

## His Name is "I AM"

By Dan Jenkins

One of the attributes of God is that He is the "I AM." Go back to eternity when there was no universe, and the I AM is there. Go forward to that eternity where the universe is no more, and the I AM is there. David described God's presence in these two eternities in this way: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" ([Psa. 90:2](#)).

The reason His name is I AM is that He is eternally the same. He has never changed. God in the Old Testament is not what God *was* like and the God of the New Testament what God *became*. Emmanuel is no different from the Old Testament Jehovah. His name shows that it is impossible for Him to change. James calls God the Father of lights and then adds, "With whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" ([Jas. 1:17](#)).

The fact that He cannot change demands that no single attribute of His nature can change. This is why a knowledge of the Bible is so important. Since the beginning, He has dealt with sinful men. He is "...long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" ([2 Pet. 3:9](#)). The atoning blood of the cross reaches forward to cleanse us, but it flows backward to pay the price of redemption for those who sinned under the Old Testament ([Heb. 9:15](#)). He so loved the world that He gave His Son so that *whoever* believes in Him will be saved ([John 3:16](#)). He has put no difference between Jews and Gentiles. The righteousness of God comes "...through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Rom. 3:23](#)).

His eternal nature shows that in both the Old Testament and the New Testament He punished all men who turn against Him. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" ([Gal. 6:7](#)). The writer of Hebrews looks back to the message of the Old Testament which was spoken through angels and described the uniformity of God's message to mankind. "Every transgression and disobedience received a just reward" ([Heb. 2:2](#)). The God who brought judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah and the God who destroyed the world by the flood will judge all men and destroy our world by fire. His justice demands it.

On the other hand, never forget that the I AM who was the God of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and David is our God. His mercy and presence in their lives is the same in our lives. Read those stories of the providence of God and know that the eyes of I AM were over them, and the eyes of I AM are over us. He is eternally the same!

### Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	May 29, 2022	June 5, 2022
Announcements	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp
Song Leading	John McGiffin	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	Chris McGiffin (L)	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Curt Thompson	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Owen Whittington	Tom Muter
Sermon	Tom Muter	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher	Tim Bang (R)	Tim Bang

## 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

Tammy Seiber 6/2 Kyle Buckingham 6/7  
Phyllis Caldwell 6/9 Chris Miller 6/12

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## Happy Anniversary

Bryan & Amie Allen 6/1  
Tom & Patsy Muter 6/10  
Curt & Shandar Thompson 6/19

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## June Potluck will be on Sunday 6/12

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There's Safety in the Ark - VBS  
Saturday, June 25th  
Registration will begin at 9am

Please invite your family and friends to come to VBS with you!  
If you would like to help, please see Dianna or Stephanie.

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Congratulations to Seth Arrell on his graduation from the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology and from Edison State Community College, with his Associates in Management!

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There will be a brief Men's meeting after AM service on June 19th. If you have items to be discussed, please let John or Jason know.

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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.

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

**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. <sup>15</sup> 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

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders, Ukraine crisis
- \*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 and recovering from a fall
- \*George Gaynor's mom is in the hospital
- \*Laura McGiffin's - back pain and healing of the incision on her leg
- \*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

- \*Terry McGiffin - having back issues and swelling in his legs/feet
- \*Greg Wilcox (Kemp's neighbor) - is struggling
- \*Crew Neeves (Chris & Lisa Miller's grandson) - recovering from his heart surgery

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

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

**Sunday, May 22**

Bible Classes 37  
AM Attendance 43  
PM Attendance 29

**Wednesday, May 25**

Bible Classes 37  
Contribution \$905.50

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



**May 29, 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.