

Special Treasure

By Kevin Cauley

When God brought the children of Israel out of bondage, He instructed Moses to tell them this: "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine" (Exodus 19:5).

God intended for Israel to have a special relationship with Him beyond that of all the other nations. The people, however, rebelled, and did not fulfill God's desires for them to be this special people (Jeremiah 31:31-34). So, God made a New Covenant through His Son, Jesus. In this covenant, God has reaffirmed His desire to have a special relationship. Titus 2:14 states, "[Jesus] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." Peter affirms that message in 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." What God could not accomplish through the physical nation of Israel, He accomplishes through the spiritual nation of Israel, the church.

The word for "special" has the connotation of keeping something around as a treasure. I have a small "treasure box" in my bedroom in which I keep mementos from special occasions in my life. They are not valuable to anyone else, but to me they are priceless because of what they mean to me. They are my special treasures. That is a limited illustration because people are so much more valuable than things. God is saying, "I value you above everything else because of what you mean to me." Do we see ourselves as that special people?

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	September 10, 2023 AM	September 10, 2023 PM	September 17, 2023 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Tim Bang	John McGiffin	Tom Muter
Song Leading	John McGiffin		Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Jerry Thompson	Judah Gasper	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Rick Ferris	Chris McGiffin	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Seth Arrell	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson

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

Laura McGiffin 9/29

Rick Ferris 9/30

Tom Muter 9/29

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You can watch our updated livestream online via Facebook or at [www.greenvillecoc.org](http://www.greenvillecoc.org)

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Gospel Meeting - September 10-13  
Tipp City Church of Christ

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Our potluck lunch will be NEXT Sunday.  
This will be our annual Chili cook-off.

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Brief Men's Meeting after AM services on September 17<sup>th</sup>

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown  
Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm

Bible study books should be here this week.  
If you haven't already, let Stephanie if you would like to participate.

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House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop:

Training the Saved to Teach the Lost

October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm each evening

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Fall Harvest Party @ the Thompson's  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

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**This week's Bible Verse**

“Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.”  
Proverbs 4:24

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*So That We Would Be with him After Death*

“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

**Offering Meditation**

*Give Liberally, if that is your Gift*

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*:... he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:6-8

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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
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health, recovering from surgery for a pace maker/defibrillator
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - struggling with her health and faith
- \*Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues, also keep Doreen in prayer as his caregiver
- \*Chris Anderson (Doug Seiber's nephew) - has cancer
- \*Royce Seiber (Doug Seiber's brother) - upcoming surgery and renewed faith

- \*Lori Payne (friend of Michelle Buckingham) - is recovering from complications with a recent surgery and needing help managing family and day to day tasks
- \*Bill Wallace (brother at Tipp City Church of Christ) - having cancer treatments
- \*Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - kidney stones, will have surgery to remove them
- \*Wyatt (Lisa Miller's 9 yr old nephew) - had surgery on his eye due to a fall, no eyesight at this time, more surgeries to come
- \*The Bang's, The Wilson's, Michelle Buckingham & Dianna Bang are all travelling this weekend

**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 3**

Bible Classes      35  
AM Attendance      44  
PM Attendance

**Wednesday, September 6**

Bible Classes  
Contribution \$1,328.00



# GREENVILLE CHURCH of CHRIST

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September 10, 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

Minister, John McGiffin

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