

## Boiling Zeal

By Dan Jenkins

The words of Paul so vividly describe heaven's view of how we should respond after we have given our lives to God. He talks about the fact that Christ "...gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). We are special to Him, and our response is that we should work for it with zeal.

The Greek word for zeal is used to describe water that is being heated and then reaches the point where it begins boiling vigorously. It might have at one time been cold, then it became lukewarm but the end result is so obvious to all. It has been heated up but now it is boiling over. Paul uses this word to describe his devotion to Judaism and then repeatedly used it to describe his service to God.

There is no story in the Bible which shows the application of this message better than the events which happened early in the public life of Jesus. At His first miracle performed in the wedding in Cana He said to His mother, "My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4), but because of her insistence He began displaying His power. Shortly thereafter He was in Jerusalem where He manifested exactly who He was and why He came. He had obviously come to do what His Father wanted.

Before He came into the world, He knew that He was to be given the body of a man, and He knew how He should use that body in serving God. He said, "A body You have prepared for Me... behold I come to do your will" (Hebrews 2:5-9). Jesus was in Jerusalem and look at how fervently He used His body.

He came into the temple and saw what was happening. He looked around Him and saw the oxen, sheep, doves and the tables of the money changers. What followed had to startle those who saw it. Jesus took a whip and drove those thieves who had turned a house of prayer into a den of thieves. His own disciples did not understand what He was doing and why He was doing it. It was only later that they remember that prophecy about Jesus, "The zeal for Your house has eaten me up" (John 2:14-17). He was consumed by what He saw. His "spiritual temperature" began to rise, and it then boiled over, leaving behind empty "stores" and overturned tables.

Now as you look at Him who has left us the example we should follow, look at yourself. What is your "spiritual temperature" of service? As you use the body God has prepared for you, what is your level of devotion? Think about Jesus and how He responded. I am not advocating turning over tables, but I urge you to let your devotion become more and more fervent as you become like Him. What is your "temperature"?

### Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	September 3, 2023 AM	September 3, 2023 PM	September 10, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Rick Ferris	Tom Muter
Announcements	Jason Bang	Jerry Thompson	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Doug Hoff	Duane Kemp	John McGiffin
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	John McGiffin	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Duane Kemp	Chris McGiffin	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Tim Bang	Judah Gasper	Seth Arrell

## 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

Sherrilynn Butts 9/6

Laura McGiffin 9/29

Tom Muter 9/29

Rick Ferris 9/30

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### Thank you to the Lebanon Rd. Church of Christ for the new live stream technology and to Shane Williams for coming to set it up for us!

Watch 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 on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

This will be our annual Chili cook-off, so start working to find the best ingredients to win!

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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 next 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**

“Rejoice in the Lord always, Again I will say, rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Free Us From the Fear of Death*

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:14-15

**Offering Meditation**

*God intended us to Work and give. Our treasury here helps those in need. Your gift then helps those in need.*

“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.” Ephesians 4:28

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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 and an upcoming procedure for additional cancer related treatments
- \*Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - kidney stones, will have surgery to remove them
- \*Heather Glass (acquaintance of Thompson's/Muter's/Desarro's) - issues with her health
- \*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 travelling this week

**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, August 27 |    | Wednesday, August 30 |            |
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| Bible Classes     | 34 | Bible Classes        | 25         |
| AM Attendance     | 34 | Contribution         | \$1,238.00 |
| PM Attendance     | 29 |                      |            |

Welcome to the



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September 3, 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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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.