



Bible Verse of the Week

"... if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

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Remember in Prayer:

- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
\*Alexa Rohr - eyesight
\*Phyllis Caldwell - her eyesight, safety as she will be traveling
\*Doug Hoff - health
\*Tim Bang - dealing with knee pain
\*Maxine Jones - Shut in, health (Laura McGiffin's mom)
\*Terry McGiffin—health (John McGiffin's dad)
\*The family and friends of Becky LaRue coping with her passing,
\*Shane Brock - coping with the loss his good friend, Steve.
\*Judy (Steven Haugewood's mom) - has an upcoming surgery
\*Dale Thomas contemplating baptism
\*Charlie Lane (friends of the Bang's)
\*Alena's little brother, Josiah - upcoming heart surgery
\*Ellen Blackwell is in the hospital with a skin infection

How may we be praying for YOU?

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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.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Table with 2 columns: Sunday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 15. Rows include Bible Classes, AM Attendance, PM Attendance, and Contribution.

Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



July 19, 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.

## John 20: The Resurrection of Jesus

The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning event of the Bible. All previous history looked forward to it and all history after that point looks back upon it. And, the Apostle Paul told the Christians at Rome that Jesus “was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness,” (Rom. 1:4). He also devoted a full chapter in his first letter to the Corinthians to it. The Apostle Peter also mentioned it (1 Pet. 1:3).

Well, as chapter 20 opens, Mary Magdalene is the first witness of the resurrection (vs. 1-2). And, she ran to report the empty tomb to Simon Peter and John. Well, they run together at the tomb, John arriving first. And, he stoops to look in the tomb and sees the linen wrappings that Jesus had been buried with. But, it was Peter who went inside the tomb and also saw the head cloth and that no body was there (vs. 3-8). The disciples had not understood the Scripture or words of Jesus that He would raise from the dead. But now John “came to believe it.” And, they returned to the place where they were staying in Jerusalem. In vs. 11-18, is the first of many times that Jesus would be seen by his disciples. The Apostle Paul stated the fact of Jesus’ appearances after His resurrection as part of the book of Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:1-9). And so, John comes back to record that Mary Magdalene was weeping outside the tomb when she looked in and saw two angels who asked her why she was weeping. Her weeping was likely a loud lamentation typical of scenes of death in the Middle East. Mary may have thought that the angels were men as she does not seem to have made more than a typical reaction to the scene.

Even when Mary turned to see Jesus through her tears, she still did not recognize Him, thinking He was the gardener. So, this Gardener asked her why she was weeping. She asks Him if the body of Jesus has been taken elsewhere. But, when Jesus said her name, Mary, she recognized Him and cried out, “Rabboni!” And, she is clinging to Jesus as if she feared He might disappear. But, He tells Mary to go to the disciples whom He calls “brothers” and tell them that He will ascend back to the Father. And so, Mary returns to Jerusalem and reports what she has seen and heard to the disciples.

Well, for the first time Jesus appears to the disciples who were gathered in a room with the doors locked for fear of the Jews. He greeted them with “*Shalom*” (vs. 19). And then, to further demonstrate that He had indeed risen from the dead, He showed them the imprint of the nails and the spear. Well, this caused unspeakable joy to the disciples and is also the reason why John later wrote, “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 Jn. 1:1-3).

Now, Jesus commissioned the apostles for the special work they were to do in the world (vs. 21). They were to be an ambassador or special agent. And, Jesus also promised the Holy Spirit to come upon them soon (vs. 22-23). Jesus further promised to the apostles that as they “forgave sins;” they would stand forgiven. Of course, this forgiveness rested with God as the apostles were God’s spokesmen.

Now, in vs. 24-29, Thomas, called Didymus or Twin, was not with them. And, he required indisputable proof of Jesus’ resurrection. Ironically, he has been labeled as, “doubting Thomas” even though all of the apostles found it difficult to believe that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead. And so, Jesus gave Thomas the opportunity he required by having him feel the nail scars on His hands and where the spear had been thrust into His side. Jesus said: “Stop being unbelieving but a believer.” That is, don’t be in the middle about this. And so, after the evidence, Thomas’ response was, “My Lord and My God!” It is interesting that **this is the strongest confession of Jesus’** divinity in the entire Bible. The resurrection was indeed the turning point in the lives of all the apostles. And, **it turned a mourner into a missionary**, a penitent into a preacher, the bereaved friend into an apostle of love, timid disciples into heralds of a new movement and a skeptic into a confessor. This shows the purpose of the book of John. It was written that people would believe (commitment to Jesus in obedience to His will) and have life (being crucified with Him—Gal. 2:20).

## 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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Super Saturday VBS

Marooned ~ Steady Faith in Shifting Sands

July 25th ~ 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

You can pre-register through our church website.

If you would like to volunteer please see John or Dianna.
We have postcards for you to hand out and invite people to come!

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### Gospel Meeting

Theme - Focus on the Family

September 20-23 with Steven Haguewood

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We are in need of bottled water.

In addition to using it for VBS, we would like to hand it out at the fair. We may be manning the Spiritual Life building more than once this year... more details to come.

If you would like to volunteer, see John.

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Daily Bible readings for this week’s Bible class:

Topics: The Mighty King Falls and Popularity

1 Samuel 10:8

1 Samuel 13:8-14

1 Samuel 14:47-48, 52

1 Samuel 15:2-3, 7-35

2 Kings 18:1-8

2 Kings 19:14-19

2 Kings 21:1-6

2 Chronicles 32:27-29

2 Chronicles 33:10-17

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Happy Birthday!

Matthew Wilson - 21st

Michelle Buckingham - 25th

Anna Wilson - 30th

Judy Easter - 21st

Ed Kirchner - 25th

Stephanie Bang - 30th

Erica Gaynor - 22nd

Jason Schaffer - 30th

Cole Durst - 30th