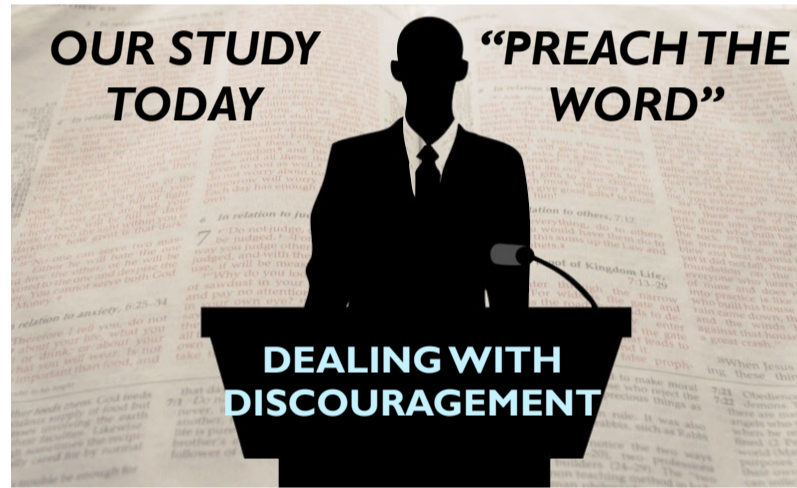
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comply ([3 John 12](#)).

There is much for us to learn from and about “the truth.” May we be reminded that apart from Jesus, who is “the truth” ([John 14:6](#)), there is no truth! His truth is not relative or multiple choice! It is absolute and powerful!

—<https://www.pblcoc.org/bulletin-articles/amazing-what-the-truth-teaches-us/>



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