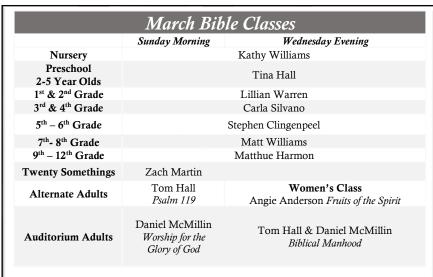
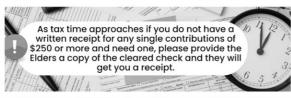
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The Auto-Draft capability is now available for contributions. For anyone interested, forms are in the foyer to complete and give to the Elders.

Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ

## March 3, 2024

# The Messenger

#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday		
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	
Worship	10:30 a.m.	
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday		
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	
Elders		
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050	
Denver Young	270.799.8559	
Matt Williams	270.779.7733	
Deacons		
Perry Cole	270.202.6214	
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451	
Adam Warren	270.980.2548	
Mark Young	270.791.0140	
Evangelist		
	O: 270.777.1828	

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W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828	

Associate Minister		
662.882.875		
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We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

## **How Do You Bear Persecution?**

Jesus began The Sermon on the Mount with what are called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). He was teaching His disciples the kind of life they should live to be blessed demonstrated by the beatitudes a truly happy like results from living righteously. The rest of the sermon teaches us how to incorporate the principles of the Beatitudes into all areas of our lives.

The eighth Beatitude reads, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (v. 10) Jesus went on to tell us that we should "rejoice and be exceedingly glad" if we are being persecuted for living a righteous life. (v.12) It is not those who are being persecuted for any reason who are blessed, but those who endure persecution for righteousness' sake. (1 Peter 4:12-16) In our country at this time Christians are not being subjected to the kind of persecutions that people in other nations are enduring. Let us hope and pray that never happens here.

However, we live among people who do not share our Christian world view, and whose lives are diametrically opposed to righteousness. The rule is, "All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12) A person who is not a sincere obedient Christian has no fear of persecution. Such people are more concerned with being comfortable in their faith rather than truly honoring God and our Lord Jesus. There is a tolerance for any kind of religion except for genuine Biblical Christianity. Regrettably this is the reason why some churches are growing and others are not growing. Some growing churches go out of their way to make people feel good about how they are Living regardless of how the live.

In this Beatitude, Jesus is telling us to feel good even when we are being persecuted for living righteously. When He said to "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad..." this is the only explicit command He gives in this sermon. (v.12) He does not tell us to merely "grin and bear it," but remind us of the reason for rejoicing. It does not contain a curse but a blessing for those who obey it. When Jesus followers faithfully endure persecution for living a godly life, they take their place beside the Old Testament prophets. They served and honored God in spite of being abused and rejected by the people they sought to teach. (Matthew 23:31-37; Hebrews 11:32-38; James 5:10-11) They will be rewarded for their faithfulness. Our ultimate reward will be our eternal home in heaven, but not all our rewards are future. (Matthew 10:29-30)

When we live for Christ, we can have abundant life and all spiritual blessings now in Him. (John 10:19; Ephesians 1:3).

Sellars S. Crain, Jr.

## **Announcements**

March 3rd	Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl at 5:00 PM
March 7th	Mens Bible Study at 7:00 PM at Richard Eubanks' Home
March 9th	Teen Girls Day at South Green Street church of Christ 9:30-2PM Guest Speaker Sarah
March 9"	Hibbet Call or Text Rayna Rudd at 270-576-0129 to RSVP. Lunch will be provided.
March 12th	Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am Bring your Bible and a Dish!
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Workshop at Heritage Christian University
March 10"	Let Adam know ASAP if you would like to go.
March 15-17th	Gospel Meeting at South Green Street Guest Speaker Melvin Otey (See Back Page)
March 29-31st	Lads to Leaders Convention
April 18-20 <sup>th</sup>	Equipped 2024 Faith – Studies from the Book of John at Lehman Avenue (See Back Page)



If you are staying more than one night at the L2L convention, please give your room money to Adam. The cost is \$175 for each additional night.





Pulpit Preview **Sunday** 10:30AM

An Unruly

Evil

6:00PM

Who is a Wise

Person?

Tuesday Bible Class

Bring your Bible & a Dish!

March 12th

Sunday Morning
Security 1
Security 2
Security 3
Security 4
Audio Video Cor Song Leader
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Announcements
Worship Service
Communion Pray
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Closing Prayer
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Prayer Requests				
Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	Faye McKinley			
Danny Miller & Brenda Miller	Gerry Utley			
<ul> <li>Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor</li> </ul>	Don Anderson			
Jared Young	Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)			
J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	Shorty Wurst			
	Judy McBride			
Janice Cole	Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor			
Jimmy Hughes	Jimmy Wilmoth			
Donna Wheeler	Lunell Upton			
Malaika Ballard - Cancer	Jenny McDonald			
<ul> <li>Janet Cole – Three Forks</li> </ul>	Stephanie Lindsey - ALS			
Gary Browning - Cancer	Beverly Acree			
Donna Parker	<ul> <li>Trey Taylor - Cancer (Elizabeth Kemp's Cousin)</li> </ul>			

### God's Plan of Salvation

**God's Part** 

Great love of God for man **John 3:16** Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior Luke 19:10

Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide **John 16:13** The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation **Romans 1:16** Provided atonement by the blood of Christ Romans 5:9

Man's Part Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17, John 8:32 Believe the Gospel Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31 Repent of past sins Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30 Confess faith in Jesus Christ Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32 Be Baptized Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38

Be faithful unto death Revelations 2:10



What's the name of the king who sought to kill Jesus as a baby? Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

February 25th What is the only miracle by Jesus recorded in all 4 Gospels? (Answer: Feeding the 5,000; Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9, & John 6)

Fred Heath, Bobby and Darlene Pruett, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, Kathy Williams, and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

<b>Sunday Morning Services</b>	March 3	March 10		
Security 1	Shawn Hudson	Randy Reneau		
Security 2	Gordon Harlow	Mark Young		
Security 3	Eddie Windham	Grant Cole		
Security 4	Fred Heath	Tommy Flora		
Audio Video Controls	Andy Wagoner	Chris Robison		
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Mason Miller		
Opening Prayer	Paul Isenberg	Perry Cole		
Announcements	Willard Raymer	Richard Eubanks		
Worship Service Prayer	Matt Williams	Greg Isenberg		
Communion Prayer	Victor Davis	Cody Basham		
Lord's Table Center Left	Brian Raymer	L.W. Jackson		
Lord's Table Center Right	Joshua Barrett	Willard Raymer		
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Zach Martin	Eddie Windham		
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Gary Basham	Blake Fritsch		
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Nathan Warren	Stephen Clingenpeel		
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Hunter Morrison	Gary Basham		
Scripture Reading AM	Elijah Davis	Matthue Harmon		
Closing Prayer	Richard Eubanks	Doug Depp		
<b>Sunday Evening Services</b>				
Security 1	Richard Eubanks	Jeff Morrison		
Security 2	L.W. Jackson	Joshua Barrett		
Security 3	Willard Raymer	Travis Young		
Song Leader	Jason Kelton	Zach Martin		
Opening Prayer	Doug Depp	Victor Davis		
Scripture Reading PM	Hunter Barrett	Nathan Warren		
Lord's Table	Greg Isenberg	Matt Williams		
Closing Prayer	Mason Miller	Fred Heath		
Wednesday Night Bible Study	March 6	March 13		
Security 1	Fred Heath	Perry Cole		
Security 2	Jeff Morrison	Gary Basham		
Security 3	Michael Runner	Matt Williams		
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Jason Kelton		
Opening Prayer	Cody Basham	Zach Martin		
Closing Prayer	Matthue Harmon	Richard Eubanks		
Monthly Assignments	March			
Lock Building	Richard Eubanks			
Baptismal Laundry	Lenora Isenberg			
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Travis Young			
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Paula Lowe			
*	Richard & Donna			
Prepare Communion	Eubanks			
<b>Bread Distribution</b>	Bake	Give Out		
March 3	Paula Lowe	Lil & Boys		
March 10	Tina Hall	Amy Raymer & Donna Eubanks		
** If unable to serve, contact Matt Williams at 270.779.7733**				

	For The Record Week of February 25, 2024		
	Bible Study	122	
	Worship Service	172	
-	Evening Service	86	
-	Wed. Bible Study	98	
-	Contribution	\$5,748	

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If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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