



"Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You." Psalms 56:3



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

The Son of Man Came to Serve

"And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'" Matthew 18:24-28

Offering Meditation

Your Gift Takes Care of the Building Where We Worship

"Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly." 2 Chronicles 24:5



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country and leaders
- *Caren Arrell and family - coping with Caren's health problems and treatments, energy level
- *Betty Barns (friend of Phyllis Caldwell in MT) fell and in checking things out from that, they found that she has cancer in her throat
- *Marilyn Dunn (member at Mid-County) - going through cancer treatments
- *Michelle Gasper - has fibromyalgia
- *Cole Durst - suffered injuries from a backhoe incident
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Alexa Rohr - eyesight
- *Lynn Thompson (Jerry Thompson's sister) - is dealing with addiction and salvation
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *Evelyn Lam - having hip pain and a respiratory infection
- *Doug Hoff - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - Shut in, health
- *Glenn Frick (friend of the Bang's) - health
- *Jason Hughes - having back problems
- *Josh and Rachel Bang family (family of the Bang's) needing prayers

How may we be praying for YOU?



Attendance and Contribution Record

| Sunday, January 31 | | Wednesday, February 3 | |
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| Bible Classes | -- | Attendance | 21 |
| AM Attendance | -- | Contribution | \$187.00 |
| PM Attendance | 14 | | |

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



February 7, 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.

God is in Control

By Travis Main

How often over the last year were the following words spoken in America? "God is in control." These magic words have been used over a wide range of issues that many have faced. Truly, God is creator of all (Genesis 1). His words to Job in the final chapters of the book of Job make it clear the knowledge and wisdom of God is far beyond the scope of man. However, what is the purpose of uttering the phrase "God is in control.?" "God is in control" – Is this a password to do nothing?

For some, the acknowledgement of the power of God over all is recognition that He provides, cares, loves, and will ultimately deliver justice to mankind. God gave Adam and Eve a garden home with a promise. That promise was rooted in justice. If they ate of the forbidden fruit, their lives would be forfeit. God was true to His Word. God also provided deliverance for Israel under the bonds of Egypt. His promise was a blessed land of abundance for the children of Jacob. That promise too was rooted in justice. If they forsook the commandments of God, curses would come upon them and the land of Israel would vomit them out. Indeed God was faithful to His promise. The Lord of heaven and earth has as a foundation for all that He does: truth, love, justice, and righteousness.

Unfortunately, it seems there are those of the Lord's Body, America, and the world who envision God as a micro manager who takes it upon Himself to control every aspect of man's life. This is false. God has always allowed man freedom to choose his path under the knowledge of the Lord's faithfulness to justice. Herein lies a great failure of mankind. Expressing: "God is in control." currently seems be a ticket for mankind to fail to engage in doing what is his personal duty. It didn't work or Adam and Eve or Israel. God will judge inaction and disobedience. When evil is occurring and man steps aside, he will be called to account by the Heavenly Father. America was a land founded on the principles that God was to be trusted – that He reigns supreme. However, happiness was not to handed out on a silver platter.. It needed to be pursued. When the voices of Americans stand silent in the face of abortion, sexual sin, corruption, the censoring of truth, improper application or failure to enforce the law, election fraud, governmental injustice, deceit, treason, and so much more... God will not be appeased by the statement "God is in control." as one stands by and silently watches evil occur.

If it is not obvious yet, the point is this: Every individual has the God given responsibility to do that which Jehovah has commanded. Man has a responsibility to step forward to care for the physical and spiritual injustices/needs experienced by others. Consider:

- * James 4:17 – *"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."*
- * Psalms 82:3 – *"Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy."*
- * Ezekiel 33:6 – *"But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand."*
- * Galatians 6:10 – *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*
- * 1 John 3:17 – *"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"*
- * Luke 10:30-37

God is in control. He has delegated mankind to follow His commandments of justice, love, honor, and righteousness. God will not do what is required of His creation. However, He will hold mankind accountable for not acting upon the opportunity to do right. "God is in control." is not an excuse to do nothing. This attitude of expectation of reward for failure to act has never been promised by God. He is a God of justice. May we, His creation, take this knowledge upon ourselves and engage in what is just for America and the world.

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## 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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Bible Readings for this week's Bible Class:
Topic: "Forgiveness" and "Esther's Decision"

- Matthew 6:9-15, 24
- Matthew 18:21-35
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- Esther 2:15-23
- Esther 3:1-6
- Esther 4:3-16

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### Happy Birthday!!

- McKayah Musselman 2/7      Allison Moyer 2/17
- Alexa Rohr 2/20              Landon Durst 2/21
- Hazel Dyer 2/21                George Gaynor 2/22

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Our next potluck will be next week, February 14th.

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The February Men's meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20th.

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Today's Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-8
"What should Christians do in times like these?"

Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation | February 7, 2021 | February 14, 2021 |
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| Announcements | Tim Bang | Tim Bang |
| Song Leading | Owen Whittington | Bryan Allen |
| Opening Prayer | Jerry Thompson | Curt Thompson |
| Lord's Supper Comments | John McGiffin | Jason Bang |
| Scripture Reading | Chris McGiffin | Aiden Rohr |
| Sermon | Tim Bang | John McGiffin |
| Closing Prayer | Bryan Allen | Chris McGiffin |

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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.