

**The Invisible God**

By Kevin Cauley

One of God’s attributes is that He is invisible. Paul wrote, “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17). John wrote, “No one has seen God at any time” (John 1:18, 1 John 4:12). He is the “invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

This attribute of invisibility is not trivial. God is invisible on purpose! Hebrews 11:3 states, “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” God desired to be invisible from the beginning of the creation. He placed a “veil” between earth and heaven. This was illustrated in the tabernacle by a veil between the holy and most holy place (Exodus 26:33, Hebrews 9:3). Hebrews 6:19 says God’s presence is behind a veil. Why this obscurity?

God wants us to have faith in Him. “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). God has established a contrast between our five senses and Himself. In other words, between Him and me. The five senses are limited to the present. They cannot confirm the past; they cannot predict the future. But He is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last (Revelation 1:8, Isaiah 44:6). Will I trust my limited self over the unlimited God? That’s the question Abraham wrestled with when he offered Isaac. We wrestle with it daily. Jesus said, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:24-25). Visible self, or invisible God. Who will we believe?

**Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:**

| Sunday Rotation            | March 19, 2023 AM | March 19, 2023 PM | March 26, 2023 AM |
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| Greeter                    | Dustin Desarro    | Jerry Thompson    | Tom Muter         |
| Announcements              | Tom Muter         |                   | Owen Whittington  |
| Song Leading               | Owen Whittington  |                   |                   |
| Opening Prayer/Usher Left  |                   | Tom Muter         | Owen Whittington  |
| Lord's Supper Comments     | Jerry Thompson    | Owen Whittington  | Tim Bang          |
| Scripture Reading          | Chris McGiffin    | Brennan Arrell    | Seth Arrell       |
| Sermon                     | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin     | John McGiffin     |
| Closing Prayer/Usher Right | Jason Bang        |                   | Tom Muter         |

**Things you should know about...**

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. Our last contribution was \$1,050.00. If you want to contribute, mark it as “DRF” or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of March.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Brennan Arrell 3/19
- Doug Seiber 3/26
- Carter Buckingham 4/1
- Daniel Hittle 4/2
- Judah Gasper 4/7
- Waylon Wilson 4/9
- Seth Arrell 4/11
- Chelsea Wilson 4/14

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*Happy Anniversary!*

*Greg & Michelle Buckingham 4/14*

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**Ladies! Bible Study - The God of All Comfort**

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm**

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**Family & Friends Day April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Speaker: Dr. Richard Melson, from the Needmore Church of Christ  
 Invite your family and friends to enjoy the teachings on The Family of God.

We will also have our potluck and our annual egg hunt after AM services. If you would like to donate items (such as candy/small toys/bubbles/books) for the egg hunt, please bring them by March 26th.

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**Men’s Meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

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

# This week's Bible Verse

“For the Lord takes pleasure in His people;  
He will beautify the humble with salvation.” Psalms 149:4



**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Make Us Holy, Blameless, Above Reproach*

“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.” Col 1:21-23

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift to God is a Blessing*

“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35



**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - Parkinson's
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health, has an upcoming MRI
- \*Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) - health
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Caroline Stine - has been sick this past week
- \*Phil Garber (friend of Tim Bang) - recovering from heart valve replacement surgery
- \*Josiah (Alena Brown's brother) - has heart issues
- \*Michelle Gasper's friend is grieving the sudden loss of her 4 mo old

- \*Chelsea Duebner (friend of Stephanie Bang) - is pregnant and the baby has an enlarged liver
- \*Rick Ferris - recovering from surgery to put stints in
- \*John Rush (Marjorie Seiber's son-in-law) - has tremors and is having surgery for them
- \*Doug Hoff - recovering from a recent procedure
- \*Nellie Hoff - recovering from a fall, has an appt with a neurologist
- \*Tim Petty (friend of Duane Kemp) - having Bible studies with Duane & dealing with complications of diabetes
- \*Brennan Arrell - juggling multiple jobs and classes
- \*The Bang's travelling this week

**How can we be praying for YOU?**



**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, March 12      | Wednesday, March 15     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Bible Classes      34 | Bible Classes      31   |
| AM Attendance      48 |                         |
| PM Attendance      27 | Contribution \$1,024.00 |

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



March 19, 2023

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 blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!  
If you are visiting, 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.