

His Personal Invitation  
By Dan Jenkins

How often have you heard these words of Jesus in Bible classes and sermons? "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). They touch our hearts, but they may become even more powerful when we look at the words preceding His invitation.

Before giving His invitation, He spoke to the Father. "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent." The things He mentioned were the eternal truths He came to reveal. They were hidden from those described as wise and prudent. The wise and the prudent would be the ones you might expect to be given such vital truths, yet Jesus thanked God that it had not been given to those respected by society as being above all others. It may at first seem strange, but if Jesus was thankful for this, shouldn't we also be thankful?

Jesus continued His thought when He said the Father had "...revealed them to babes." Obviously, the babes are not infants, but those individuals to whom it was revealed were so different from the wise and prudent. Paul describes this truth in this way. "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many noble, are called" (1 Cor. 1:26). There was no way to comprehend those prophecies about how God would come in the flesh and the Creator of the universe would suffer crucifixion. When He actually came there was no human wisdom, even among the wise and prudent, that could comprehend it.

Jesus said even more about this before giving His great invitation. "No one knows the Father... except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him" (Matt. 11:27). To whom does Jesus reveal the Father? He has been revealed Him to "babes" who by human standards are so far removed from being wise and prudent. Jeremiah described those who would be the recipients of the New Covenant. "For they shall all know Me, from the least to the greatest" (Jer. 31:34).

We must never forget that as we respond to His great invitation we come to know God. It is that revelation from God that enables us to so easily understand the crucified Creator! That which the world by its wisdom will never comprehend is the very basis of how we come to the Savior and know Him!

Christendom often asks, "Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior." Is there any way we can know that we really know God? Here is God's answer to that question. "By this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:4). Coming to Him involves knowing His will and doing what He says. "Babes" fully understand this.

**Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:**

Sunday Rotation	April 16, 2022 AM	April 16, 2023 PM	April 23, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin DeSarro	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter
Announcements	Tom Muter		Owen Whittington
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Jason Bang	
Opening Prayer/Usher Left		Tom Muter	Owen Whittington
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Owen Whittington	
Scripture Reading	Duane Kemp	Rick Ferris	Seth Arrell
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter

**Things you should know about...**

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. Our last contribution was \$1,050.00. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of June.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Laylah Thompson 4/16 | Marjorie Seiber 5/1 |
| Jaxson Shaffer 4/19  | Ezra Rohr 5/6       |
| Cory Clark 4/24      | Mackenzie Cruze 5/6 |
| Isayah Rohr 4/28     | Laura McGiffin 5/8  |

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*Happy Anniversary!*

- Tim & Dianna Bang 4/30*  
*Doug & Marjorie Seiber 5/13*

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*Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort*  
*Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm*

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*This year's Family Campout at the Thompson's is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.*

*More details to come as the dates approach...*

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*Ladies you are invited to a Ladies/Mother/Daughter Tea*  
*May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am*

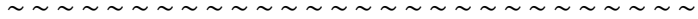
*Mark your calendars and watch for more details!*

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Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.

**This week's Bible Verse**

“The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.” Proverbs :25



**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*That By His Wounds We Might Be Healed*

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

**Offering Meditation**

*Everything belongs to God. You are only Giving back what is already His.*

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. “Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.” 1 Chron 29:11-14



**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - Parkinson's
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- \*Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) - in the hospital
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision and dementia
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Caroline Stine - health
- \*Rosalee Yoder - neck/shoulder
- \*Lance Welson (DeSarro's neighbor) - dealing with cancer
- \*John Rush (Marjorie Seiber's son-in-law) - has tremors and recently had surgery to help

- \*Bill Wallace (brother at Tipp City Church of Christ) - having treatments for
- \*Allen Woodward (brother at Cassel Hills Church of Christ) - has cancer
- \*Cathy Degarma (friend of McGiffins) - dealing with dementia
- \*Marlene McCans (Jerry Thompson's aunt) - failing health
- \*Craig Inman (Jason Bang's friend) - having surgery for cancer
- \*Tim Bang - upcoming bloodwork/tests
- \*Arlene (Carol Kemp's sister) - recovering from knee replacement surgery
- \*Tim and Dianna Bang travelling this week

**How can we be praying for YOU?**



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

**Sunday, April 9**

Bible Classes 26  
AM Attendance 37  
PM Attendance 18

**Wednesday, April 12**

Bible Classes 24  
Contribution \$1,112.00

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



**April 16, 2023**

**Worship Times:**

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!  
If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.