

Boiling Zeal

By Travis Main

The words of Paul so vividly describe heaven's view of how we should respond after we have given our lives to God. He talks about the fact that Christ "...gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). We are special to Him, and our response is that we should work for it with zeal.

The Greek word for zeal is used to describe water that is being heated and then reaches the point where it begins boiling vigorously. It might have at one time been cold, then it became lukewarm but the end result is so obvious to all. It has been heated up but now it is boiling over. Paul uses this word to describe his devotion to Judaism and then repeatedly used it to describe his service to God.

There is no story in the Bible which shows the application of this message better than the events which happened early in the public life of Jesus. At His first miracle performed in the wedding in Cana He said to His mother, "My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4), but because of her insistence He began displaying His power. Shortly thereafter He was in Jerusalem where He manifested exactly who He was and why He came. He had obviously come to do what His Father wanted.

Before He came into the world, He knew that He was to be given the body of a man, and He knew how He should use that body in serving God. He said, "A body You have prepared for Me... behold I come to do your will" (Hebrews 2:5-9). Jesus was in Jerusalem and look at how fervently He used His body.

He came into the temple and saw what was happening. He looked around Him and saw the oxen, sheep, doves and the tables of the money changers. What followed had to startle those who saw it. Jesus took a whip and drove those thieves who had turned a house of prayer into a den of thieves. His own disciples did not understand what He was doing and why He was doing it. It was only later that they remember that prophecy about Jesus, "The zeal for Your house has eaten me up" (John 2:14-17). He was consumed by what He saw. His "spiritual temperature" began to rise, and it then boiled over, leaving behind empty "stores" and overturned tables.

Now as you look at Him who has left us the example we should follow, look at yourself. What is your "spiritual temperature" of service? As you use the body God has prepared for you, what is your level of devotion? Think about Jesus and how He responded. I am not advocating turning over tables, but I urge you to let your devotion become more and more fervent as you become like Him. What is your "temperature"?

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	August 13, 2023 AM	August 13, 2023 PM	August 20, 2023 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Tim Bang	John McGiffin	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Mike Illinik	Duane Kemp	Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Jason Bang	Judah Gasper	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	Tom Muter
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Seth Arrell	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson

Things you should know about...

We are sending donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you'd like to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of September.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shandar Thompson 8/13

Jason Bang 8/19

Pamela Illinik 8/27

Waylon Allen 8/15

Jason Hughes 8/23

Michelle Gasper 8/30

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Happy Anniversary!

Reed & Alexa Rohr 8/17

George & Rhonda Gaynor 8/27

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It's almost time for the Great Darke County Fair!

Please plan to join us at the fairgrounds in the Spiritual Life building, on Sunday, August 20th from 2-8 pm to hand out water and talk to fairgoers. Evening service will be held at the church building at 6:00. We need a few people stay until 8:00 to close up the Spiritual Life building, let Jason know if you can help there.

If you would like to donate water, bring it into the building by next Sunday.

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Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort

Thursday 8/24 @ 6:45pm

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We will have a potluck lunch on September 17th.

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House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop

October 25th-27th

More details to come...

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Fall Harvest Party @ The Thompson's

Saturday, October 28th

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This week's Bible Verse

“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’” Luke 12:15

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Lord's Supper Reflection

To Create a People Passionate for Good Works

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” Titus 2:11-14

Offering Meditation

Giving helps the poor but the bigger focus is on Jesus. Giving may help open doors of evangelism to the poor. “For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.” Mark 14:7

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - recovering from a fall
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health, surgery to put pace make and defibrillator in on 8/15
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - struggling with her health and faith
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues
- *Jeanette Leugers (Carol Kemp's Sister-in-law) - cancer
- *Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) - dealing with back pain and cancer treatments
- *Chris Anderson (Doug Seiber's nephew) - has cancer

- *Royce Seiber (Doug Seiber's brother) - upcoming surgery and renewed faith
- *Lori Payne (friend of Michelle Buckingham) - is recovering from complications with a recent surgery and needing help managing family and day to day tasks
- *Bill Wallace (brother at Tipp City Church of Christ) - having cancer treatments and an upcoming procedure for additional cancer related treatments
- *Steve Anderson (Michelle Buckingham's dad) - health
- *Seth Arrell - job interviews
- *Nichole Thorpe (Amie Allen's friend) - recovering from complications with gall bladder surgery

How can we be praying for YOU?

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

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, August 6		Wednesday, August 9	
Bible Classes	31	Bible Classes	22
AM Attendance	37	Contribution	\$1,268.50
PM Attendance	20		

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



August 13, 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!
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.