

Bible Verse of the Week

“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” James 2:17

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

*The Tomb Is Found Empty*

“Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”... Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ... and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.” John 20:1-9

**Offering Meditation**

*Have the right attitude. Give out of your love for Christ; because it is commanded; to help others; to spread the Gospel. Do NOT expect things in return. Obedience is the ONLY way to receive the gift of salvation.*

“But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!” Acts 8:20

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Crew Neaves (Chris & Lisa Miller’s 4 yr old grandson) - having a heart procedure done soon.
- *Jim Nichols (member at MidCounty) - recovering from heart surgery last week
- *Delores Fox - dealing with some personal struggles

- *Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) - is having surgery for breast cancer Dec 4.
- *Family and friends of grieving the passing of Joyce Stanley, Janice Petty, and Andy Balster’s father-in-law.
- *Dustin & Sharon Disarro - possibly moving to the area, need God’s guidance in the process

How can we be praying for YOU?

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, November 14 |    | Wednesday, November 17 |         |
|---------------------|----|------------------------|---------|
| Bible Classes       | 30 | Attendance             | 34      |
| AM Attendance       | 36 | Contribution           | \$1,328 |
| PM Attendance       | 37 |                        |         |

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## November 21, 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

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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.

**DON'T Lose out on the Opportunity of Being Together**

By Don Dingley and edited by John McGiffin

Another Lord's Day is here. We all have the awesome opportunity to worship our Lord in spirit and truth. We can sing His praise, pray to our Father, and hear a lesson from His word. Most of all, we can have the sacred privilege of communing with our Lord and Savior just as He instituted and instructed that we should the night before He died for us. What a day. What a God. What a hope. What a Savior. **"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God"** (1 Jn. 3:1)! Together we build our joy, strength, and hope.

However, many have decided that we can worship from home because we have gotten used to it during COVID. Many feel that since it was ok then it is ok now. They feel we can worship at home just as well as meeting with a group of saints. It is interesting that history repeats itself. In the book "Early Christians Speak", sprinkling and pouring started with ONE incident only about two hundred years after the church started. One sick person "too sick" to be immersed was sprinkled after a long debate. Well, he recovered. It seemed that some felt that since it was ok during the illness it was ok at all other times. **Apostasy started.**

Don't mis-understand. If you are sick or otherwise have NO chance to worship, by all means worship with us online. This is one blessing we have received from this COVID pandemic.

But for those who ONLY worship online because they feel like it, will undoubtedly still walk away from worship feeling a certain sense of emptiness or loneliness in spite of all of these incredible blessings from God. They may have even felt guilty at first for feeling that way, because we know that we do not attend and participate in worship because of the people, but because of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that He is indeed, all that we need.

So why the sense of loneliness then? I believe the following is why... It is this same God, who in the beginning of creation said that it was **"not good that man should be alone"** (Gen. 2:18). From the very beginning our God **created us to be social creatures!** Subsequently, when He later recreated us as New Testament Christians in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 2:4-10; Col. 2:13-14), *He also created us to be socially active, interactive, together with, encouraged by, and dependent upon, one another, throughout our daily, earthly lives.* He created us to constantly: be together (Acts 2:44-47), come together (Acts 20:7), and gather together (Acts 20:8); that we might be encouraged, refreshed, and raised up **together** (Ro. 1:12, 15:32, and Eph. 2:4-6). His ultimate plan, purpose, and design for us, as members of His one New Testament church, is that we are constantly **"being joined together"** (Eph. 2:21), **"built together"** (Eph. 2:22); and therefore **"encouraged," "nourished,"** and **"knit together"** (Col. 2:2, 19; Eph. 4:16); that we would always **"stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel"** (Phil. 1:27).

**"Together," "together," "together" ...** We, as individual members of the body/church of Christ, must surely understand that just like the different parts of a human body, none of us was ever made or intended to have to stand alone, or to be segregated, separated, cut off, or set apart from one another (Ro. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:25). Instead, we were made to be and to function together as one; to thus serve, sing to, and teach and admonish one another (Gal. 5:13; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16); to greet, be hospitable to, and assemble together with one another in order to **"exhort,"** and **"stir up one another to love and good works"** (Ro. 16:16; 1 Ptr. 4:6; Hebs. 10:24-25).

So it is totally understandable that those who do not meet with the saints on a regular basis will miss the Christian love, fellowship, refreshment and encouragement that only being together with our brethren whom we hope to be together forever in heaven with, brings. God made us that way from the very beginning. In fact, if you feel no sense of loss at all, then that might possibly be the sign of a more serious problem...

**Serving today and next Sunday:**

| Sunday AM Rotation     | November 21, 2021 | November 28, 2021 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Announcements          | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin     |
| Song Leading           | Owen Whittington  | Ed Kirchner       |
| Opening Prayer         | Tim Bang          | Jason Bang        |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jason Bang        | Jerry Thompson    |
| Scripture Reading      | Chris McGiffin    | Isaiah Rohr       |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin     |
| Closing Prayer         | Jerry Thompson    | Matthew Wilson    |

**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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Happy Birthday!!!

Nellie Hoff 11/24 Carrie Thompson 12/5
 Alena Brown 12/9 Dan Metcalf 12/10

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**Happy Anniversary!**

Jason & Stephanie Bang 11/23  
 Doug & Nellie Hoff 11/27

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Holiday's are quickly approaching... we will be providing meals to families in the community.

Thanksgiving boxes are being packed and delivered TODAY!

The list of food items needed for Christmas meals, as well as a list of items requested as gifts for the families is available... please sign up for what you can. The items will need to be brought back by Sunday, December 19th.

If you can help deliver them, let John or Dianna know.

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Every Sunday at 2:00pm John will be conducting a worship service at the Oakley Place Retirement Center at 1275 Northview Dr. in Greenville. A song leader is needed, if you are willing to help, please talk to John.

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A brief Men's Meeting will be held after morning services today.

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**Mark your calendar for December 18th and plan to join us for our holiday party! Details to come...**

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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.