

## The World Has Gone Completely Crazy

By Doug Dingley

The world has gone completely crazy. If you don't think so, just switch on the news for a second or two. Whether it's someone who decides they don't like their doctor's prescription so they're going to shoot him and anyone else who stands in their way; someone who decides to tauntingly murder a classroom full of innocent schoolchildren; some dictator who decides to invade and level a foreign country simply for no other reason than his own personal ego; or someone who wants to remove guns from the hands of law-abiding citizens, while at the same time, seeking to make secure through law, that abortionists are able to both legally hang onto and unleash their deadly weapons of mass destruction daily (which have, by the way, taken the lives of more than 63 million innocent pre-born people over the past five decades), the world has, as I said, gone absolutely nuts.

But this is precisely what happens when you deny God's existence and remove His wisdom from the masses (Psa. 2). This is also exactly what the Apostle Paul described by divine inspiration to the first-century church of Christ (Ro. 16:16) that worked and worshipped together in Rome, saying of such: "Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known" (Romans 3:13-17). If that doesn't describe what's going on in the news today, I don't know what does. Paul also said it would get worse and worse as people would become more and more "lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, [and] lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Tim 3:1-4). No question about that!

It is against this backdrop, in such a world gone mad – with so many satanically-intoxicated by their own self-serving and sinfully exaggerated sense of self-importance – that I am so very grateful, to be a blood-bought, fully forgiven, and hope-filled New Testament Christian. One who can experience peace every day, despite whatever is going on around them (Isa. 26:3; Jn. 14:27, 16:33; Rom. 5:1-11, 8:6; Phil. 4:4-9). One who is part of a world-wide family that – totally unlike the world around them – is devoted to unconditionally loving, serving, accepting, and working together with one another, no matter what; and even directly in spite of our many different backgrounds, perspectives, talents, and opinions at times (Ro. 12:3-21, 14:1-19, 15:5-7; Gal. 3:26-29, 5:13-6:2; Eph. 4:1-6, 29-32).

It is learning, loving, living, and exhibiting this type of Christian love, unity, family, and acceptance – so distinct and opposite from the world around us – that sets us apart, both from the terrifying madness, as well as the eternal destination, of those engulfed in and swept away by such evils and atrocities. Now; aren't you glad to be a Christian?

## 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.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tom Butts 6/19 Carol Kemp 6/21 Tom Muter 6/29?

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### Happy Anniversary

Curt & Shandar Thompson 6/19  
Tom & Sherrilyn Butts 6/19  
Rick & Lois Ferris 6/25

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### Happy Father's Day!

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There's Safety in the Ark - VBS  
THIS SATURDAY!! ~ Registration @ 9am  
Please invite your family & friends to come to VBS with you!

If you are helping, please plan to stay after AM service today for a quick meeting.

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There will be a brief Men's meeting after AM service today. If you have items to be discussed, please let John or Jason know.

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#### Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	June 19, 2022	June 26, 2022
Announcements	Tom Muter	Curt Thompson
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Lord's Supper Comments	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Chris McGiffin	Jerry Thompson
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher	Jerry Thompson	Owen Whittington

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.” Luke 6:27-28

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**Lord’s Supper Reflection**

“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” 1 John 2:2

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift helps spread the Gospel and feed the poor*

“As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.” Matthew 10:7-8

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson’s
- \*Laura McGiffin’s - for the incision on her leg to heal properly
- \*Don Allen (Bryan Allen’s brother) - needs prayer
- \*Amy Hicks (Tammy Seiber’s friend) - has brain cancer, hospice has been called in for her care
- \*Greg Wilcox (Kemp’s neighbor) - is struggling
- \*Family and friends of Nancy Wilson (friend of Stephanie Bang) grieving her passing.
- \*Deborah Mellinek (friend of Amie Allen) - in ICU with a spinal infection and brain infection.

- \*Family and friends of Charles Springer (Tom Muter’s uncle – grieving his passing.
- \*Jody Hicks-Myers - (grandmother of a family we have provided Thanksgiving/Christmas for) is in the hospital.
- \*Lisa Graham (David Glenn’s 8 yr old cousin) - in ICU after being exposed to fentanyl.
- \*VBS this Saturday

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

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.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

**Sunday, June 12**

Bible Classes 32  
AM Attendance 46  
PM Attendance 19

**Wednesday, June 15**

Bible Classes 21  
Contribution \$1,353.01

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



June 19, 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

Minister, John McGiffin

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