

Bible Verse of the Week

“Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.” Psalms 119:165

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Lord’s Supper Reflection – Why Did Jesus Come to Die?

To Rescue Us From the Fear of Judgment

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.” Hebrews 9:27-28

Offering Meditation

Jacob’s Example of Thanksgiving

“Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.” Gen 28:20-22

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Marilyn Dunn (member at Mid-County) - going through cancer treatments
- *Christy Clark - had surgery to remove skin cancer spots and other tests done recently
- *Caren Arrell and family coping with Caren’s recent diagnosis of serious health problems
- *Judah Gasper - dealing with boils
- *Michelle Gasper - has fibromyalgia
- *Cole Durst - back pain
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Alexa Rohr - eyesight
- *Evelyn Lam - hip pain
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *Tim Bang - recovery from knee surgery
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin’s dad) - health

- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin’s mom) - Shut in, health
- *Glenn Frick (friend of the Bang’s) - health
- *Josiah (Alena Brown’s brother) recovering from heart surgery, will need other surgeries later.
- *John Seyler (friend of the McGiffin’s) - was in ICU with heart issues, home recovering
- *Donald Durst (Cole Durst’s grandfather) - hospice has been called in
- *Jason Hughes - having back problems
- *The Whittington’s are in MI to be with their daughter-in-law & family after her surgery

How may we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, December 13		Wednesday, December 16	
Bible Classes	17	Attendance	13
AM Attendance	34		
PM Attendance	27	Contribution	\$991.00

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



December 20, 2020

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.

Come and See Great Things

By Tim Dooley

In the postmodern, consumer driven society we live in people often respond to an invitation to come to worship services, place membership, or become a Christian with the question of, "What's in it for me?" We often respond that it is not a matter of what I can get, but what I can give. While this is true I think it may be a misguided answer to the question. What I can give is a sign of spiritual growth and maturity. May I suggest that we do indeed receive something from Christ and the church in fact we receive "Great Things!"

In John chapter one we learn that when Philip initially decided to follow Jesus he first Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" So Philip said, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him He said, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael replied, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Then Jesus replied to Nathanael, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these" (John 1:43-51).

Indeed he did see great things while with Christ. The disciples saw the blind healed, the leper made whole, the mute speak, the lame walk, the hungry feed, and the dead brought back to life. When He cast the unclean demon from the man in the land of Gadara, east of the Jordan, the man wanted to follow Jesus. Instead, Jesus told him to, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you" (Mark 5:19).

Now we have the inspired, preserved Word of God, that details all these things for us so we can know His person, His power, and His promises. Yet John says, "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31).

The faithful, obedient child of God understands that the great things Jesus did while here on earth are overshadowed by the great things we have in Him today. Sure, we suffer trials, are tempted by sin, and even persecuted. But when we look beyond the empirical, selfish, temporary world we understand a few wonderful truths: we have all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3), we have all spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), we have peace of mind that keeps us (Philippians 4:7), we have the forgiveness of our sins (Colossians 1:14), we have fellowship with each other and with the Godhead (1 John 1:5-7), and we have an abundant life (John 10:10)! What one will experience in Christ is the greatest life a man can live!

But it doesn't end there! Paul would by inspiration write that, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). What are you waiting for? Come and see! Be faithful.

Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	December 20, 2020	December 27, 2020
Announcements	Tim Bang	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Jason Bang	Bryan Allen
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Brian Allen	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Isaiah Rohr	Judah Gasper
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer	Matthew Wilson	Matthew Wilson

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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Teachers please make sure to pick up your teaching materials for the next quarter. Also get your current materials returned to Dianna.  
If you are interested in teaching a class, please talk to John.

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We are providing Christmas dinner and gifts for several families in the community. There is a sign up sheet for items needed for each family.
Boxes will be delivered THIS Wednesday, December 23rd.

Please have items back before then.
Talk to John if you would like to deliver a box.

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Bible Readings for this week's Bible Class:  
Topic: "Joel: Return to the Lord" and "Keeping Oneself Unstained"

Joel 1; 2:1-16; 3  
Acts 2:16-21  
Numbers 25:1-5  
1 Samuel 17:37, 45; 20:16-17  
1 Kings 12:6-15  
Acts 2:42; 17:11  
1 Thessalonians 5:17  
1 Corinthians 15:33

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Happy Birthday!

Austin Durst 12/23 Rena Morgan 12/24
Heather and Jennifer Kirchner 1/2

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If you would like to make a special contribution towards new carpet/flooring for the building, please see John or Jason.

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Our next potluck will be on January 10th

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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.