

Bible Verse of the Week

“Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

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

Peter Rebukes the Mission of Jesus

“Then He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see *it*. And they will say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after *them* or follow *them*. For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.” Luke 17:22-25

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God helps Support Fellow Christians

“And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.” Acts 11:27-30

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Caren Arrell and family coping with Caren’s recent diagnosis of serious health problems
- *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
- *The father of the Bierly family (we helped over the holiday) passed away on Christmas Eve. Please keep the family in prayer.
- *Marilyn Dunn (member at Mid-County) - going through cancer treatments
- *Michelle Gasper - has fibromyalgia, dealing with issues at work
- *Cole Durst - back pain
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Alexa Rohr - eyesight

- *Evelyn Lam - having hip pain and a respiratory infection
- *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight, encouragement
- *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
- *Christy Clark and family - will be moving soon, she’s not able to work right now due to health problems
- *Josh and Rachel Bang family (Jason Bang’s cousin) needing prayers

How may we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, January 10

Bible Classes	17
AM Attendance	25
PM Attendance	24

Wednesday, January 13

Attendance	18
Contribution	\$1039.00

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



January 17, 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

4599 Children’s Home Bradford Rd
Greenville, OH 45331

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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.

Compromised

By Doug Dingley

From what I have heard and discussed with others, there is a very real, very strong, and apparently growing concern among many elders, preachers, and other leaders and members of the Lord's church, concerning the actual number of fatalities both connected to, and caused by, the Coronavirus. You see, there is something even more deadly and sinister than just simply the number of **physical** deaths the Coronavirus has and will most likely continue to cause. And that is the potential number of **spiritual** deaths that it will also most likely cause (or at the very least, deeply contribute to); the actual number of **eternal** lives that will be lost, at least in part, due to the COVID19 outbreak.

How on earth can the Coronavirus cause, or even highly contribute to, the loss of many Christians' **eternal** lives you may ask? Easy. Here's how: **Physically** speaking, the virus has been proven to pose a far more serious threat to, and have a far more deadly impact on, those who already have a deeply compromised immune system or some other serious **physical** health issue. The exact same thing is also true when it comes to the **spiritual** realm.

Spiritually speaking, any Christian who might have already, in years past, allowed Satan to step in and substantially weaken their faith; who might already be suffering from their own self-inflicted series of compromised convictions, lukewarm attendance habits, or lazy, lackadaisical, "take-it-or-leave-it" type attitudes towards the Lord and His church, may very well find in the Coronavirus, the very excuse they have so long been looking for in order to now, finally and completely disconnect and distance themselves from both the work, the worship, the fellowship, and subsequently, the wonderful and eternal future destination of the Lord's church. "After all," some of such spiritually-weakened and ultimately vulnerable brethren may reason, "who needs to get up, get ready, and go to worship on a Sunday morning, when it is so much easier to just sit at home, stay on the couch, still in my P.J.'s – all the while being able to avoid any and all of those with whom I might disagree or maybe even in some cases don't like all that much anyway – and just simply have services piped into my living room via Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube?" One problem, as always, is that the longer one chooses to **needlessly** practice any such **illegitimate** "spiritual-distancing," the easier it is to not only continue to do so, but to more easily justify their absence as time goes by as well. And every step further one goes down that road, the harder it gets, and the more effort it takes, to turn around and ever return home (Heb. 6:4-6).

The time for every Christian to decide what to do will not be once this thing is finally under control. By then it will be far too late and the damage will have already been done. Let's face it; Satan is far too smart and wants each Christian's soul back far too much to wait until then to start tempting us to stay away and even more strongly justify our absence from the Lord, His church, and His work. Do not be deceived; **he's** already **hard** at work, incrementally seeking to test your faith, and tempt your fate. If you wait to start fighting his hostile takeover attempt of your soul until the battle is actually already over and he's already won, then you will have lost far more than you can ever know – until judgement day comes. The time to decide to stand strong and firm in the faith, the word, and the work and fellowship of the Lord's church, is now, today, and each and every new day to follow (2 Cor. 6:1-2; Heb 3:12-4:12).

Yes, today's livestreamed lessons can be – **and are** – an absolute "life-saver" to those with legitimate health issues and concerns; to those who have been exposed to the Coronavirus and lovingly do not wish to contaminate anyone else; and to those who are in the most high-risk categories of our culture. However; to those whose spiritual health has already suffered and/or been duly compromised and decimated by years of less than complete and undying devotion and dedication to the Lord, His word, and His church, this same, electronic, livestreaming lesson blessing can easily be turned by Satan into the exact, opposite, and deadly reverse: an eternal life-decimating and devouring curse. Please, determine today, not to ever let him deceive you, and/or to allow that to become you. God bless.

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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Please mark your calendar for our 2021 VBS!

July 25th-28th

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Bible Readings for this week's Bible Class:
Topic: "Daniel and the Lions" and "Being Responsible"

I Kings 8:47-50

Daniel 6:1-27

Daniel 9:1-19

Numbers 14:1-13, 19-21

Nehemiah 4:1-5

Matthew 14:3-12

John 1:6-7, 24-33

Acts 9:1-9

2 Corinthians 1:1-4; 11:22-27

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Happy Birthday!!

Gage Thompson 1/17

Macy Bang 1/17

Lena Durst 1/26

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Potluck TODAY! Stay to eat and fellowship

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Serving today and next Sunday:

| Sunday AM Rotation     | January 17, 2021 | January 17, 2021 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Announcements          | Tim Bang         | Tim Bang         |
| Song Leading           | Jason Bang       | Bryan Allen      |
| Opening Prayer         | Jerry Thompson   | Jerry Thompson   |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Bryan Allen      | Tim Bang         |
| Scripture Reading      | Isaiah Rohr      | Judah Gasper     |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin    | John McGiffin    |
| Closing Prayer         | Owen Whittington | Matthew Wilson   |

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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.