

Authority and Unity

By Kevin Cauley

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Ephesians 4:11-14).

The authority of the scriptures must be primal as we seek to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. All authority comes from Christ (Matthew 28:18). Christ has given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the church to remain united under His authority. The roles of apostle and prophet produce the authoritative scriptures. The roles of pastors and teachers hold us accountable to the scriptures. Evangelists bring others to the scriptures. With these roles fulfilled, we have unity with one another in the body of Christ.

However, when we dismiss the authority of the scripture, we bring disunity and division to the body of Christ because we will no longer have one standard by which to determine what is right or wrong. We will be children tossed and carried by every wind of teaching. We will be prey for the sleight and craftiness of men, and we will succumb to their deceit. What happens when we dismiss the authority of the scriptures? We lose our anchor to Christ and His church. May we respect the authority of the scriptures.

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	December 11, 22 AM	December 11, 22 PM	December 18, 22 AM
Greeter	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington	Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Usher (left)	Tim Bang	Brennan Arrell	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Owen Whittington	Rick Ferris	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher (right)	Chris McGiffin	Seth Arrell	Jason Bang

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.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dustin Desarro 12/11

Rena Morgan 12/24

Jerry Thompson 12/18

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Happy Anniversary!

Duane & Carol Kemp 12/24

Dustin & Sharon Desarro 12/29

Owen & Linda Whittington 12/30

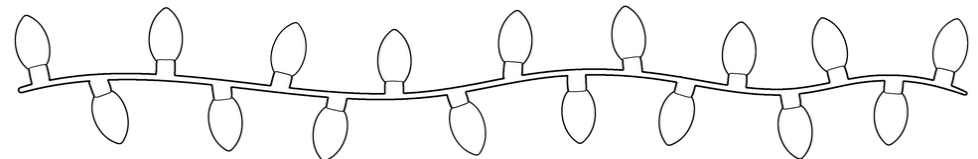
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Ladies Bible study will meet this Tuesday, December 13th @ 6:45pm

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We will be giving food boxes and gifts to families in the community for Christmas. There is a list on the back table to sign up for what items you can provide. The boxes/gifts will be delivered on December 21st.

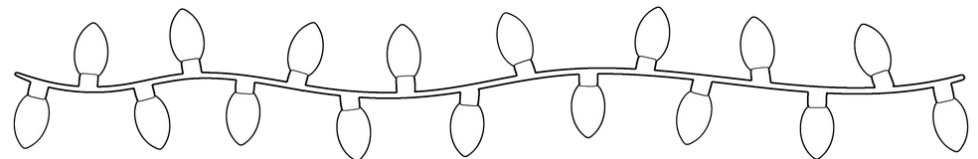
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### Our congregation Holiday Party will be THIS Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Bring your favorite holiday snack and dessert to share.

We will also be doing a gift exchange, bring a gift (up to \$10/\$15 in value) for each person who will be participating (kids-big kids).





"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7

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Lord's Supper Reflection

Jesus leaves no doubt that He is Christ that died for us.

"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." Luke 24:39

Offering Meditation

Give what you can. Offer a sacrifice of time, talent, or money that furthers the work of the Kingdom (church). God has given us all that we have (James 1:17) and expects us to use our resources to help Him establish the church.

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings." Malachi 3:8

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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
\*Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health,
\*Caroline Stine - will be having tests on a spot found on her breasts
\*Mark McGiffin (John McGiffin's brother) - is recovering from heart surgery to put in two stints
\*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - upcoming hip surgery
\*Pam Illinik—health
\*Sharon Thompson (Jerry Thompson's mom) - is recovering from knee surgery, still a lot of pain
\*Pamela Knapke (Sherrilynn Butt's daughter) - health concerns
\*Carter Buckingham - will be having back surgery on Jan. 10th
\*Gwen Brown (family friend of Thompson's) - had seizures, having tests done
\*Nolan Flannery - dealing with vertigo
\*Debby Brayfield - fell and is back in the hospital
\*Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) health
\*Chad Brown (currently doing a Bible study with Duane Kemp) - grieving the loss of his father

How can we be praying for YOU?

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

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Table with 2 columns: Sunday, December 4 and Wednesday, December 7. Rows include Bible Classes, AM Attendance, PM Attendance, and Contribution.

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



December 11, 2022

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.