

Bible Verse of the Week

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1

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Lord's Supper Reflection – Help Me Believe in the Power of the Cross

He Could Have Called Twelve Legions of Angels

“And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?” In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.” Matthew 26:51-56

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God helps Support Fellow Christians

“And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.” Acts 11:27-30

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *Brian Sturgell (Curt/Shandar's neighbor) - both of his parents both have cancer
- *Sandy Jones (Duane & Carol Kemp's daughter) - dealing with MS and things going on in her life
- *David Netzley (friend of the Bang's) - has diabetes and is dealing with foot problems
- *Rodney Bottoms (the Seiber's neighbor) has cancer
- *Ermil Dotson (Nellie Hoff's brother) has stage 4 cancer

- *Delores Fox (Tim & Dianna Bang's daughter) - is having tests done, she's had bad headaches and episodes of passing out the past couple of weeks
- *Ken Heaney (friends of the Bang's) - has Lyme's Disease and other new health concerns have been found
- *Taylor Jackson (Jason & Stephanie Bang's niece) - got stepped on by a horse, she's bruised and very sore

How may we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, July 18		Wednesday, July 21	
Bible Classes	46	Attendance	31
AM Attendance	51		
PM Attendance	25	Contribution	\$1,073

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



July 25, 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

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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.

Until the Harvest... Sowers, Laborers

By Dan Jenkins

Before Jesus died, He revealed to the apostles what lay in their future. They were to be sowers of the word of God into hearts that were like wayside, thorny, stony and good soils (Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23). He also told them that in the field they were planting seed which would produce the kingdom of God. He then told them they should expect Satan to come add seeds of evil among the seed the apostles had planted (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43).

That kingdom began, and Satan began his work by "planting weeds" in the church. He tried to change the very nature of the church into one which demanded all men, especially Gentiles, be circumcised. For the next generation, the church of Jesus struggled with tares (weeds) of Judaism. Take a moment and look around you. The church of Christ is eternal and will always be on the earth, but Satan has never ceased trying to hide it among the tares of religious division.

When the Owner of the field was asked about removing the tares planted by Satan, He said, "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barns'" (Matt. 13:30). Good seed and tares will be here "until the harvest."

So, what are we to do until the harvest? Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:38). The time of the harvest is not yet, but He wants us to pray that laborers may be in the fields. He even told the apostles that they were laborers in that field (John 4:38). We need to pray for laborers and to be laborers.

What do we do until the harvest? We need to realize that all of us can be laborers in many ways. Paul spoke of those who planted and those who watered. He then reminded us that it does not make any difference who does any of this work. He said he who sows and he who waters are to do their work realizing it is God who gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:7).

What are we to do until the harvest? Ask God to use you. Lift up your eyes unto the field. Plant, water and ask God to put you in situations where you can be used as one who goes into the world sowing the seed. The fact that others might be better "sowers" or "waterers" than you makes no difference. Remember every seed sown and every drop of water added to the seed together makes for a great harvest.

There is so much that is happening in our world which can only be changed by those who are sowers and waterers, lights in the darkness and salt seasoning the earth. Pray, ask, sow, water, light and salt—let God use you!

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**Serving today and next Sunday:**

| Sunday AM Rotation     | July 25, 2021  | August 1, 2021   |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Announcements          | John McGiffin  | John McGiffin    |
| Song Leading           | Isaac Mayes    | Owen Whittington |
| Opening Prayer         | Bryan Allen    | Jerry Thompson   |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jerry Thompson | Tim Bang         |
| Scripture Reading      | Isaiah Rohr    | Chris McGiffin   |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin  | John McGiffin    |
| Closing Prayer         | Tim Bang       | Bryan Allen      |

**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.

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Happy Anniversary!!

Judah and Michelle Gasper July 26th

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**Happy Birthday!!!**

Michelle Buckingham 7/25

Ed Kirchner 7/25

Anna Wilson 7/30

Jason Schaffer 7/30

Stephanie Bang 7/30

Cole Durst 7/30

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Fort Hill Youth Camp is this week!

Pray the kids have a fun, safe week growing in God!

Thank you to those who have made going possible for our teens!

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**Bible Reading for this week**

Topics: "Teaching and Preaching" & "My Influence on Others"

Matthew 4:12-25

Luke 5:12-26, 27-32

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Next month's Potluck will be on August 8th!

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Mark your calendar for our Fall Gospel Meeting  
September 19-22

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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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