

## A New Restoration Movement: Restoring the Christian Family

By Brad Harrub

I fear that many people who read these words will never realize the real **need**. To many, the idea of "reclaiming the family" is simply a nice catchy slogan that reads well on the cover of a Christian magazine. But it's not really something the average Christian needs to worry about—right? Reclaiming the family is for those who have delinquents or serious problems in the home. After all, "we attend church ever Sunday morning and our children are kind to others. Surely, we are alright." And yet, these are precisely the individuals who I hope will re-evaluate their entire paradigm. There is a need to restore the family.

Let me begin by asking one simple question. If you knew that the activities your family was involved in would eventually lead them away from God would you change your life? I suspect most people would indicate that they would change. But when it really comes down to making those changes in our lives (when the rubber hits the road), we find ourselves making excuses and often justifying our behavior. After all, we may already be "comfortable" and changing things could involve too much energy.

In order to really reclaim our families the first thing we must do is: **(1) acknowledge they need to be reclaimed**. We must admit that our family has been influenced by the world more than we have influenced the world. Husbands and wives need to sit down and discuss openly the need to make changes. Then, and only then, can we begin the process of reclaiming our family.

In addition to acknowledging the need, we must also **(2) honestly evaluate what we are allowing into our lives**. Yes, certain shows may be funny, but are they wholesome and can we thank God for them (Col. 3:17)? This step will be the hardest for most individuals—as oftentimes we get into daily ruts and we don't even see the danger that the world is leading us into. Evaluate your jobs, your children's schools, your television habits, your children's friends, your hobbies, etc. Anything that is not going to help your family get to heaven should be seriously questioned and eliminated if possible.

After you have acknowledged and identified the problem, then **(3) you must act**. Begin by communicating to children (old and young alike), that nothing is more important than getting to heaven, and as such, you are going to make some changes. When they see you changing your life they will be more likely to follow in your footsteps, and carry those sentiments into their own families.

If you stop at this step you will feel good about having made some serious steps towards reclaiming your family—but one final step remains. In order to insure success, **(4) families must replace old bad habits with new good ones**. Time that used to be spent in front of mindless television shows can be used to study the Bible together, learn new hobbies, exercising together, or just sitting down sharing your thoughts and feelings across a dinner table. Take some time to learn how to reconnect with one another, and teach your children how to recognize anti-God influences.

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.

## Things you should know about!

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.



### Happy Birthday!!!

- Lucian Martin 1/9
- Lois Ferris 1/12
- Rhonda Gaynor 1/15
- Macy Bang 1/17
- Gage Thompson 1/17
- Faithlynn Pettry 1/21

Potluck today!!! Please join us to eat and fellowship.

Sunday's at 2:00pm John will be conducting a worship service at the Oakley Place Retirement Center at 1275 Northview Dr. in Greenville.

January's men's meeting will be on 1/15/22 @ 9am.

### Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	January 9, 2022	January 16, 2022
Announcements	John McGiffin	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Bryan Allen	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer	Tom Muter	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments		Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Owen Whittington	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer	Curt Thompson	Jerry Thompson

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live ...; and the LORD your God will bless you....” Deuteronomy 30:16



**Lord’s Supper Reflection 2020 –Why Did Jesus Die?**

*Jesus Died to Fulfill His Father’s Will*

“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.” Isaiah 53:10

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift to God is to be Freewill (not Coerced)*

“And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem.” Ezra 1:4



**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Henry Morgan (Rena Morgan’s son) - has COVID, in the hospital on a ventilator
- \*Amy Hick (Tammy Seiber’s neighbor) has cancer
- \*Nicole (Tammy Seiber’s niece) - having some complications with her pregnancy
- \*Ray Miller (Sam Martin’s grandfather) - has dementia
- \*Jeff Miller (Sam Martin’s uncle) - has lymphoma cancer
- \*Rosalee Yoder (The Allen’s neighbor) - dealing with migraines and not feeling 100%
- \*Family and friends of Lyle Walker (friend of Phyllis Caldwell in MT) grieving his passing
- \*Tina Mellieon (co-worker of Laura McGiffin) - is having a biopsy done on a mass found on her face.
- \*Sam Martin’s daughters, Addy and Faithlynn are sick
- \*Justin King (Tammy Seiber’s nephew) - fell and has blood clots in his lungs.
- \*Michelle Gasper has COVID
- \*Brandon, Mikki & baby Asher Haugewood & Steve Haugewood are all sick.
- \*Dustin & Sharon (friends of the McGiffins) are looking for a house to buy in the area
- \*Sharon Manning (Holly Martin’s aunt) - fell and broke her nose, along with bumps and bruises.
- \*Mary asked for prayers for her grandmother who has a brain bleed.

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



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

Sunday, January 2		Wednesday, January 5	
Bible Classes	35	Attendance	18
AM Attendance	47		
PM Attendance	41	Contribution	\$1,482

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## January 9, 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

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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.