

Yearly Update
By John McGiffin

Today, I am at Lebanon Road church of Christ as they are raising monies to help support us on this mission Sunday for them. I have included here an update I provided for them. I was amazed at how much we really can accomplish when we work together. It can't be done without everyone pitching in. Thank you!

We feel blessed here at Greenville especially knowing people like you at Lebanon Road care enough to help a small congregation. As you know, we had prior to Covid averaged around 15 in am services. After Covid in 2020 we averaged 28. We seem to be holding steady at the current time at around 46 persons on Sunday Morning. We consistently have 80% attendance in Bible class on Sunday and 60% on Wednesday.

About a year ago, JD held a Family and Friends day and we broke our AM attendance record at 62. Andrew nearly met it at 61 during the mission trip here to repair our so badly needed youth play equipment just in time for VBS. The Record was broken again at 65 just this last April during our Gospel Meeting with Richard Melson. Slower growth numerically than we wanted but we focused this past year on personal spiritual growth. This coming year we will again focus on community outreach. We have been busy thinking like a larger congregation in our efforts. We strive to reach out and evangelize in our community monthly. In the past 12 months, we have held a spring Gospel Meeting, went door knocking, put up flyers in businesses, handed out tracts and personal contact cards, conducted services at a retirement home, conducted services and handed out material at the county fair, held VBS, supported area Gospel Meetings, and thanks to Andrew (FANTASTIC SPEAKER by the way) held a parenting workshop.

We tried to focus more on family this past year and added several outreach programs. In addition to VBS, we held events for Mother's and Father's Day and we added Pew or Treat. This is where the children after a chili cook off had a costume party then went up and down the pews while the folks dropped candy in baskets. This provided an alternative and let folks stress church over community trick or treat on Wednesday. We held an egg hunt (not on "Easter"), paid for Christian Youth camp at Fort Hill, took the youth to the Ark Encounter, held a fall family campout. This alone is more than we have planned in the past.

We are proud of the fact that we now have enough women that we had a Ladies Tea, Ladies Bible class on Thursdays, and sent several women to the TLC Ladies Conference in Pigeon Forge. This is a new outreach and we have several women from the community attending. Our hope is they will start attending worship and maybe engage in a bible study regarding their salvation. Most are from denominations, or are un-churched.

Benevolently we have helped many people. In addition to sending funds to the Disaster Relief, we give away baskets to needy families in November and December. We get names from the local schools. In the past our resources have limited us to 3 families. This past year thanks to your support we helped 6 families. This along with partnering with the Veteran Services here in Darke county allows us to fulfill one of our Christian duties.

This all seems great but we need to do more to increase God's message in the area. Thanks to the gifted Shane Williams we are now live streaming on YouTube, Facebook and our website. In addition, we are excited to host an evangelism workshop on October 25-27. This will help train us in gaining contacts and cultivating those contacts into bible studies. It will be conducted by House to House Heart.

We have had several members move out of the area while several move into the area. We can only report 3 baptisms in the past 6 months. One was a teenager who is trying to get her sister to attend. Another is a family member of a congregant who has been teaching his sister for 40 years. The last is one is the best friend of a congregant. We have provided copies of "Transformed" and "Muscle and a Shovel" for congregants to distribute. They had their own copy and his best friend and his wife responded to the Gospel.

We are a small congregation on the verge of great things. Although discouraged at times, we are blessed. Please continue to pray for our growth there in Greenville. We can NOT do it alone for we are few and so we thank you again for all your time, effort, and support.

Things you should know about...

We are sending donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you'd like to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of September.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jackson Allen 10/5 Joyce Metcalf 10/9 Dianna Bang 10/27
Tim Bang 10/5 Addy Bang 10/21

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You can watch our updated livestream online via Facebook or at www.greenvillecoc.org

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Men's Meeting, Saturday October 21st @ 9am

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House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop:

Training the Saved to Teach the Lost

October 25th-27th @ 6:30pm each evening

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Fall Harvest Party @ the Thompson's

Saturday, October 28th

Fried chicken provided... bring side dishes, dessert and drinks to share.

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	October 1, 2023 AM	October 1, 2023 PM	October 8, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin DeSarro	Rick Ferris	Brandon Fourman
Announcements		Jerry Thompson	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp	Bryan Allen
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Duane Kemp	Chris McGiffin	Rick Ferris
Sermon	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Tom Muter	Judah Gasper	Seth Arrell

This week's Bible Verse

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those we are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

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Lord's Supper Reflection

To Unleash the Power of the Gospel

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

Offering Meditation

We are commanded to worship God with our contributions

“And you shall answer... I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me. “Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house...” Deuteronomy 26:5,10

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - recovering from a fall
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, 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
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues, also keep Doreen in prayer as his caregiver
- *Bill Wallace (brother at Tipp City Church of Christ) - undergoing new cancer treatments
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - recovering from surgery for kidney stones
- *Tom Cuze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - dealing with a low heart rate and possibly needing a pacemaker

- *Lance Welbourn (DeSarro's neighbor) - recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- *Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) - having another PET scan on the 4th
- *The McGiffin's are travelling

How can we be praying for YOU?

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

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, September 24		Wednesday, September 27	
Bible Classes	20	Bible Classes	24
AM Attendance	25	Contribution	\$
PM Attendance	14		



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October 1, 2023

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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Hello! 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.