

Bible Verse of the Week

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” James 1:2-3



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

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

“Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.” Luke 22:17-20

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God Contributes to the Needs of the Saints

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.”

Romans 12:9-13



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Carrie Thompson - back pain
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *Julie Warren (Greg Buckingham’s Aunt) has stage 4 cancer. Her husband, Larry Warren has blockages in his heart and will be having quadruple bypass surgery soon.
- *Don Lockhart (Brandon Lawson’s neighbor) will be having hernia surgery on the 27th. His wife, Janice is suffering with dementia.

- *Edward Vanhorn (Amie Allen’s brother’s father-in-law) in the hospital having heart and kidney issues, may need transplants for both.
- *Alexa Rohr - eyesight



How may we be praying for YOU?



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



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, April 11		Wednesday, April 15	
Bible Classes	32	Attendance	31
AM Attendance	41	Contribution	\$1335.00
PM Attendance	37		

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



April 18, 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.

Social Justice Vs. Bible Justice

By Brad Harrub

What do you fight for?

All Christians should seek and support Biblical justice. God demands it. There are countless passages that talk about how God is a just God. The Bible talks about His righteous judgement (Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:5). Christians should fight for Biblical justice.

But what about social justice? Should we be marching in the streets and/or carrying banners to defend a specific cause? If social justice is in line with God’s Word, then all Christians should support it and defend it. But what about those occasions when social justice is not aligned with Biblical justice?

Christians must realize that their mandate of faith is not to a cause, but rather to Him and His Word. So, if a specific cause goes against Biblical justice, then Christians certainly should not support it. Instead, we should be pointing out how it goes against Biblical justice. We should boldly declare sin for what it is.

For instance, Queer Theory is one aspect of Critical Theory that activist use to challenge laws and undo heteropatriarchal conditions in our culture. They want to change laws and redefine how our culture views gender and marriage.

Many Christians have bought into the idea that Christians should join hands with this social justice cause and fight on their behalf. They believe that Christians who refuse to support causes like this are the enemy. But before we take up banners and march arm-in-arm, we should first ask the question: Is this social justice cause in line with Biblical justice?

In the example above the answer should be clear. God instituted marriage between man and woman (Genesis 2, Matthew 19). It was God who designed a patriarchal system in the home, patterned after the church. It was also God who defined homosexuality as an abomination—and has indicated that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of heaven.

This is Biblical justice as defined by the Creator of the Universe. So as a Christian who seeks Biblical justice, I cannot (and should not) support any social justice cause that goes against Biblical justice. Not only that, I should be warning those who participate and support such things that their souls are in jeopardy.

And while it may seem “right” to cherry pick passages of Scripture that paint Jesus as one who loves everything, the Truth remains that sin separates us from God. Jesus never loved and supported behavior that went against God’s Word. In fact, it was Jesus who pointed out that people on the broad way were on a path to destruction. Cherry-picking Scripture to recast Jesus as someone He was not is idolatry—it is making Him into someone created in by your image.

There is a major battle brewing that will characterize Christians in a negative light. We will be viewed as those unwilling to support various social justice causes. But let me encourage you to stand firm and turn the discussion back toward Biblical justice. Will I personally support social justice causes? Absolutely! I will and I already have—as long as they are in line with Biblical justice. Make sure your children understand the difference in the two.

Announcements:

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!!

Jaxson Shaffer 4/19    Cory Clark 4/24    Isaiah Rohr 4/28  
Ezra Rohr 5/6    Mackenzie Cruze 5/6

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Happy Anniversary!!

Tim and Dianna Bang 4/30
John and Laura McGiffin 5/8

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## Mother’s Day is May 9th!

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Bible Readings for this week’s Bible Class:

Topics: “Real Happiness” and “My Responsibility”

- Ecclesiastes 2:24-25
- Ecclesiastes 3:11, 16-17
- Ecclesiastes 5:7
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Ecclesiastes 8:12-13
- Ecclesiastes 10:1-3
- Proverbs 1:5
- Proverbs 9:8
- Proverbs 12:15
- Proverbs 13:1
- Proverbs 14:16
- Proverbs 29:11

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### Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | April 18, 2021   | April 25, 2021   |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Announcements          | Tim Bang         | John McGiffin    |
| Song Leading           | Owen Whittington | Bryan Allen      |
| Opening Prayer         | Jerry Thompson   | Jerry Thompson   |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Curt Thompson    | Owen Whittington |
| Scripture Reading      | Bryan Allen      | Judah Gasper     |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin    | John McGiffin    |
| Closing Prayer         | Jason Bang       | Ezra Rohr        |