

This week's Bible Verse

“The righteous should choose his friends carefully.
For the way of the wicked leads them astray.” Proverbs 12:26



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Bible Studies currently being held
- *Phyllis Caldwell - health & comfort
- *Rena Morgan - encouragement & health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ in TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - Parkinson's/health
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health - prostate cancer
- *Lynn Thompson - health, needs hip surgery (pray for insurance to approve)
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - health, strength and energy
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health
- *Laura McGiffin - health
- *Viola Schultz - health
- *Billy & IlaMae Jackson (Stephanie Bang's parents) - Billy undergoing radiation treatments, IlaMae's physical strength

- *Nathan Clark (friend of Dustin Desarro) - cancer has returned, prayers for mental/physical/spiritual life
- *Suzanne Grable (Evelyn Lam's friend) - stage 4 cancer
- *Heather McFarland (friend of the Bang's) - cancer
- *Dustin & Sharon Desarro - asking for prayers
- *Michelle Gasper - health issues
- *Marjorie Seiber - hip/knee pain
- *Paulette and her family - asking for prayers
- *Michael Silcott (Kemp's Son-in-law) - dealing with kidney stone(s)
- *Amanda Cummings - recovering from recent surgery

How can we be praying for YOU?

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



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, April 21

Bible Classes 28
AM Attendance 35
PM Attendance 23

Wednesday, April 24

Bible Classes 20
Contribution \$982.00



GREENVILLE CHURCH of CHRIST
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April 28, 2024

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. 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.

Bible Study Attendance

By Doug Dingley

We are all familiar with Jesus’ parable of the sower as recorded in the gospels (Matt. 13:18-23; Mk. 4:13-20; Lk. 8:11-15). In teaching that lesson, Jesus taught that although the seed – the word of God – was the same in each case, the soil on the other hand, He broke down into four different categories of acceptance and production. I would like to use His divinely-inspired model in reference to Bible Study attendance in this article. Where is your treasure?

First off, why is it that so many members, **who actually have the health to do so and could** come to Bible Study, so often and consistently choose not to? Are they really so naïve, uninformed, and/or self-deceived as to think that God will accept **their** excuses (Lk. 9:57-62; Matt. 7:21-23)? Excuses which they would never dare give their earthly bosses (Mal. 1:6-14) for being late or missing work on a regular basis – while still expecting to keep their position that is? Do they not understand that all of God’s children are commanded to diligently and incessantly study in order to present themselves approved to God (2 Tim. 2:15)? Do they not see the vital necessity of making consistent and in-depth Bible study the top priority for any and all who want to be guaranteed of entering heaven (2 Ptr. 1:2-11)?

The answers to some of these questions are quite obvious. Apparently some do think that their excuses – family ties, lack of time, being tired, and etc – will be the ones which God will somehow accept; this, despite what scripture says (Hebs. 10:19-38, 12:12-29). Others may choose to stay at home while the black and white truth of God’s word is being taught, simply because they disagree with and/or just don’t want to accept what it says (2 Tim. 4:1-5). They have made up their minds as to what they **want** to believe – and what they **have** to believe in order to seek to justify their own sinful pursuits or conclusions – and they just do not want to hear anything that is going to correct or cause them to have to put forth the effort to rethink or repent of their personally-held perspectives and biblically-contradictory errors (Rom. 3:4). Never forget the eternally-sound wisdom of the divinely-inspired truth which King Solomon penned and put forth for us in Proverbs 18:1-2: **“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment (*or sound wisdom). A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing His own opinion.”**

A second category of people when it comes to Bible Study attendance would be those who actually do manage to attend with some semblance of consistency for at least a little while, but yet their heart is not truly in it. Being so very often distracted, and even at times consumed, with other, more worldly influences and events going on in their own lives, they never really allow the truth that is being taught to sink fully down into their troubled souls and produce the kind of life-changing repentance that would be obvious to all on the outside if they did. Hence, many, having no true root depth, will eventually, progressively, start missing more and more Bible study time with the church, until they just simply drift or slip away completely (Hebs. 2:1-4). This, while others of the same mindset might stay in attendance for years, but yet never really progress in their knowledge, understanding, and obedience, much beyond what most of those who allowed their bodies to follow where their hearts and minds had already gone did.

A third grouping of people when it comes to public Bible Study attendance, might be those who attend not necessarily to learn anything new or expand their own Bible knowledge, but to make sure that everyone else there – the teacher included – absolutely conforms to their previously-arrived at conclusions – **whether correct or not**. They certainly don’t appear to want to put in the hours and hours of time and effort it takes to study, prepare, and teach a Biblically-accurate Bible class, but on the other hand, they seem to have no problem seeking to correct or admonish anyone who has.

Fourthly and finally though, just like in the parable of the sower, we come to the faithful Bible students; the forward-thinking learners; the penitent fruit producers. These are those who can’t wait for, nor would they let much of anything else get in their way of getting to, the public Bible study of the church. These are some of the private, personal, and most consistent Bible students (Deut. 6:1-8). Bible study is a top priority to them. And it thus shines through brightly in their public Bible Study attendance as well. They know that it is just such studies of God’s word which brings them ever-closer to the Lord their God, as they become ever more like Him through the daily renewing of their mind (Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; Col. 3:1-17). They understand, accept, and live and believe with all of their heart, that it is only those who “hunger and thirst after righteousness,” that will be filled according to His promise (Matt. 5:6). And they wouldn’t miss that for the world. ...I mean, who would, right?

Things to know...

Help is needed with communion preparation, if you'd be willing, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board by the entrance.

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown
Wednesday, May 8th @ 7pm

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Ladies Tea on May 11th @ 11:30am

*Invitations are on the tea table. Please take them to invite family & friends.
We are asking ladies in the congregation to bring a finger food and/or dessert to share.
A meat/cheese/croissant tray will be provided.*

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Congratulations to Brandon and Heather Fourman on the birth of Avery Ann!
Avery was born on April 20th. She weighed 9lbs and was 20-3/4 in. long.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marjorie Seiber 5/1 Doug Hoff 5/18 Curt Thompson 5/22

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Happy Anniversary

Tim & Dianna Bang 4/30 John & Laura McGiffin 5/8 Doug & Marjorie Seiber 5/13

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	April 28, 2024 AM	April 28, 2024 PM	May 5, 2024 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Brandon Fourman	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Duane Kemp	Jerry Thompson	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Jason Bang	John McGiffin	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher Left		Jason Bang	Seth Arrell
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Brandon Fourman	Judah Gasper	Duane Kemp
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Seth Arrell	Chris McGiffin	Tom Muter