

Bible Verse of the Week

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord,"
Colossians 3:20

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Lord's Supper Reflection – Help Me Believe in the Power of the Cross

Greater Love Has No One Than This

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:12-13

Offering Meditation

Do not Lose your Reward

"And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward." Matthew 10:42

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *Larry Warren (Greg Buckingham's Uncle) has blockages in his heart and needs quadruple bypass surgery
- *Megan Roysel - health concerns
- *Laura McGiffin - upcoming mouth surgery, having tooth pain
- *Stu Lowry - recovering from surgery
- *Jason Hughes - dealing with back pain

- *Brian Sturgell (Curt/Shandar's neighbor) - his parents both recently found out they have cancer
- *Gary Stewart (Isaac Mayes' grandpa) - has a cyst on his pancreas and will be having tests done
- *Clint Hartman (preacher in Lima) - travels to Thailand on mission trips, but borders are currently closed, asking for prayers that they open and he will be able to go soon

How may we be praying for YOU?

TODAY'S SERMON BY TIM BANG:

"I LOVE THE LORD, BECAUSE..."

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Please call John or email him at 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, May 23		Wednesday, May 26	
Bible Classes	31	Attendance	30
AM Attendance	45	Contribution	\$1014.00
PM Attendance	37		

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



May 30, 2021

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 happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and 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.

Parables: Earthly Stories Heavenly Truths

By Dan Jenkins

The disciples of Jesus had no idea about the nature of the kingdom Jesus had come to establish. The Old Testament was filled with promises of the coming King and His kingdom, but no one on this earth understood what it would be like (1 Cor. 2:8-9). Jesus used parables to help those disciples see what was about to happen.

In Matthew chapter thirteen, there are eight parables He gave to them. The first describes the coming kingdom being like a man sowing seed. They could not comprehend the meaning and asked Him to explain. The second parable is about a man who sowed seeds into his field and the enemy who came at night and sowed tares (weeds) in that field. They did not comprehend this parable, so He also had to explain to them its meaning.

The failure to understand these beginning parables blocks the ability to find the truths of God. Mark's account adds one thought not found in either Matthew or Luke's account. "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" (Mark 4:13). One cannot comprehend the nature of the kingdom of heaven until he grasps what Jesus was saying. Those who view the coming of the kingdom as being in the future with Jesus establishing His kingdom and reigning on the earth for a thousand years have not begun to understand these earthly stories with a heavenly meaning which Jesus taught.

Jesus only explains the first two parables, and they become the basis of seeing the meaning of all the parables. You may think you do not know much about the Bible, but do you understand these parables? You likely know more than you think. These stories open the door to deeper truths.

Do you know what the seed was which was sowed in four different types of soil? Do you know what each of those kinds of soils describe? Do you know the identity of the man who sowed the seed in the story of the tares? Do you know who the enemy was who secretly sowed weeds in the field where the good seed was sown?

The disciples had no idea what Jesus was saying, but because He explained the meaning of these parables you can know the answers to each of the questions asked in the previous paragraph. If you do not know, I urge you to simply sit down and read the accounts in Matthew 13 and Luke 8. If you already know the answers, I urge you to slowly read the verses again and pay attention to every word Jesus used. You may not know them as well as you think you do.

One cannot read until he learns the alphabet, and one cannot understand the kingdom until he learns the parables!

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**Serving today and next Sunday:**

| Sunday AM Rotation     | May 30, 2021  | June 6, 2021     |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Announcements          | John McGiffin | John McGiffin    |
| Song Leading           | John McGiffin | Owen Whittington |
| Opening Prayer         | Isaac Mayes   | Jerry Thompson   |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Curt Thompson | Tim Bang         |
| Scripture Reading      | Ezra Rohr     | Chris McGiffin   |
| Sermon                 | Tim Bang      | John McGiffin    |
| Closing Prayer         | Bryan Allen   | Bryan Allen      |

## Things you should know about!

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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Bible Readings for this week's Bible Class:

Topics: "Praise God" and "Do You Need Courage?"

2 Samuel 23:21	Psalm 1
Psalm 8	Psalm 91
Psalm 19	

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*Happy Anniversary!!*

*Bryan and Amie Allen 6/1*

*Curt and Shandar Thompson 6/19*

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Happy Birthday!!!

Kyle Buckingham 6/7	Phyllis Caldwell 6/9
Reed Rohr 6/13	

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 The teens are going to the Creation Museum on June 12th

Teens are free. Kids 10 and under are free, adult tickets are \$39.95

Let John know if you or your teen will be going.

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 Card Canvass - Please pick up 3 business cards and write your name and phone number on them, then give them to three random people this week and ask them to call you if they're interested in free bible study. John will help if you are unsure of conducting a bible study.

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 Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates:

Kyle Buckingham, Union City High School  
 Addy Bang, Kindergarten

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 Kyle Buckingham's Graduation Open House
 June 10th, drop in between 2:00pm - 8:00pm
 @ J&J Enterprises Party Facility, Greenville
 Please RSVP to Michelle