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## BY YOUR FRUIT...

Seeing all of the trees in bloom reminded me of a particular tree at my parents' place. It probably just finished blooming as well. It was most likely planted by the owners of an old homestead that has long since turned to dust, but the tree lives on. It is a pear tree and is one of the ugliest trees you will ever see. It stands by itself and the Oklahoma wind has done its work on the old gnarled trunk and branches. When it comes harvest time anyone looking at the fruit would wonder, "Why bother?" For the fruit truly matches the tree, it is big, ugly and gnarled as well. I guess I should say anyone who has never tasted the fruit would wonder, "Why bother?" This is because the big, ugly, bumpy fruit that comes from that tree is the crispest and sweetest I have ever bitten into. I have tasted much prettier pears but am immediately disappointed because none have ever come close to equaling the taste. Something tells me, despite its looks, God is proud of that tree and its fruit.

***"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks (Luke 6:43-45).***

Here is one of the many verses that talk about bearing good fruit. The quote above is from Jesus. A tree's fruit is limited by the quality of the tree. You can know if a tree is good by the quality of its fruit. Likewise, a person's life is shown by the fruit it bears. Remember though, just like a tree, the fruit a person yields is limited to what is inside. Your fruit will reflect the kind of attitude and relationship you have with God.

I have two ornamental pear trees in my yard. They are beautifully shaped and are pleasant to look at. Still, if I had my choice I would trade them both for that ugly old pear tree at my parents' place, not because of what it looks like on the outside, but because of what it produces. We too, can spend a lot of time and energy trying to look good, but God can see what is on the inside. May our lives be the kind that bears the sweetest fruit! Here is the great news. Unlike trees which can't change their insides or the kind of fruit they bear, God can change us. In fact He can take a life that is twisted and gnarled and when He changes the inside, that heart will produce the sweetest fruit.

***And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10).***

— Wade McKnight  
Centerville, Ohio

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**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**

**Phyllis Stevens** (Bradenton, FL) has been moved to Huntsville, Alabama to stay with her son, Todd.

**Gary Allison** (Chuck's brother in Charleston area) is finally in his own home.

**Praise Report: Annette Coriell** had a section of her colon removed last week at SOMC. A small spot of cancer was detected but no chemo or radiation will be required. She has been transferred to Best Care in Wheelersburg (Room 24). Short visits appreciated.

**Ben Tudor** (Brandi Gamp's uncle in Tennessee) has had a recurrence of cancer and has been given 2 weeks to 2 months to live. Prayers for his soul and for his physical comfort in the last few weeks.

**Angeline Yerardi** (Brandi Gamp's great aunt) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Prayers for healing.

**Janie Hatfield** (13 year old in Oak Hill, known to Tamera Green) osteosarcoma affecting legs and lungs. Her parents are requesting as many cards as possible to be sent to her. 7633 S. R. 279; Oak Hill, Ohio 45656.

**Jack Thatcher** (Tamera Green's former husband in Pataskala) has cancer throughout his body and has been given a few weeks to live. Prayers for his soul and his family.

**Grant Kallner**, newborn son of Aaron and Jodi, had to be taken to Cabell-Huntington NICU with a collapsed lung for treatment on Monday. He is scheduled to come home today.

## **May Services at Elbrooke**

May is Sunshine's month to conduct Bible Study and Worship services at Elbrooke Pavilion. Sunday services are at 2 pm and Bible Study is at 7 pm on Thursday's. We need a crowd to help us with the singing and also men to help with teaching, prayers and song-leading. Check the sheet on the board in the foyer to sign up for a slot to help out.

## **No Spirit Club Meeting Today**

## **Fort Hill Help Needed**

We still have open dates for helping at Fort Hill Camp this month. Basically you are volunteering prepare a lunch for about 40 people. The food is provided by the camp and is of the heat and serve variety. Workers need to get there about 10 and should be able to leave by 1:30 or 2. SIGN UP ON THE SHEET ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER. Thanks, Serena.

## **Special Delivery**

**Grant Kallner** was born to Aaron and Jodi Kallner at SOMC on Monday, May 5. He weighed 8 lbs, 12 oz. He was born with a collapsed lung and had to be taken the same day to Cabell-Huntington NICU for treatment. Jodi was released Tuesday. Grant probably comes home today. Congratulations to parents, sisters, grandparents, and great grandparents on the addition to their family.

## **Verse of the Month**

When I am afraid I will trust in You, in God, whose word I praise. In God I trust, I will not be afraid. Psalm 56:3-4

## **VBS Planners, Look!**

For workers who are doing a city, there are costumes, patterns, fabric, props already made up that are available to use for VBS. Before you make anything check with Judi Allison. A meeting is planned for next Sunday evening (5/11) after Bible Study where you can see what's available. If you cannot make the meeting, get with Judi right away. Also we have 5 pieces of 4x8 Foam Board (3 inch) and several pieces of large flat cardboard in the annex. If you need them, please take them.

## **Ladies Banquet Absolute Deadline**

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm in the annex. Kim has reserved some extra spots for the dinner so it's still not too late to get in on the fun. \$15.00/plate. Some of those spots are complimentary (free). If money is tight, see Kim McCray for one of those spots. This is for all women, not just mothers and daughters. We intend to celebrate the special gifts that God has given to all women and the special bond that Christian women have with each other. Guests (Christian or not) are welcome. If you would like to help with decorating, set up, the program, etc., see Kim McCray.

## **Memorial Day Parade**

### **Deadline**

Today is the deadline for entering a unit in the Memorial Day Parade. Get your name and entry description on the list on the table no later than today.

## **Graduation Banquet**

### **Deadline**

Our annual graduation banquet honoring our high school graduates is set for Saturday, May 17, from 6-8 pm in the annex. 2008 graduates and their families as well as a special guest for each graduate are invited to come. We need a fairly accurate count of those who will be attending for food preparation purposes. Parents and Graduates, please sign on the sheet in the foyer and indicate how many from your family will be attending the banquet. Deadline is today. Also, parents, would you please create a photo collage of your son or daughter's life from birth to graduation. Mount the photos on a poster board and bring the collage to the banquet.

## **Ladies Inspiration Day**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ in Vienna, WV is having their Mid-Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day, next Saturday, May 17 at their building. Details are posted.





# Bible Study Curriculum

## Sunday

5/11 Romans 9-10  
 5/18 Romans 11  
 5/25 Romans 12

## Wednesday

5/14 Genesis 1:1-23  
 5/21 Genesis 1:24-2:25  
 5/28 Genesis 3:1-24

## In the News

**Kathleen Kuhn**, daughter of Dale and Regina Kuhn, was featured in last Sunday's Portsmouth Times along with two of her friends who collaborated on a book called **Pattern Problems** which has been entered in a national contest sponsored by Scholastic Magazine. Winners are to be announced at the end of May. The article is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Congratulations, Kathleen, and here's hoping your book wins.

## More News

As you know, China will be hosting the 2008 Olympics this year and much pressure has been put on their government to liberalize their policies toward their people. Over the last 50 years, China has officially repressed any expression of Christianity in their country. Churches have to meet in secret if they meet at all. However, the Chinese government has now approved open and public assemblies of the church during the Olympics and hopefully forevermore. The first meeting of the Beijing Church of Christ will be Sunday, August 3, 2008. Dr. Aubrey Johnson, minister of the Peachtree church of Christ in Atlanta, will be speaking on "The Loving Church." All thru the Olympics the church will be meeting openly. The elders of the Peachtree church are hoping to use the Olympics as an opportunity to get a permanent, functioning congregation going in Beijing this year. They ask for our prayers. Details are posted.

## Saints and Sinners

(Taken from the September 16, 1979 edition of the Sunshine bulletin, submitted by Lisa McCray)

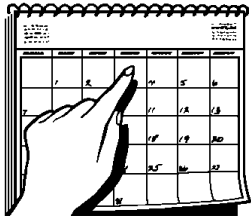
When some fellow yields to temptation  
 And breaks a conventional law,  
 We look for no good in his makeup,  
 Oh Lord, how we look for the flaw!

No one asks, "Who did the tempting?"  
 Nor allows for the battles he's fought.  
 His name becomes food for the jackals,  
 The saints who have never been caught.

I'm a sinner, O Lord, and I know it.  
 I am weak, and I blunder and fail,  
 I'm tossed on life's stormy ocean  
 Like a ship that is caught in a gale.

I am willing to trust in Thy mercy  
 To keep the commandments Thou hast taught  
 But deliver me, Lord, from the judgment  
 Of saints who have never been caught.

## COMING EVENTS



May **Elbrooke Pavilion Services**  
 5/13 **Ladies Banquet** 6:30 p.m.  
 5/17 **Graduation Banquet** 6-8 p.m.  
 5/26 **Memorial Day Parade** in Minford  
 6/23-27 **Vacation Bible School @ Sunshine**  
 7/13-19 **Sunshine Week @ Fort Hill Camp**

## New Sunshine Youth Group Website

There is now a Sunshine Youth Group website! This website will keep teens and parents up to date on upcoming events and activities planned for the group and give quick access to other things such as registration forms that can be printed out for outings, etc. This is where Tim and Jennifer plan to post any and all news involving the youth. There is a calendar on the website that will be especially helpful in keeping track of outings and devos. Changes will be made to the calendar when needed. So keep checking in.

## Graduates for 2008

This is the list of those we believe are graduating this year from high school. If this list is incomplete or inaccurate, please get with Tim or Jennifer right away.

**Alina Anhult** **Brittany Gahm**  
**Kyla Gampp** **Matthew Gampp**  
**Katie Graff** **Jessica Ruggles**  
**Wes Lyon** **Kayla McGraw**  
**Jenny Williams**

Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates.

## Early Registration Discount for Fort Hill Camp

The deadline for early registration discount for camp is May 14. **You can save \$10.00 per camper** if you get your application and money in early. Camp schedule and applications are on the bulletin board in the foyer. The Sunshine week at camp is July 13-19. Questions, see Lisa McCray.

## Baptism

Yesterday, **William Hurt**, 80 years old, resident of Elbrooke Pavilion, confessed Christ and was baptized into Him. William approached me after our Bible Study Thursday evening and asked if I would baptize him. I met with him Friday and made plans for his 2 daughters to be present on Saturday for his baptism. William is needing a ride to church on Sunday mornings. If any of you would be willing to stop at Elbrooke and pick him up and deliver him at the end of services, please get with Steve Miller. William is sharp mentally and able to walk and get around unaided. He has some problems with his vision but otherwise, he just needs a ride.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration, I

In an early celebration of their upcoming, (July 25), 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, the children of **Eldon and Carol Conkel** invite friends and family to a reception in their honor on Friday, **May 30, 2008, from 6:30-8:30 pm** in the **Sunshine church of Christ Annex**. Omission of gifts please.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration, II

**Richard C. and Rose A. (Rayburn)** Havens of Lucasville, Ohio will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 25, 2008. A reception will be held in their honor at the **Sunshine church of Christ on Sunday, May 25, from 2-5 pm**. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate. Omission of gifts requested.

# Those Who Serve

**Sunday Morning**    **May 11**  
 Welcome & Prayer    Jon Coriell  
     Song Director    Shaun McCray  
     Scripture Reading    Steve Williams  
     Prayer    Shawn Gragg  
 Lord's Supper –Bread    Aaron Kallner  
     Wine    Don Ramey  
     Server 1    Terry Sullivan  
     Server 2    Dewey Cordle  
     Server 3    David Gampp  
     Server 4    Chuck Allison  
     Server 5    Matthew Gampp  
     Server 6    Jack Jennings  
 Message    Steve Miller  
 Closing Prayer    Bill Gammon

**May 18**  
 Wayne Gampp  
 Nick Davis  
 Alan Graff  
 Gabe Coriell  
 Rich Book  
 Gregg Ferrell  
 Mark Risner  
 Troy Gahm  
 Dale Gampp  
 Barry Gampp  
 David Gampp  
 Josh Coriell  
 Steve Miller  
 Greg 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    Zach Coriell  
 Scripture Reading    Mark Gampp  
 Lord's Supper    Spike Ferrell  
 Assist    Tim Coriell  
 Prayer    Jamie Riley  
 Bible Class Text    Romans 9-10

Aaron McCray  
 Gary Glispie  
 Matt Hoskins  
 Jacob Miller  
 Eric McLaughlin  
 Romans 11

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Director    Jacob Miller  
 Prayer    Ira Coriell  
 Bible Class Text    Genesis 1:1-23

Mark Gampp  
 Caleb Miller  
 Genesis 1:24-2:25

**Children's Bible Time**

May 3/5: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller  
 May 6/8: Candi Gampp, Kerri Davis, Cindy Coriell  
 June 3/5: Brandy Gampp, Debbie Raiser, Derria Kelley  
 June 6/8: JoAnn Miller, Beth Miller, Jennifer Gampp

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624*



### Mothers Maze

There are some flowers waiting for Mom on her special day. Help her find her way through the maze to find them.

