

**Christian Don't Be Afraid**

By Kevin Cauley

Jesus knew that fear was a great problem for God's people. In the accounts of the gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), Jesus warns against "fear" or "being afraid" at least seventeen times (maybe more, depending on how you count). Do we recognize the great danger that fear poses? Jesus certainly did, and He did more to remove fear from our lives than any other. Hebrews 2:14-15 says, "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Fear of death subjects us to bondage. Jesus came to release us from the fear and power of death.

In John 10:10, Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Who is the "thief?" What does he steal? Why doesn't he enter by the door? Who are the sheep? How does the thief steal the sheep? What is his purpose in stealing the sheep? Why is the life that Jesus gives contrasted with the work of the thief? How is Jesus the Good Shepherd? From what does He protect His sheep?

When we are children, we are taught to fear many things. We compound these fears as adults until we are compassed on every side. "Fear" is a great merchant; it peddles many things; it takes life as payment and steals our allegiance from God. Denying fear simply increases it. Only Jesus can take away fear when we put Him in place of our fears.

**GOD**  
**is bigger**  
**than our**  
**FEAR**

**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. The next donation will be sent after the end of March.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Alexa Rohr 2/20    | Josiah Rohr 3/12    |
| George Gaynor 2/22 | Brennan Arrell 3/19 |
| Jonathan Rohr 3/12 | Doug Seiber 3/26    |

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**Men's Meeting after AM services today.**

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**Ladies!! We want your input on ideas for Ladies' Day activities. We will meet to discuss upcoming events today after AM services.**

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*Ladies Bible Study ~ The God of All Comfort*  
**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm**

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

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

| Sunday Rotation            | February 19, 2023 AM | February 19, 2023 PM | February 26, 2023 AM |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Greeter                    | Dustin DeSarro       | Jerry Thompson       | Tom Muter            |
| Announcements              | Tom Muter            | Tim Bang             | Owen Whittington     |
| Song Leading               | Owen Whittington     | Jason Bang           | Jason Bang           |
| Opening Prayer/Usher Left  | Tim Bang             | Tom Muter            | Owen Whittington     |
| Lord's Supper Comments     | Jerry Thompson       | Owen Whittington     | Tim Bang             |
| Scripture Reading          | Chris McGiffin       | Brennan Arrell       | Jerry Thompson       |
| Sermon                     | John McGiffin        | John McGiffin        | John McGiffin        |
| Closing Prayer/Usher Right | Jason Bang           | Tim Bang             | Tom Muter            |

**This week's Bible Verse**

“Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.” Deuteronomy 8:6

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*For the Forgiveness of Our Sins*

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.” Ephesians 1:7-10

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift Takes Care of the Building Where We Worship*

“Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, “Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly.” However the Levites did not do it quickly.” 2 Chronicles 24:5

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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
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- \*Carter Buckingham - recovering from back surgery and going back to school
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Phil Garber (friend of Tim Bang) - having valve replacement surgery

- \*Suki Kirchner - has Shingles
- \*Rosalee Yoder - dealing with sciatic pain
- \*Jason Bang - Travelling this week

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

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## February 19, 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 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.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, February 12 |    | Wednesday, February 15 |            |
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| Bible Classes       | 35 | Bible Classes          | 26         |
| AM Attendance       | 46 |                        |            |
| PM Attendance       | 22 | Contribution           | \$1,120.00 |