

The Church is a Hospital

By Kevin Cauley

Perhaps you have heard the title of this article before. It is meant to illustrate the function of the church. A hospital is a place where people who are physically sick or injured go to get better. The church is also such a place, but in a spiritual way. People who are spiritually sick or injured should find healing through the efforts of the church. Sometimes people criticize the church as being a place of hypocrites precisely because there are spiritually sick or injured people in the church. That would be a valid criticism if the church were not doing anything to heal these spiritually damaged people. However, the goal is for spiritually sick people to become well through the work and teaching of Jesus. He said, "I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

We should be careful, though, that the church does not become a spiritual hospice care facility, where the sick go, not to be cured, but to die from their illness. Jesus expects members of his church to put away their sins, not remain in them. Forgiveness is a path to holiness, not a path to ongoing sinfulness. That is why Jesus also said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). We are to "put away" all the sins of the flesh (Ephesians 4:22, Colossians 3:8). We are to be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). John wrote, "My little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7). We must make a serious effort to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	March 17, 2023 AM	March 17, 2023 PM	March 24, 2024 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Jason Bang	Tom Muter
Announcements	Tom Muter	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp
Song Leading	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Seth Arrell	Jerry Thompson	Brandon Fourman
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jerry Thompson	Judah Gasper	Seth Arrell

Things to know...

Help is needed with communion preparation, if you'd be willing, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board by the entrance.

Men's Meeting after AM services on TODAY!

Ladies ~ you're welcome to help stuff eggs while the men are meeting.

Annual EGG hunt

NEXT Sunday, March 24th ~ after AM services

Invite friends and family to join us!

There is a basket on the back table for candy/toy donations.

Ladies Bible Study - The Crown

Wednesday, April 10th @ 7pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brennan Arrell 3/19

Carter Buckingham 4/1

Seth Arrell 4/11

Doug Seiber 3/26

Daniel Hittle 4/2

Chelsea Wilson 4/14

Rosalee Yoder 3/30

Judah Gasper 4/7

Laylah Thompson 4/16

Waylon Wilson 4/9

Happy Anniversary

Greg & Michelle Buckingham 4/14

Tim & Dianna Bang 4/30

Men - mark your calendars for April's Men's Meeting

Saturday, April 20th @ 9:00 am

This week's Bible Verse

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:42



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Bible Studies currently being held
- *Phyllis Caldwell - health & comfort
- *Rena Morgan - encouragement & health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health - prostate cancer
- *Lynn Thompson - health, needs hip surgery (pray for insurance to approve)
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - prayers for strength, energy and comfort during her last two chemo treatments
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health
- *Laura McGiffin - health
- *Viola Schultz - health
- *Billy Jackson (Stephanie Bang's dad) - recovering from surgery/prostate cancer

- *Brian Snell (Dustin & Sharon Desarro's neighbor) - may have colon cancer
- *Nathan Clark (friend of Dustin Desarro) - cancer has returned
- *Suzanne Grable (Evelyn Lam's friend) - stage 4 cancer
- *Heather McFarland - cancer
- *Dustin & Sharon Desarro - asking for prayers
- *Bob Wilson (Laura McGiffin's coworker) - his dad is in Hospice Care
- *Michelle Gasper - health issues
- *Marjorie Seiber - hip/knee pain
- *Jennifer Garner - upcoming brain scan in June
- *Mary Macey (friend of the Kemp's) - recovering from 2nd knee replacement surgery

How can we be praying for YOU?

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



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, March 10

Bible Classes 22
 AM Attendance 36
 PM Attendance 19

Wednesday, March 13

Bible Classes 22
 Contribution \$1,189.00



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March 17, 2024

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.