

## Special Treasure

By Kevin Cauley

When God brought the children of Israel out of bondage, He instructed Moses to tell them this: “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine” (Exodus 19:5).

God intended for Israel to have a special relationship with Him beyond that of all the other nations. The people, however, rebelled, and did not fulfill God’s desires for them to be this special people (Jeremiah 31:31-34). So, God made a New Covenant through His Son, Jesus. In this covenant, God has reaffirmed His desire to have a special relationship. Titus 2:14 states, “[Jesus] 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.” Peter affirms that message in 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” What God could not accomplish through the physical nation of Israel, He accomplishes through the spiritual nation of Israel, the church.

The word for “special” has the connotation of keeping something around as a treasure. I have a small “treasure box” in my bedroom in which I keep mementos from special occasions in my life. They are not valuable to anyone else, but to me they are priceless because of what they mean to me. They are my special treasures. That is a limited illustration because people are so much more valuable than things. God is saying, “I value you above everything else because of what you mean to me.” Do we see ourselves as that special people?

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

Sunday Rotation	August 27, 2023 AM	August 27, 2023 PM	September 3, 2023 AM
Greeter	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Duane Kemp	John McGiffin	Jason Bang
Song Leading	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp	Mike Illinkik
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson	Seth Arrell
Lord's Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Chris McGiffin	Jason Bang	Tim Bang

## 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

Pamela Illinik 8/27      Sherrilynn Butts 9/6      Laura McGiffin 9/29  
Michelle Gasper 8/30      Tom Muter 9/26      Rick Ferris 9/30

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## Happy Anniversary!

George & Rhonda Gaynor 8/27

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## Ladies Bible Study—The Crown

Our new study 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 by tonight if you would like to participate.

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## Gospel Meeting - September 10-13 Tipp City Church of Christ

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Our next potluck lunch will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
This will be our annual Chili cook-off, so start working to find the best ingredients to win!

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## Men’s Meeting after AM services on September 17<sup>th</sup>

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## House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

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## Fall Harvest Party @ The Thompson’s Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

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**This week's Bible Verse**

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”

1 Chronicles 16:34

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Create a Band of Crucified Followers*

“Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?” Luke 9:23-25

**Offering Meditation**

*God intended us to work and to give. Our treasury here helps those in need. Your gift then helps those in need.*  
 “Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.” Ephesians 4:28

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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
- \*Nichole Thorpe (Amie Allen's friend) - recovering from complications with gall bladder surgery
- \*Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - kidney stones, will have surgery to remove them
- \*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 20**

Bible Classes 32  
 AM Attendance 33  
 PM Attendance 20?

**Wednesday, August 23**

Bible Classes 26  
 Contribution \$1,810.00

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



**August 27, 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.