

What is Freedom?

Kevin Cauley

What does it mean to be free? Some say that freedom is being able to do anything with no limits. I do not subscribe to that definition because, if followed consistently, it is a sure way to lose your freedom. Think about it. "No limits" means that a person could steal, lie, commit adultery, murder, and numerous other evil things that limit the exercise of freedom. Consider this illustration. You are the captain of a beautiful ocean-going vessel, and you may sail it wherever you please. You have chart and compass to help you navigate and avoid the rocks. You could ignore them, sail your boat into the rocks, and destroy it, but that would practically eliminate your freedom. Alternatively, you could use the chart and compass to avoid the rocks and go most any place you desire on the ocean. Who is more free? The person who destroyed his boat in the name of "freedom," or the person who followed the chart and compass?

In this illustration, your body is the "boat," and your spirit is the "captain." The Bible is the chart and compass and the rocks are the consequences of sin. You may wreck your life by ignoring the Bible and sailing among the rocks of sin, or by listening to the Bible you may avoid the rocks of sin and have a truly free life. Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). Paul wrote, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). If you want real freedom, hear and obey the word of God.

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

| Sunday Rotation | August 20, 2023 AM | August 20, 2023 PM | August 27, 2023 AM |
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| Greeter | Dustin Desarro | Rick Ferris | Jerry Thompson |
| Announcements | Tom Muter | Tim Bang | Duane Kemp |
| Song Leading | Duane Kemp | Duane Kemp | Jason Bang |
| Opening Prayer/Usher Left | Tim Bang | Tom Muter | Tom Muter |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jason Bang | Tim Bang | Tim Bang |
| Scripture Reading | Rick Ferris | Judah Gasper | Seth Arrell |
| Sermon | Tom Muter | Jerry Thompson | John McGiffin |
| Closing Prayer/Usher Right | Jerry Thompson | Duane Kemp | Chris McGiffin |

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jason Hughes 8/23

Michelle Gasper 8/30

Pamela Illinik 8/27

Sherrilynn Butts 9/6

Happy Anniversary!

George & Rhonda Gaynor 8/27

It's time for the Great Darke County Fair!

Join us at the fairgrounds in the Spiritual Life building, TODAY from 2-8 pm to hand out water and talk to fairgoers. Evening service will be held at the church building at 6:00.

If you can help load the vehicles with water and the cooler, see Chelsea.

Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort

Thursday 8/24 @ 6:45pm

New study "The Crown" will begin in September ~ From King David, to placing the crown of thorns on the head of the Son of God... this will be a study of the purposeful and prophetic redemption through the King of kings. Let Stephanie know if you would like to participate.

We will have a potluck lunch on September 17th.

This will be our annual Chili cook-off, so start working to find the best ingredients to win!

House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop

October 25th-27th

More details to come...

Fall Harvest Party @ The Thompson's

Saturday, October 28th

This week's Bible Verse

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’ John 8:12

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Call Us to Follow His Example of Humility*

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but ~~to~~made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:5-8

**Offering Meditation**

*Giving is Good*

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10

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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, recovering from surgery for a pace maker/defibrillator
- *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, also keep Doreen in prayer as his caregiver
- *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 - new job
- *Nichole Thorpe (Amie Allen's friend) - recovering from complications with gall bladder surgery
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - kidney stones
- *Heather Glass (acquaintance of Thompson's/Muter's/Desarro's) - issues with her health

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 13**

Bible Classes 38  
AM Attendance 47  
PM Attendance 25

**Wednesday, August 16**

Bible Classes 24  
Contribution \$1,309.25

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



**August 20, 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.