

Bible Verse of the Week

“Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.” Psalms 55:22

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Lord's Supper Reflection - Help Me Believe in the Cross

Peter Rebukes the Mission of Jesus

“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” Matthew 16:21-23

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God helps Support Ministries

“Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.” Philippians 4:15-18

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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 - having hip pain
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *Doug Hoff - has COVID and heart issues
- *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
- *The family of Donald Durst (Cole Durst's grandfather) grieving his passing
- *Jason Hughes - having back problems
- *Rick Kirchner (Ed Kirchner's brother) has COVID, he's in a nursing home

How may we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, December 20		Wednesday, December 23	
Bible Classes	15	Attendance	15
AM Attendance	33	Contribution	\$761.00
PM Attendance	21		

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



December 27, 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

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.

God Help Me

By Dan Jenkins

The story is told of a young child who foolishly had climbed on top of the house. It was a metal roof, years ago called a tin roof, and each piece was held in place by several nails readily visible. The boy slipped and was sliding down the roof and knew he would be injured when he fell. He remembered the Bible class he had attended just days before where prayer had been discussed. So, as he was sliding, he prayed, "God help me." Those words had scarcely been uttered and then were followed by these, "That's all right, God, I do not need Your help; my pants caught on one of the nails and stopped me."

That boy's response was like that of Pharaoh when the plagues came on the Egyptians. When the second plague of frogs came, the king called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Entreat the Lord...and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord." God removed the frogs. "But when Pharaoh saw there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them" (Ex. 8:8, 15).

When the fourth plague of flies came it happened again. The king said, "I will let you go that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God...intercede for me." Every single fly was removed. "But Pharaoh hardened his heart again at this time also" (Ex. 8:28, 32). He was like the boy on the rooftop who called out to God asking for His help, but when help came he told God to forget his first prayer.

I can imagine what might repeatedly happen in this land in the coming months in the lives of those who never have had a place for God. There will be those who will be in a difficult financial crisis and begin to pray to God for the first time. There may be those who have friends and family members who become infected with the virus and in desperation will pray to God. They may even make promises to God that if He will help them, they will serve Him forever. When better times come, they will say to God, "Forget it, God, I no longer need you."

Turning to the Lord is far more than crying out to a Rescuer when trouble comes. He is a Rescuer, but He is Lord. He is Master. He is the Ruler of all His creation. He is the only Way. He is the Shepherd who demands His sheep follow Him. We are not at liberty to select only those traits of God we like and ignore the rest.

Meditate on these two verses. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears open to their prayers" (1 Pet. 3:12). "He who turns his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination" (Prov. 28:9). As trials are coming toward us, make sure you are serving Him before they arrive. God has His "nails of rescue," but He only promises them to those who serve Him all the time.

Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	December 27, 2020	January 3, 2021
Announcements	Tim Bang	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Bryan Allen	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Judah Gasper	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer	Matthew Wilson	Isaiah Rohr

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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Today starts the new quarter of Bible class lessons.

Teachers please make sure to get the last quarter's materials returned to Dianna. If you are interested in teaching a class, please talk to John.

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THANK YOU to those who helped provide food and gifts for the families in our community! Pray for the families where seeds were sown!

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Bible Readings for this week's Bible Class:  
Topic: "Babylon Takes God's People Captive" and "Punishment"

2 Chronicles 36:15-16  
Jeremiah 25:1-11; 31:31-34; 52:4-16  
Lamentations 5:1-8, 15-22  
Hebrews 8:7-12  
Numbers 12:1-15; 21:4-9; 27:12-17  
Deuteronomy 34:1-5  
1 Samuel 18:28-30  
2 Samuel 12:10-23

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Happy Birthday!!

Heather and Jennifer Kirchner 1/2 Destiny Brock 1/11

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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 NEXT Sunday, January 10th. Bring a dish to share.

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The next Men's Meeting is going to be on January, 16th. Please let John or Jason know if you have anything you'd like to have them discuss.

Men, please plan on being there!

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