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## ***The Shadow of Pentecost***

*"The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship."*

**Hebrews 10:1**

The Passover was definitely prophetic of the crucifixion, the death of the First Born, the Passover lamb. But what about Pentecost? What did it mean?

In the Old Testament, Pentecost was referred to as the day of firstfruits following the Feast of Weeks (Numbers 28:26). Passover was to last seven days with a festival taking place on the Sabbath (Numbers 28:16-25). Seven weeks follow (Feast of Weeks) before Pentecost, at which time they were to offer new grain as a wave offering, and sacrifice a variety of animals.

It is interesting that the Hebrew calendar is based on twelve lunar months. The phases of the moon are governed by the earth's shadow. The first day of their year is always Sunday. Passover begins on the fourteenth day of the first month, Nisan. The festival is on the fifteenth. Nisan has 30 days. Next, Iyar with 29 days, followed by Sivan (the third month). Pentecost would then fall on the sixth day of Sivan. Some scholars think that 50 days after the first Passover, Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:1). That would make sense.

*"When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God."*

**Exodus 31:18**

Now let's shine the light on that Pentecost when Peter (the rock) spoke that great sermon through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). Do you see the parallel beginning? Peter was bringing a new Law to the people. The Law of Moses had been fulfilled. People from all over the world, speaking various languages, had gathered together at one place. The 3000 baptized believers were the firstfruits of the kingdom. Their sins had been waved.

*"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."*

**James 1:18**

Several times in Paul's writings, he refers to new converts as being firstfruits (Romans 15:5; 1 Corinthians 16:15). Since Jesus referred to our actions as fruits (Matthew 7:16-20), that would make us someone's firstfruits as well.

The timing of that Pentecost Sunday was important. People from all over were gathered together so the new Law could return with them, all over the world. Just as Moses delivered a new Law to his people, that period ended with Peter delivering a new message. Sacrifices have ended, because the greatest sacrifice has been made.

**Jay Crook**

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For the innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**For the "people in the box" the lost in** our families and community.

**For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ** in our own time

**For marriage to stand** in our laws as God ordained it.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel**

**For our Haiti Mission Team in Haiti this week**

**Millie Lemon** had a successful surgery on Wednesday and his home now recuperating.

**Renee Bissell** had round 8 of her chemo this week.

**Rick Richmond** had an MRI this week that revealed some changes in his brain tumors but it is too soon to tell if the changes are good or bad. He started a new round of chemotherapy on Tuesday.

**Praise Report: Emerson Coriell** received more good news on Friday which he will share with the congregation at the end of the AM assembly. There are a couple more things to check out before he starts chemo in a couple weeks but for now, praise the Lord and keep on praying.

**Debbie Sullivan** continues to recuperate at home.

**Austin Coriell** is still on the mend at home. See his thank you card on the bulletin board.

**Alex Cram and Family**, a continuing request for God's mercy and blessing.

**Diane Piccone** (Lisa Hoskin's mother) has been taken off the ventilator. She is being kept comfortable. Prayers for her and her family.

**Sharon Rogers** had her foot surgery on Wednesday and is at home recuperating. All went well.

**Mikell Rase** (22 yr old cousin of Kim, Kendra & Kristi) is having vision problems that stem from a blindness that had to be corrected at birth. She is having blind spots show up in her vision.

**Rhonda Daniels** (daughter of Hayes and Eloise Hayward) was taken to the SOMC ER Saturday morning with an heart attack. Two stents were placed in her heart. No visitors please at this time.

## In the News

**Jessica Gahm**

(daughter of Troy & Julie) was chosen by the student body at Valley High School sophomore "Sweetheart" attendant for 2008. She was introduced last night along with the Queen and her other attendants between the reserve and varsity basketball game. Congratulations, Jessica.



## Winterfest Coming Soon

Feb 15-17, 2008, are the dates for Winterfest in Gatlinburg, Tn. To register for Winterfest to get a seat on the bus and a room in Gatlinburg, go to

[www.innermission-ssu.com](http://www.innermission-ssu.com)

and click on the Winterfest Sign Up tab. Be sure and include a contact phone number in the message box. More information soon. Thanks, Shaun and Jamie.



## Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Dorothy Goodwin** (sister-in-law to Esther Crisp) who passed away on Jan. 8th.

To the family of **Fred Foss**, husband to Emily (Webster) Foss, who passed away in Texas about 2 weeks ago. Many of us remember Emily from her days at MHS. Her address is posted if you wish to send a sympathy card.

## Innermission

### Meals

We're past the holidays and school starts again this next week. If you would be willing to prepare a lunch for the Innermission gang on a Tuesday in January, sign up for an open date. The pad is on the table in the foyer.



## Spirit Club Verse of the Month - January 2008

Let the little children come and do not forbid them for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

## 2008 Budget

Copies of the budget for 2008 for our congregation are on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy and be informed. We will be talking about this budget over the next few weeks in some of our lessons.

## Teen Girls Class

The Sunday evening Teen Girls class will resume on February 3.

## Movable Wall Session

We have a new movable wall in the annex which will add to the usability of the annex. You are welcome to extend or retract the wall to fit your needs. However, there is a tool and a procedure that you need to know about in order to move the wall. Plan to meet with Steve Miller for 15 minutes after evening Bible Study on Sunday, January 20 for a short explanation/demo.

## Father-Daughter Valentine Gala Coming

Saturday, February 9, 7 pm at the MHS gymnasium, the Grande March for the Father-Daughter Valentine Gala will commence. As always we are needing help with the event. People to help with food, set up and decoration, clean-up at the end, coat check workers, the picture-taking operation, and cookies. The tickets to the Father-Daughter Gala are still \$5.00 and are available at the Pharmacy in Minford among other locations.



## Kids Movie Matinee

Hey, parents, look! On Saturday's and Sunday's at 12:30 and 2:00 the new Portsmouth Theatre has Kid Toon Matinees. In January the Kid Toon Matinee is free. Ordinarily they are \$3.50/person and include a snack for each person. Next Sunday (1/27) at 2:00 let's meet at the theatre for Kid Toon Matinee. **Note: date has been moved up a week due to a schedule conflict.** See Kim McCray for details.



## Library Alert

We have done an inventory of our library materials and we want to remind parents that the items in the library are for short term check outs. Please take a look around your house and see if by chance some library items have gotten lost in the books, DVD's, video tapes that belong to you. Please help us get these materials back so that others can use them. —Julie Miller.

## Spirit Club Meeting

Tonight, 6 pm, kids of all ages (2-99 years) are invited to come a little early and learn the latest Spirit Club memory work through song. We'll learn the new songs month by month and also do some review of what we have learned in the past. The song and verse for January is Mathew 19:14. Meeting will last till about 6:20 pm. If you are interested, the songs are taken from a CD called Hide'Em in Your Heart by Steve Green. It's available for \$10.00 at Praises Book Store in Portsmouth.

## Birth Announcements

**Emilee Katheryn Steffens** was born to Eric & Crystal (Price) Steffens on Thursday, January 10 in Nashville, Tn. Katheryn weighed 5 lbs, 5 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Many of you will remember Crystal from her days here at Sunshine as a member of our youth group.

**Julie Rae Gragg** was born Friday, January 11, weighing 9 lbs, 14 oz, and measuring 22 inches. She is home now doing well. Congratulations to the Sean and Heather and the extended family on this priceless addition to your family.

## Bible Study Curriculum

### Sunday

1/20 Acts 17:1-18:22  
1/27 Acts 18:23-20:2  
2/3 Acts 20:3-38

### Wednesday

1/23 Daniel 5  
1/30 Daniel 6  
2/6 Daniel 7



1/19-26 **Haiti Mission Trip**  
2/9 **Father-Daughter Valentine Gala, MHS Gym, 7 p.m.**  
2/15-17 **Winterfest in Gatlinburg**

## Not a Hoax

Three weeks ago I posted a warning in the bulletin about a stranger approaching a child in a suspicious manner at the Wal-mart in New Boston. Since then, there was a front page article in the Times saying that the story—which had spread like wildfire on the internet—is a hoax. It is not a hoax. I wish it was. The child is a close friend of our granddaughter, Hannah. Her mother is someone I know and respect. She called me immediately after the incident, still shaking from her daughter's close call and her conversation with the assistant manager.



Since this happened, I've done a little research. At [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us) they list 55 sexual predators within the New Boston/Portsmouth/Scitoville area with another 8 in Minford, 14 in Wheelersburg and 17 in West Portsmouth. These are ones who have been caught, convicted, served time and are now released. Statistically only 1 in 3 predators are ever caught. The technique used to approach this child, and the timing of it is common to predators. He didn't hand her a toy in the checkout lane as the newspaper reported. He filled her hands and arms with small toys near the exit thereby taking her attention away from following her mother, as well as rendering her arms useless because she was concerned about dropping the trinkets and being rude when the man had just given her "presents." This danger is not unique to Walmart. Keep an eye on your kids.

— Serena Miller

## Spirit Club Survey

Parents, there are survey sheets for Spirit Club on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up, fill it out and get it back to Kristi Cordle ASAP. We need your input so that we can keep Spirit Club fresh and exciting and effective for you and your children. Deadline is February 3.

## Focus On The Good Things

**S**hould you find yourself stuck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

**S**hould you have a bad day at work; think of the person who has been out of work for years.

**S**hould you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return.

**S**hould you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the person in dire straits, working seven days a week to feed their children.

**S**hould your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

**S**hould you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes they had hair to examine.

**S**hould you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

**S**hould you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!

## Those Who Serve

<b><u>Sunday Morning</u></b>	<b><u>January 20</u></b>
Welcome & Prayer	Jon Coriell
Song Director	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Steve Williams
Prayer	Caleb Miller
Lord's Supper –Bread	Jamie Riley
Wine	Dewey Cordle
Server 1	Dale Kuhn
Server 2	Gregg Ferrell
Server 3	Brent Frazee
Server 4	Dale Gamp
Server 5	David Gamp
Server 6	Tim Coriell
Message	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Emerson Coriell

<b><u>January 27</u></b>
Wayne Gamp
Nick Davis
Troy Gahm
Gabe Coriell
Aaron McCray
Jeff Hayward
Chuck Allison
Barry Gamp
Josh Coriell
Matt Gamp
Mike Coriell
Jack Jennings
Jamie Riley
Jason Coriell

### *Regular Service Times*

**Sunday**  
Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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### **Sunday Evening**

Song Director	Jacob Miller	Mark Gamp
Scripture Reading	Rich Book	Matt Hoskins
Lord's Supper	Mark Risner	Gary Glispie
Assist	Ira Coriell	Ryan Coriell
Prayer	Eric McLaughlin	Greg Coriell
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Acts 17:1-18:22</i>	<i>Acts 18:23-20:2</i>

### **Wednesday Evening**

Song Director	Zach Coriell	Caleb Miller
Prayer	Zach Sims	Don Ramey
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Daniel 5</i>	<i>Daniel 6</i>

### **Children's Bible Time**

January 3/5: Jane Ruggles, Stephanie Copas, Jennifer Gamp  
 January 6/8: Kristin Riley, Cindy Coriell, Becky Dixon  
 February 3/5: June Book, Rich Book, Rachel Jarvis  
 February 6/8: Cathy Coriell, Emerson Coriell, Becky Jarvis, Chuck Jarvis

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.*



## ==== SCRIPT-O-GRAM ====

A very familiar verse is written below using a letter substitution code. See if you can decipher what the verse is. Hint: Q=E

P Q K    K B Q    P L K K P Q    J B L P V C Q H    J W T Q  
 G H V    V W    H W K    S W C Z L V    K B Q T    S W C  
 W S    N R J B    L N    K B Q    Y L H D V W T    W S  
 B Q G F Q H .

Solution  
*Matthew 19:14*