

Bible Verse of the Week

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

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

The First Statement On the Cross

“There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ...Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” ... Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:32-43

Offering Meditation

Giving helps the poor but the bigger focus is on Jesus. Giving may help open doors of evangelism to the poor.

“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. Mark 14:7

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Rodney Bottoms (Seiber’s neighbor) - has cancer
- *Ermil Dotson (Nellie Hoff’s brother) - has stage 4 cancer, having chemo treatments
- *Family and friends of Dale Monhollen (friend of John & Laura McGiffin) grieving his passing.
- *Ann Mullen (friend of John & Laura McGiffin) - recently diagnosed with stage 1 cancer
- *Rick Cooper (friend of Laura McGiffin) - is in hospice care

- *Nellie Hoff - recovering from surgery
- *Mikki Haguewood (family of the Bang’s) - is recovering from C-section delivery. Mom and baby are doing well!
- *Bob & Darla Patten (friends of the Seiber’s) - both are dealing with weakness in their legs and have a difficult time getting around
- *Francis Hill (Amber’s husband) - having issues with his blood sugar levels
- *Greg Wilcox (Kemp’s neighbor) - recovering from surgery after falling from the roof.

How can we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, September 19		Wednesday, September 22	
Bible Classes	36	Attendance	34
AM Attendance	43	Contribution	\$1273
PM Attendance	42		

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



September 26, 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.

Jesus' Prayer and the Vaccinated Debate

By Brad Harrub

I do not pray for these alone, but for those who are vaccinated, don't take up hospital beds, and love others enough to get the booster; that they may point out how the unvaccinated are unloving and stand strong, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be divided over fleshly things in Us, that the world may know what side they are on. And the glory which You gave will be spotlighted on me when I belittle those who disagree with me and win this argument! (1 Opinions 17:20-22)

The night Jesus went into Garden of Gethsemane to pray and was arrested, He first prayed for unity. Hopefully the "passage" above seems ludicrous and ridiculous—but consider many of the posts shared on social media compared to Jesus' prayer:

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" (John 17:20-22).

He prayed that we would be united—ultimately united in Christ. He wanted His followers to be one. In John 13:35 Jesus observed, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Church, it's past time we stop living in the flesh and focus our hearts and minds on spiritual things. Two hundred years from now this virus, the vaccine, masks, and opinionated posts won't matter. They really won't.

I encourage Christians to abandon earthly arguments, become united, and demonstrate a love that sets us apart from the world. Spend some time meditating on Romans 8:5-9:

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

The toughest night of His life Jesus prayed we would be united. It's time we seek that unity together!

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!!!

Laura McGiffin 9/29      Tim Bang 10/5  
Jackson Allen 10/5      Joyce Metcalf 10/9

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Mark your calendar's for this year's Door Knocking Campaign on October 2nd

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October Men's Meeting will be on Saturday, October 16 @ 9am

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Plans for our Fall Family Outing are in the works.
Stay tuned... details to come!

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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.

### Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | September 26, 2021 | October 31, 2021 |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Announcements          |                    | John McGiffin    |
| Song Leading           | Doug Hoff          | Owen Whittington |
| Opening Prayer         | Ed Kirchner        | Jerry Thompson   |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jerry Thompson     | Tim Bang         |
| Scripture Reading      | Isaiah Rohr        | Chris McGiffin   |
| Sermon                 | Tim Bang           | John McGiffin    |
| Closing Prayer         | Matthew Wilson     | Duane Kemp       |