

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.” Matthew 21:21



**Lord’s Supper Reflection**

*Help Me Believe in the Power of the Cross*

“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?’” Matthew 21:42

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift to God is a Sacrifice. The Amount is Not Important*

“And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.” Luke 21:1-4



**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Michelle Gasper - has fibromyalgia
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Alexa Rohr - eyesight
- \*The family of Dwayne Sapp (Jerry Thompson’s uncle) grieving his passing
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- \*Cory Clark - health as he is waiting for a kidney transplant
- \*Kayah Musselman - healing for her broken arm
- \*Laura McGiffin - dealing with knee pain
- \*Ed Kirchner - travelling for work
- \*Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin’s dad) - health
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin’s mom) - Shut in, health
- \*Sue Petty (Shandar Thompson’s Great Aunt) needing prayers

- \*Josh & Rachel Bang family (family of the Bang’s) needing prayers
- \*Kathy Etter (co-worker of Stephanie Bang) had 2 chemo treatments for breast cancer and cancer in her lymph nodes, she had some rough side effects
- \*Steven & Jennie Haguewood & family needing prayers
- \*Lance & Peyton Miller (Chris & Lisa Miller’s son) recently had a new baby
- \*Judy Thornhill (Lisa Miller’s aunt) has cancer

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



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

<b>Sunday, February 21</b>		<b>Wednesday, February 24</b>	
Bible Classes	22	Attendance	17
AM Attendance	32	Contribution	\$958.00
PM Attendance	24		

# Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



## February 28, 2021

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 happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and 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.

## Lazarus, Sleep, and Death

By Dan Jenkins

"Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go to wake him up" (John 11:11). You know this story and understand what Jesus meant, but His disciples failed to comprehend it. Lazarus was so sick that his sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus. Judging by their words which both of them spoke - "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died"- the message was sent as a plea to Jesus to come to heal him.

Jesus was not in Judea but likely in Galilee, many miles away. However, Jesus did not immediately rush to go to Bethany. He waited two days before even starting His journey. Obviously the disciples knew of the message and said to Jesus, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." They did not know that Jesus was speaking of the sleep of death.

The comparison between sleep and death can bring so much comfort to us. It should not surprise us that our God devoted an entire chapter in the Bible to help us see the parallel. Our view of death is changed when we compare it to sleep.

Sleep is peaceful and not painful. While, as death approaches our bodies may be filled with pain, there comes that time when there is a release and the transition takes place. Think about how this parallels sleep. We may toss and turn as we lie down, but ultimately the time comes when we lay aside all that troubles us and fall asleep, leaving all those troubles behind. Throughout His life Jesus had fallen asleep and on the cross He "slept" again, leaving all troubles behind when He said, "Father into your hands I commit My spirit." There is a peace that comes when we sleep and there is the final peace which comes when we die.

There is hope in sleep and there is hope in death. Why do we set an alarm each evening? Because we have an expectation of waking up. The same is true in death, for we expect to literally hear Jesus' voice to awaken us, based upon what He said to His disciples: "The hour is coming in which all that are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29).

As a child the first prayer I learned was this prayer. "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." I thank God that my mom and dad taught this to me, but my understanding is so much deeper now. I then understood about laying down to sleep, but I was not able to grasp all that is involved in asking Him to take my soul in death. I did not know about the angels who took another Lazarus to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:22). I did not fear going to sleep, nor do I need to fear death.

There are so many other parallels between sleep and dying. Think about them. It will change your view of death.

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### Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | February 28, 2021 | March 7, 2021  |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Announcements          | Tim Bang          | Tim Bang       |
| Song Leading           | Bryan Allen       | Bryan Allen    |
| Opening Prayer         | Jerry Thompson    | Jerry Thompson |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Tim Bang          | Tim Bang       |
| Scripture Reading      | Judah Gasper      | Chris McGiffin |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin  |
| Closing Prayer         | Matthew Wilson    | Tim Bang       |

## Announcements:

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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### Happy Birthday!!

Jonathan Rohr 3/12

Josiah Rohr 3/12

Lisa Brown 3/15

Brennan Allen 3/19

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Bible Readings for this week's Bible Class:

Topic: "Willing To Change" and "God Sends Ezra to Jerusalem"

Joshua 1:1-13

Joshua 6:22-25

Ruth 1:1-9, 14-18

Matthew 1:5-6

2 Corinthians 11:22-27

Ezra 7:6-15, 25-28

Ezra 8:21-23, 31-36

Ezra 9:1-15

Ezra 10:1-3, 10-15, 19, 44

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### North End Church of Christ Youth Rally

March 12-13 in Parkersburg, WV

See John for more details if you have a teen interested!

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### **MEN'S MEETING MARCH 20th @ 9AM**

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### Next month's Potluck will be on March 14th

Please let Dianna know what you plan to bring or write it on the paper at the back tables.

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Don't forget to mark your calendar for VBS - July 25-28!

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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.