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Would Have Been

If Jesus had decided to become a full-time carpenter like his father, his life would have been totally different. He would have married, had children, made a lot of stuff from wood and (or as diligent research shows) stone. Jesus would have been so busy to not notice the suffering of the world.

If Jesus had become a good member of the synagogue, learning to obey every rule, living with legalist zeal, his life would have been one where he treated people differently. He would have been a scoffer at Zacchaeus instead of a friend. He would have pushed away children instead of loving them. Jesus would have mocked people following around a messiah like figure looking for healing and possibly yelled at them to visit an HMO.

If Jesus had not taken on the sins of the world and become my savior and yours, he would have been without blood, agony and pain. He would have been a meaningless figure in the history of the world. If he had not sacrificed his life for others, the figure of Jesus would have been no figure at all, just another guy with a beard from that hillbilly town of Nazareth, a redneck with no purpose other than cutting up wood and stone and following traditions laid down by the legalists, that's what Jesus would have been.

I praise God for what Jesus did become, my savior and my friend. The same could be said for each of us. We have a purpose. We are here to be more than just a carpenter or whatever occupation we find ourselves in. We are more than our occupations. God has a purpose for each of us.

God gives us opportunities of purpose so we never have to sit and ponder or stand and wonder about what would have been, if only we had gone to Him.

Brian Humeck
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Let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

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
A continuing request for Alex Cram, Sharon Rogers

Annette Coriell is in SOMC Hospice Care, no visitors please.

Deanna Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer and will be having a series of chemotherapy treatments.

Ellen Lemon had her third round of chemotherapy last week.

Emerson Coriell is continuing with his radiation therapy. He is feeling much stronger.

Penny Ball has knee replacement surgery scheduled for August 11th.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) had surgery on her wrist after a fall. She is also having some problems with congestion around her heart and lungs.

Carolyn Walker (teacher at Minford Middle School) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and is scheduled for surgery at OSU tomorrow.

Thelma LaBrun (client of Chuck Allison) has advanced cancer and is going through chemotherapy.

Zack Allen (nephew of Elaine, Allen & Brenda Kallner) a fire-fighter in California, was injured when a fire grenade exploded in his hand. Doctors were able to save his hand and fingers, but there will probably be a lengthy recovery.

Rick Richmond is in SOMC ICU with pneumonia.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Jordan Dunham (friends of the Higbees) who was killed in an auto accident last Tuesday.

US Troops Send Sunshine a US Flag

On the table in the foyer is a US Flag flown over a combat zone in Chagcharan, Ghor Province, Afghanistan. The flag has been sent to us in gratitude for the support which we as a congregation have provided to the troops on that base and to the Afghan population surrounding it. We have sent eye glasses, school supplies and various other items which the troops have used to benefit the Afghani's and to promote good relations between Afghanistan and the US.

Script-O-Gram Solution:

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? — 1 Cor. 3:16

Thank You Cards Received

- We want to thank our Church family for their beautiful expression of sympathy in the passing of our beloved sister Goldie.*

The way she lived her life was an example to all she met.

Thanks so much for a Christian family at Sunshine that I know grieves with us.

—Esther & Gene Crisp

- I want to express my deepest gratitude for all the prayers that have been said on my behalf. I am doing great and am very confident that this “bump in the road” is no big deal at all. I feel very blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation and appreciate the concern shown to me and my family. May God continue to shower his blessings on the Sunshine family!*

—Lisa McCray

Shepherd's Prayer

Thursday, July 17, 7:30 pm, our elders will be meeting for prayer for the church and the members of the congregation. If you have requests that you would want included in that prayer, please give it to one of the elders before the session.

Sunshine Week @ FHCYC

Attendance may be down slightly this morning as some of our members are at Fort Hill getting things ready for the coming week at camp.

Ladies' Day at Circleville

Circleville Church of Christ is holding it's 5th annual Ladies' Inspiration Day on August 9th. Theme this year is “Growing God's Garden.” Guest speaker will be Kelley Beerbower. Information card is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Bible Study Curriculum

The Out-of-towners

Steve and Jamie are away today, In their place, Jon Coriell will be preaching this morning. Tom Kelley is scheduled to speak next week.

Since Steve will be away again next week, please send any news or announcements you have for the bulletin to Al Graff.

Haiti Meeting

Anyone interested in going on a mission trip to Haiti in 2009, please attend an informational meeting next Sunday (July 20) after morning worship services.

God's Openness

Exodus 32:14 says God "**changed His mind** about the disaster He **planned** to bring upon His people." Either this means what it says or it doesn't. Did God have a plan and, because of Moses' intercessory prayer, He changed His mind or did the writer of Exodus get it wrong?

The very next chapter, verses 1-3 and v.14 show Moses changing God's mind again through prayer. God had not intended to go with the people, but Moses talked Him into it. The future, therefore, cannot be set, known, and unchangeable. God can manipulate time and He can change His plans. Deuteronomy 9:13-29 show God "intended to destroy" Israel and "ready to destroy" Aaron. Moses' 40 days of prayer changed God's intentions. As Greg Boyd says, "Could God truly intend to do something He was eternally certain He wouldn't do?"

1Samuel 2:27-31 shows the reverse — God intended to bless Eli and his household but now withdrew that promise. "I **promised** that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever **but now, the Lord declares, far be it from me!**... I will cut short your strength and the strength of your father's house." Even God's promises can be modified or dropped entirely when we do not live up to His standards or keep our end of the bargain. He fully intended to bless Eli but Eli's failure as a father made Him decide to withdraw the promise He'd made.

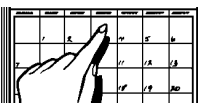
1 Kings 21:21-29, God tells Ahab that He will bring disaster on him because of his sin. Ahab humbles himself and so God, in verse 29, says He will no longer bring that

Sunday

7/13 1 Corinthians 3
7/20 1 Corinthians 4
7/27 1 Corinthians 5

Wednesday

7/16 Genesis 18
7/23 Genesis 19
7/30 Genesis 20-23



7/13-19 **Sunshine Week @ Fort Hill Camp**
7/28 **Angel Food distribution**

Verse of the Month

Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this right. —Ephesians 6:1

disaster on him. The plainest reading of these passages is that God changes His mind after our behavior or prayers touch Him. That means that not all of the future is set and it changes as God reacts to us and us to God.

2 Chronicles 12:5-8 has God saying He "has delivered" Israel into the hands of their enemy. After they repent, He withdraws that judgment and will no longer allow them to be beaten by their foes. He reverses an edict He Himself made in order to save them.

Jeremiah 26:2,3 — God tells Jeremiah that, if Israel repents, "**I may change my mind about the disaster I intend to bring upon them because of their evil deeds.**" How can we read this and not see that God is open towards the future; the future has not happened and, therefore, anything He has not established as required in the future is open? The very point of passages such as this and the story of Jonah is to encourage us to pray and repent so that God's intention to bring judgment is changed to a blessing. Prayer matters and so does repentance.

Ezekiel 4:9-15 — God tells Ezekiel to use human feces to cook with and Ezekiel asks God to change His mind as that is repugnant to him. God agrees to let Ezekiel use animal feces instead. God is willing to adjust His plans according to our requests, our sentiments, and our uneasiness with some of the things He might have told us to do. Who wouldn't be comforted by this knowledge?

Amos 7:1-6 — in this short passage in a short book, there are two instances where God declares a judgment and Amos asks for mercy. In both instances, the scripture plainly says God "relented."

Jonah 3:10 — one of the more famous examples of God changing His mind. After sending Jonah to Nineveh, and against

Jonah's wishes, God decides to cancel the sermon He made Jonah preach! The very prophecy He gave Jonah to deliver to the people, He overruled, leaving Jonah to sit and stew at God's (in his opinion) capriciousness.

God is God over time... and over possibilities. He is not the curator of a set future, a Calvinistic, predestined, micro-managed universe.

— Patrick Meade

On The Web

If you're one of our computer-using members, you may be aware that Sunshine maintains two web sites and several of our members have active blogs. We recently passed the 27,000 mark in number of visitors to our main web site and our congregation blog has been getting around 800 hits per month. The map below is just a small sample of recent visitors to our website from the U.S. We have logged frequent visits from dozens of countries around the world as well. If you haven't visited us online recently, please take the time to stop by and check things out. Our web addresses are printed on the back page of this bulletin. For more information about Sunshine's web presence, see Al Graff.



Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 Lord's Supper –Bread
 Wine
 Server 1
 Server 2
 Server 3
 Server 4
 Server 5
 Server 6
 Message
 Closing Prayer

July 13

Wayne Gampp
 Nick Davis
 Eric McLaughlin
 Troy Gahm
 Josh Coriell
 Greg Coriell
 Lane Raiser
 Ryan Coriell
 Barry Gampp
 Price Gammon
 Aaron Franke
 Michael Dixon
 Jon Coriell
 John Berry

July 20

Don Coriell
 Ralph Gampp
 Dewey Cordle
 Aaron Kallner
 Jeff Hayward
 Spike Ferrell
 Bill Gammon
 Tim Coriell
 Ira Coriell
 Alan Graff
 Barry Hayward
 Matt Gampp
 Tom Kelley
 David Gampp

Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class

Gabe Coriell
 Rich Book
 Tim Gampp
 Shawn Gragg
 Jason Coriell
 1 Corinthians 3

Mark Gampp
 Bob Havens
 Caleb Miller
 Mark Risner
 Don Ramey
 1 Corinthians 4

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
 Jeff Hayward
 Genesis 18

Matt Hoskins
 Mike Gampp
 Genesis 19

Children's Bible Time

July 3/5: Christy Veach, Paige Jacobs, Holly Hayward
 July 6/8: Jane Ruggles, Janie Ruggles, Garnet Lindeman
 Aug 3/5: Jill/Steve Williams, Jenny & Sam Williams
 Aug 6/8: Stephanie/Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan

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

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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SCRIPT-O-GRAM

The letters below are a letter-substitution cipher of a familiar verse from 1 Corinthians 3. Try to decode the message. Hints: O=T, U=I
 The solution can be found at the bottom of page 2.

P K N G X Q K N O O L H O X Q H Z Q

O L Q O Q S D W Q N E A N V , H K V

O L H O O L Q B D U Z U O N E A N V

V G Q W W Q O L U K X N M ?