

Bible Verse of the Week

“The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

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**Lord’s Supper Reflection**

*To Destroy the Works of the Devil*

“Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:7-8

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift Honors God*

‘Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.’ Proverbs 3:9-10

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Remember in Prayer:

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| *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health | *Dale Thomas - recovering from shoulder surgery |
| *Alexa Rohr - eyesight | *Teresa Sapp (Jerry Thompson’s aunt) - has cancer, hospice has been called in |
| *Phyllis Caldwell - eyesight | *Greg Whistler - has fibrosis |
| *Tim Bang - dealing with knee pain | *Shane Brock - beginning his new job |
| *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin’s mom) - Shut in, health | *Reed Rohr - recovery from wrist surgery |
| *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin’s dad) - health | *Dan Frick - recently diagnosed with a brain tumor |
| *Doug Hoff - health | |
| *Charlie Lane (friends of the Bang’s) | |
| *Alena’s little brother, Josiah - upcoming heart surgery | |

How may we be praying for YOU?

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, September 20 | Wednesday, September 23 |
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| Bible Classes 37     | Attendance 40           |
| AM Attendance 57     |                         |
| PM Attendance 37     | Contribution \$760.00   |

# Welcome to Greenville Church of Christ



## September 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.

**Holy Kisses, Holy Hugs, and Holy Elbow Bumps**

By Dan Jenkins

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples because you love one another” (John 13:35). Love is seen in the way we react to each other as we meet and then as we later leave. The love of the father for the prodigal son was visibly seen as he rushed toward him. What did the father do to the barefooted son in ragged clothes who had been among the swine? He embraced him and kissed him. Contrast this with how the older brother reacted.

When Paul spoke of greeting one another with a holy kiss, he was not instituting a new form of greeting. Some focus only on the kiss, while Paul’s emphasis was on the nature of the kiss. The kiss of Judas in Gethsemane was far removed from being holy - it was hypocritical.

Kissing is only one way to greet. It varies in different cultures. Some reverently bow toward the other person with folded hands. In other places, there is kissing on the cheeks - either one or both. Then, there are those where greetings are shown by rubbing one’s nose against another’s. How each of these is done can show respect, honor or love. Paul’s emphasis was not on the kiss, but its genuine sincerity.

It is interesting to note how often the Bible talks about what happened after the kiss. Joseph revealed himself to his brethren. The text says he embraced Benjamin, kissed all his brothers and “...after that his brothers talked with him” (Gen. 45:14). The kiss was just the beginning. It was what followed that really showed his heart. Think again of the kiss of Judas and what followed.

In Acts 21, Paul arrived in Jerusalem and greeted the elders. What happened next? “He told in detail the things God had done among the Gentiles.” The emphasis is not on the greeting but what followed. Paul greeted in writings. He greeted 24 people in just 13 verses in Romans 16. Culture often determines the nature of the greeting. The heart determines how sincere it is.

We see genuine brotherly love so often. Think of what spontaneously happens after one is baptized and is welcomed into the kingdom. You see it again when one is restored. It is seen in the compassion at funerals.

In recent days, we have experienced new ways of greeting. In view of the contagious virus, there are still those shaking hands or embracing others. Far more will bump fists - where did that come from? Some teens bump toes as they greet. Who would have ever thought Americans would ever greet by bumping elbows! Remember there are holy kisses, holy hugs, holy fists, and holy elbows. It is what follows the greetings that matters!

**Serving today and next week:**

| Sunday AM Rotation     | September 27, 2020   | October 4, 2020      |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Announcements          | John McGiffin        | Jason Bang           |
| Song Leading           | Brian Allen          | Brian Allen          |
| Opening Prayer         | Tim Bang/ Guest      | Jason Bang           |
| Lord's Supper Comments | Jason Bang           | Tim Bang             |
| Scripture Reading      | Ezra Rohr            | Christopher McGiffin |
| Sermon                 | John McGiffin        | John McGiffin        |
| Closing Prayer         | Christopher McGiffin | Aiden 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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We had a great week with great lessons this past week at our Gospel Meeting with Steven Haguewood.

Sunday: AM 57, PM 37, Monday: 33, Tuesday: 36, Wednesday: 40

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We had two people be baptized on Friday evening!! Judah and Michelle Gasper, who have been doing a Bible study with John and Laura, decided to obey the Gospel, Praise God! Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them, also keep them in prayer!

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Family Night Out - October 2nd

Jerry & Carrie Thompson are hosting an evening of food, fellowship and fun... including a hayride and a pumpkin patch! Please bring a side dish, chips or dessert to share and a bag of candy.

Show up anytime after 5pm!

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**Potluck Lunch on Sunday, October 11th**

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Men’s Meeting: Saturday, October 17th

Please talk to John or Jason if you have something that needs to be discussed at the meeting so it can be added to the agenda.

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**Happy Birthday!**

Laura McGiffin 9/29

Jackson Allen 10/5

Tim Bang 10/5

Joyce Metcalf 10/9

Addy Bang 10/21

Dianna Bang 10/27

Pegton Craze 10/31

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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.