

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.” Matthew 12:30

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

*The First Witness of the Risen Jesus*

“But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.... Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” ... “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” John 20:11-18

**Offering Meditation**

*God expected people to give their best*

“The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.” Exodus 23:19

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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, also pray for his wife, Jay.
- \*Delores Fox - dealing with some personal struggles
- \*Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) - is having surgery for breast cancer Dec 4.
- \*Sharon Thompson (Jerry Thompson’s mom) having knee pain
- \*Dustin & Sharon Disarro - possibly moving to the area, need God’s guidance in the process
- \*Traveling this weekend—The Whittington’s, the Thompson’s, and the Jones’ family (Duane Kemp’s family).

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

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

Sunday, November 21		Wednesday, November 24	
Bible Classes	32	Attendance	27
AM Attendance	35	Contribution	\$1,266
PM Attendance	30		

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## November 28, 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.

## Discouragement: Satan's Greatest Weapon

By Jon Mitchell

I read a story once that says Satan once held a sale and offered all the tools of his trade to anyone who would pay the price. They were spread out on the table and each one was labeled – hatred, malice, envy, gossip, lust – all the weapons that everyone knows so well. However, off to one side lay a harmless looking instrument labeled **DISCOURAGEMENT**. It was old and worn looking but was priced far above the rest. When Satan was asked why this was, he replied, **“Because I can use this one so much more easily than the others. No one knows that it belongs to me, so with it I can open doors that are bolted tightly against the others. Once I get inside, I can use any tool that suits me best.”**

I wonder what heroic and inspiring accounts were never written because Satan effectively used his tool of discouragement? The Bible records many sad stories of people who lost heart and gave up. When Moses sent the spies into the Promised Land, all but Caleb and Joshua came back with discouraging news. The fearful saw the size and strength of their opponents rather than remembering the signs and strength of their God (Num. 13-14). Elijah did great things for God which resulted in the conversion of thousands of Israelites (1 Kings 18:1-40; 19:18); yet, he had become so discouraged when Jezebel threatened his life that he deceived himself into thinking that he was the only servant of God left (1 Kings 19:1-18). After Peter promised that he'd never leave Jesus' side, he ran with the rest when the Lord was arrested, and a few minutes later become so afraid that he denied even knowing Christ (Matt. 26:31-75). He did so because he was discouraged after seeing the apparent lost cause his Lord's ways had become upon his arrest.

We become discouraged when we make the same mistake that these guys made and start paying more attention to the obstacles than the opportunities. We become discouraged when we start believing Satan, **“the father of lies”** (John 8:44), instead of the Father **“who cannot lie”** (Tit. 1:2). And what has the God who cannot lie promised us? He has promised us that our work is not meaningless, so be steadfast and immovable (1 Cor. 15:58). He has promised us that our trials and hardships make us stronger if we allow them (James 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-5). He has promised us that the hardships we endure seem painful right now, but they cause us to become more righteous later if we allow ourselves to be trained by them (Heb. 12:1-11). Do we believe his promises? Do we? Our actions always prove how strong our faith really is (James 2:14-26).

God can do great things with a heart that is his and a mind that believes it. Joshua and Caleb, the two spies who refused to be discouraged, went on to do great things for God and his people for years afterward. Elijah recovered from his discouragement and went on serving God, and as a result God brought him directly into heaven rather than allowing him to die. Fifty days after a discouraged Peter denied Christ, he converted thousands of people through courageous, strong preaching. All of these men faced what they thought were impossible situations. They had seen no light at the end of the tunnel, no hope whatsoever...but it turns out that they were wrong. Why? Because they forgot that God was with them (Phil. 4:13). Once they remembered that, look at the heights to which they climbed!

What heights can you reach with the help of God? What can God do with you? Does he have your heart and mind? Or is the devil having his way with you?

**“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you”** (James 4:7). Don't allow Satan to discourage you, friends. **“Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed”** (Heb. 12:12-13).

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.

## 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. Please let John know if you would like to continue doing communion this way or if you would like to go back to the traditional way.

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## Happy Birthday!!!

Carrie Thompson 12/5      Alena Brown 12/9

Dan Metcalf 12/10      Jerry Thompson 12/18

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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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## Mark your calendar for December 18th and plan to join us for our holiday party!

We will be doing a white elephant gift exchange game (bring something from home or a purchased item for up to \$5 ).

Bring your favorite holiday snack to share and your holiday cheer!  
(Yes, Bryan Allen, you have to!!!)

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If you are interested in teaching a Bible Class, we are in need of teachers for the 1st quarter of 2022. Please let Dianna or John know.

### Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | November 28, 2021 | December 5, 2021 |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Announcements          | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin    |
| Song Leading           | Ed Kirchner       | Owen Whittington |
| Opening Prayer         | Jason Bang        | Jerry Thompson   |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jerry Thompson    | Tim Bang         |
| Scripture Reading      | Isaiah Rohr       | Chris McGiffin   |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin    |
| Closing Prayer         | Matthew Wilson    | Duane Kemp       |