

**THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER**

By Dr. Raymond Muncy

Jesus is the world's most distinguished teacher. It was not an award that men presented him, but a recognition by millions who have sat at his feet for nearly 2,000 years.

He had no classroom, except the one the moment provided. It might be a hillside, a boat, or a garden.

He received no salary, and when John's disciples asked for his credentials he responded, "the poor have the gospel preached unto them" (Mt.11:1-6).

He set no age limit for his students. Little children were admitted as well as the aged. He had no textbook but his Father's word. He held no college degree, yet scholars were instructed by him.

Never a teacher had such knowledge. He knew students and their needs. He knew all about the past and the future. He knew every atom of the universe. He even knew what students were thinking.

Never a teacher had such authority. When he finished class one day, his students were "amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one having authority," and not like the other teachers (Mt.7:28-29).

Never a teacher had such incentive. There was a responsibility laid on him, which caused him to teach, even if it meant public ridicule, arrest, imprisonment, and death itself. That incentive was always student centered.

Never a teacher had such rapport with students. He was "gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt.11:28-30), and his students learned from him. He used ordinary things and events like lamps, salt shakers, sowers and reapers, losing sheep and coins, and a young boy kicking up his heels, running off and getting into trouble – things students could identify with.

He never had a class too large or too small. On student who came to fetch a pail of water was given as much attention as 5,000 hungry students in a class just before lunch. He had a night class when only one student showed up, and an early morning class when at least three students fell asleep.

His examinations were killers because each question called on the student to examine his own life withing the context of principles clearly taught in class.

Many failed, went back home, and "walked no more with him" (Jn.6:66). Even his 12 majors checked out before the end of the semester.

Yet thousands thronged to enroll, with one little fellow willing to set up in a tree just so he could see the teacher. Scholars have come and gone, and sages have philosophized about the meaning of life and the purpose of the universe, but all must agree that never a man spoke like this distinguished teacher from Galilee.

**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**

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| Sebastian Robinson 12/4 | Dan Metcalf 12/10    |
| Carrie Thompson 12/5    | Dustin Dessaro 12/11 |
| David Glenn 12/8        | Jerry Thompson 12/18 |
| Alena Brown 12/9        | Rena Morgan 12/24    |

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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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**Our congregation Holiday Party will be on 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).

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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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Sunday Rotation	December 4, 22 AM	December 4, 22 PM	December 11, 22 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Jason Bang	Jerry Thompson
Announcements	Jerry Thompson	John McGiffin	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Owen Whittington	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher (left)	Jerry Thompson	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Jason Bang	Tom Muter	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Owen Whittington
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher (right)	Tim Bang	Brennan Arrell	Chris McGiffin



"Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; And with the last I am He.' " Isaiah 41:2



**Lord's Supper Reflection**

As it began to Dawn on the FIRST day of the Week is One reason we gather on Sunday to Remember Christ.

"Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb." Matthew 28:1

**Offering Meditation**

God's Spiritual Blessings will Greatly outweigh OUR monetary sacrificial offering.

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38



**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 ,
- \*Carrie (employee at The Oakley Place) - recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- \*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

- \*Viola Schultz - healing for her broken arm
- \*Marjorie Seiber - recovering from surgery
- \*Pamela Knapke (Sherrilynn Butt's daughter) - health concerns
- \*Carter Buckingham - will be having back surgery on Jan. 10th
- \*Theo (Rosalee's nephew) - still in the hospital, but health is improving
- \*Gwen Brown (family friend of Thompson's) - had seizures, having tests done
- \*Nolan Flannery - dealing with vertigo
- \*Debby Brayfield - fell and is in the hospital

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

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



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

**Sunday, November 27**

Bible Classes	36
AM Attendance	39
PM Attendance	32

**Wednesday, November 30**

Bible Classes	22
Contribution	\$1,671.58

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## December 4, 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.