

Fire Ants
By Kevin Cauley

I don't like fire ants, but I do admire them. I suppose that is kind of a strange statement, so let me explain. Last week I was out in the yard playing catch with my son Gavin. I was wearing my flip-flop sandals, and I became an easy target for those pesky critters. It did not take long before I recognized their presence from their pinch-like sting. They left several pips on my feet where they got me. I moved, but they seemed to be everywhere. I finally went inside the house. Today, as I looked around the yard, I noticed several mounds that had arisen after the recent rains. The amount of dirt that they can move in a few days is impressive for their size. They are diligent creatures.

In Proverbs 6:6-8, the Holy Spirit teaches us about the power of diligence from the example of the ant. "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest." The power of the ant is the power of consistent effort. The ant, though small and insignificant, was able to drive me back into my house from enjoying a wonderful afternoon. The tiny ant can move mounds of dirt from below to above ground. How do they do it? They work together. They do not give up. They are consistent. They practice self-sacrifice.

We need to follow their example in taking the gospel to the world around us. Are we working together to do that? Are we being consistent in doing that? Are we being faithful? Are we being self-sacrificial? Do not forget 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	July 2, 2023 AM	July 2, 2023 PM	July 9, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin DeSarro	Rick Ferris	Tom Muter
Announcements	Jason Bang	Owen Whittington	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington
Scripture Reading	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter	Jason Bang
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson	Seth Arrell

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. 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 June.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bryan Allen 7/9 Erica Schulze 7/22 Anna Wilson 7/30
Matthew Wilson 7/21 Michelle Buckingham 7/25 Stephanie Bang 7/30

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Happy Anniversary!

Jerry & Carrie Thompson 7/4 Judah & Michelle Gasper 7/26

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A Celebration of Life for Sally Westover will be on July 15th at 3^{pm}
at the Mid -County Church of Christ

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**VBS - Calming Mt. Frustration
Conquering Anger with Kindness
Saturday, July 22nd, 9am - noon**

Please take postcards to hand out to your invite family and friends!

If you are interested in helping please get with Chelsea, Stephanie,
or Dianna, we have plenty of areas that need you!

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*Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort
Thursday 7/27 @ 6:45pm*

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We are excited for Mackenzie Cruze in her decision
to be baptized at Fort Hill Youth camp this past week!

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It's almost time to say "see ya later"
to Owen and Linda Whittington.
Please join us next Sunday, July 9th for a
farewell lunch after AM services



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This week's Bible Verse

“I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7



Lord's Supper Reflection

To Free Us From Our Futile Ways

“And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:17-19

Offering Meditation

You Cannot Serve God and Money

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.” Luke 16:13-15



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - recovering from a fall
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - having a pace maker/defibrillator put in on 7/14
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision and dementia, on new Rx to help with anxiety
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Caroline Stine - health, recovering from a back injury
- *Tim Bang - health issues
- *Evelyn Lam - health/pain she's having in her joints
- *Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - struggling with her health and faith

- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues
- *Nellie Hoff - Recovering from a fall
- *Jeanette Leugers (Carol Kemp's Sister-in-law) - recently diagnosed with cancer
- *Cindy Morgan (Rena Morgan's Daughter-in-law) and her family grieving the passing of Cindy's mother

How can we be praying for YOU?

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



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, June 25		Wednesday, June 28	
Bible Classes	42	Bible Classes	22
AM Attendance	62		
PM Attendance	42	Contribution	\$1,184.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



July 2, 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

We are excited to have Andrew Thompson and the team from the Lebanon Rd. Church of Christ worshipping with us today!

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us!
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.