Notes

Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ

AN HOUR IS COMING: JESUS' WARNING **OF FUTURE PERSECUTION**

In the first century, many New Testament Christians experienced intense persecution. In John 16:1-4, Jesus warned His disciples that an hour was coming when that time when they would suffer simply because they followed Him. In verse 1, Jesus' opening statements issue a warning about apostasy. Jesus believed that "falling away" was in the realm of possibility. The Lord is aware of the future trials His disciples will endure and informs them of "these things" to keep them from "stumbling." The cause of Jesus' warning is meant to prepare His disciples for what is to come, namely, the immanence of their persecution and death. He warns them that they will be treated poorly by their fellow Jews since they will be treated as "outcasts" by their brethren. They will be prohibited from entering the "synagogue," the house of worship outside of Jerusalem in ancient Judaism. Here, Jesus is informing His disciples about something that will take place in the future ("an hour is coming") when His disciples ("you") will not only be persecuted but may also be killed. The Lord suggests that those who "kill" them will believe that they are doing some righteous act with the right intentions, namely, "for the service of God." The individuals Jesus



the Father or Me" (John 16:3). Previously, Jesus suggested that those who "know" the Son will "know" the Father because to see the Son is to see the Father since the Father and Son dwell in each other (John 14:7-11). Those who hate the Son (and hate His followers) do not know God (John 15:18-21). When Jesus is in the garden of Gethsemane, He will say to the Father, "This eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent-Jesus Christ" (John 17:3). In sum, those who do not know Jesus do not know God, but those who do know Jesus know God and receive eternal life. In verse 4, Jesus informs His disciples because He knows His hour has arrived as the cross draws near. He waited for the proper time to reveal these things to His disciples because He was "with" them. However, His time on earth is limited, and so He chose to say these things to them now, even though He knew these things would occur before He called them to follow Him. The implication of the phrase, "these things I did not say to you at the beginning," suggests that He could have said these things "at the beginning" but chose not to say anything until now. Jesus hints at His departure while unveiling His continual protection of His disciples throughout His ministry. The "hour" that Jesus is speaking incorporates not only the hour of His death but also the hour of His disciples' persecution. Again, Jesus says these things to warn them concerning what they may endure in His name before He returns to heaven to be with the Father who "sent" Him (John 16:5). Jesus' words may appear to be very ironic in light of the conclusion of the Gospel of John. As D.A. Carson notes, "What appears to be their hour has been introduced by Jesus' hour, but in his case, he seems to be suffering defeat in the very moment when he is winning the greatest of all victories, while at their hour they seem to be winning when they are suffering the greatest of all defeats." (The Gospel according to John, 532) Jesus warns His disciples to (1) inform them that they will be persecuted by those who do not know God and (2) protect them from spiritual stumbling so they may walk in alignment with God's will. The Lord's words still ring true today concerning those who may attack us simply because we follow Jesus. Despite any negative experiences we may have, we have the privilege of knowing our God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Author: Daniel McMillin

Sun	day			
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.			
Worship	10:30 a.m.			
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.			
Wednesday				
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.			
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Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756			
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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				

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Preschool 2-5 Year Olds		Tina Hall		
1st & 2nd Grade		Lillian Warren	Learn more at fhu.edu/equip-ministry-camp	
3 rd & 4 th Grade		Carla Silvano		
5 th – 6 th Grade	Stephen Clingenpeel			
7 th - 8 th Grade	Matt Williams			
9th - 12th Grade	Matthue Harmon		For more Details visit	
Twenty Somethings	Mason Miller		Lehmancoc.org/equipped/	
Alternate Adults	Tom Hall <i>Psalm 119</i>	Women's Class Angie Anderson Fruits of the Spirit	FAITH	
Auditorium Adults	Daniel McMillin Worship for the Glory of God	Tom Hall & Daniel McMillin Biblical Manhood 5 th grade and up	Studies in the Gospel of John	

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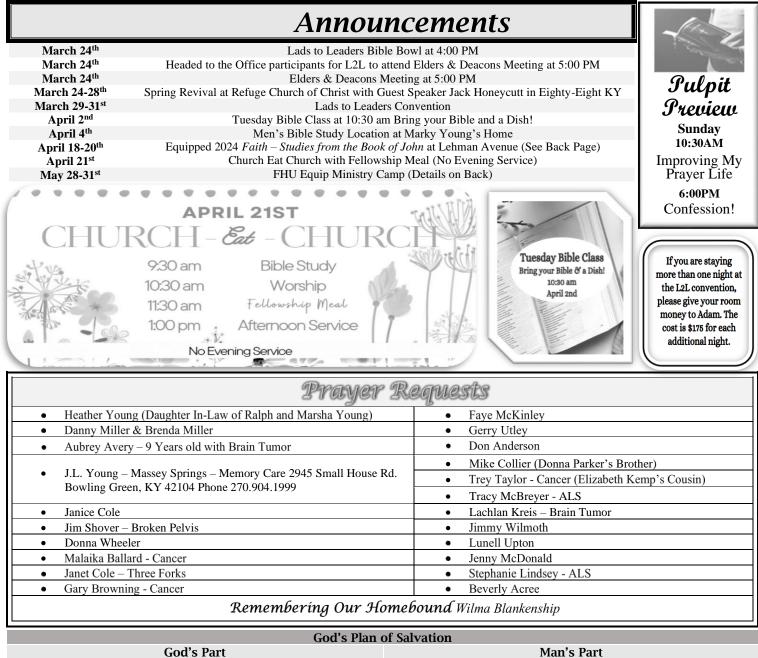
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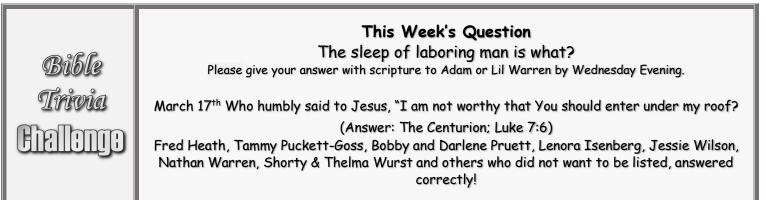
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is speaking about are His kinsmen, specifically, the Jewish people. The Jews will slaughter not only Christ but His followers because they believe they are doing a "service" to God. The primary cause of Christian persecution is due to an imprecise conception of God. Jesus is saying that they do not truly know God because they do not understand the identity of Jesus. After all, they do not grasp the Father-Son relationship. "These things they will do because they have not known



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 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**



Sunday Morning Services	March 24	March 31		
Security 1	Jeff Morrison	Joshua Barrett		
Security 2	Grant Cole	Matthue Harmon		
Security 3	Shawn Hudson	Richard Eubanks		
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Gordon Harlow		
Audio Video Controls	Zach Martin	Andy Wagoner		
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Mason Miller		
Opening Prayer	Daniel McMillin	Greg Isenberg		
Announcements	Doug Depp	Mark Young		
Worship Service Prayer	Victor Davis	Adam Warren		
Communion Prayer	Greg Isenberg	Doug Depp		
Lord's Table Center Left	Adam Warren	Lyle Johnson		
Lord's Table Center Right	Joshua Barrett	Perry Cole		
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Fred Heath	Jeff Morrison		
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Kane Barrett	Jacob Williams		
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Elijah Davis	Michael Runner		
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	L.B. Wilson	Kane Barrett		
Scripture Reading AM	Nathan Warren	Daniel McMillin		
Closing Prayer	Richard Eubanks	Willard Raymer		
Sunday Evening Services				
Security 1	Michael Runner	Gary Basham		
Security 2	Cody Basham	Fred Heath		
Security 3	Travis Young	L.W. Jackson		
Song Leader	Jason Kelton	Adam Warren		
Opening Prayer	Hunter Morrison	Hunter Barrett		
Scripture Reading PM	Jacob Williams	Cody Basham		
Lord's Table	Mark Young	Victor Davis		
Closing Prayer	Brian Raymer	Jacob Williams		
Wednesday Night Bible Study	March 27	April 3		
Security 1	L.W. Jackson	Matthue Harmon		
Security 2	Perry Cole	Mark Young		
Security 3	Matt Williams Hunter Barrett	Eddie Windham		
Song Leader		Jason Kelton		
Opening Prayer Closing Prayer	Kane Barrett Jacob Williams	Jeff Morrison Brian Martin		
Monthly Assignments	March	Drian Warun		
Lock Building	Richard Eubanks	Richard Eubanks		
Baptismal Laundry	Lenora Isenberg	Paula Lowe Fred Heath		
Assist with Men's Baptisms Assist with Women's Baptisms	Travis Young Paula Lowe	Marsha Wagoner		
Assist with women's Baptisms	Faula Lowe	Richard & Donna		
Prepare Communion	Richard & Donna Eubanks	Eubanks		
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out		
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March 24	Victoria Jackson	Hunter Morrison		
March 31	Judy Young	Mason & Tammy Miller		
** If unable to serve, contact Matt Williams at 270.779.7733**				

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For The Record Week of March 17, 2024

Bible Study	99
Worship Service	140
Evening Service	69
Wed. Bible Study	83
Contribution	\$5,285



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