

An American Losing Their Faith?  
By Kevin Cauley

Buried among the headlines of riots and viruses, a three-thousand person survey found that 52% of those that responded did not believe that Jesus was God in the flesh, but only a good teacher. The headlines read, “52% of American Adults Do Not Believe that Jesus Was God.” In this same survey, it was revealed that over 30% of evangelicals did not believe Jesus was God. Is this concerning?

In one sense, we should be concerned about the decline of faith in society. The Bible says, “Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). As a rule of thumb, lawlessness increases proportionally to the decrease of faith. I do not know of anyone who wants to live in a lawless society. So, inasmuch as faith is decreasing, we should be concerned about the relative lawlessness of our communities and how to address such issues.

On the other hand, the Christian knows that faithfulness means walking a narrow way that most will not walk. Jesus said, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). The majority are and always have been under the dominion of Satan. “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19). The good news is that we do not have to live that way. We can make a choice to follow Jesus despite what the world does. “Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward” (Hebrews 10:35).

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

Sunday Rotation	July 9, 2023 AM	July 9, 2023 PM	July 16, 2023 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Jason Bang	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Jerry Thompson	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Owen Whittington	Time Bang	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Jason Bang	Jerry Thompson	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Seth Arrell	Tom Muter	Duane Kemp

**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                      Michelle Buckingham 7/25                      Stephanie Bang 7/30  
 Matthew Wilson 7/21                      Ed Kirchner 7/25                      Jason Schaffer 7/30  
 Erica Schulze 7/22                      Anna Wilson 7/30                      Cole Durst 7/30

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*Happy Anniversary!*

*Judah & Michelle Gasper 7/26*

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**Men’s meeting THIS Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

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A Celebration of Life for Sally Westover will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3<sup>pm</sup>  
 at the Mid –County Church of Christ

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**VBS – Calming Mt. Frustration**

**Conquering Anger with Kindness**

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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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**It’s almost time to say “see ya later” to Owen and Linda Whittington.**

**Please join us today for a farewell lunch today after AM services at JT’s.**

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**This week's Bible Verse**

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth."  
 Psalm 34:1

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Free Us from the Slavery of Our Sins*

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:4-6

**Offering Meditation**

*Put your Money to Good Use*

"If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?" James 2:15-16

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**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
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Caroline Stine - health
- \*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
- \*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
- \*Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) - dealing with back pain
- \*Bill Braun (Jason bang's boss, Ken's, brother) - health concerns

**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.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

**Sunday, July 2**

Bible Classes 36  
 AM Attendance 40  
 PM Attendance 25

**Wednesday, July 5**

Bible Classes 32  
 Contribution \$2,130.11

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



**July 9, 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!  
 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.