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A Matter of Fruit...

In the very back of the garden of my childhood home grew an apple tree. I knew it was an apple tree however, I do not remember what kind of apples grew on the tree. There is a reason for this, which I'll soon get to. I do remember that it was a beautiful tree. The soil it was planted in was rich and every year the tree's dimensions expanded. Back to the fruit, the reason I can't remember the apples is because the last year we lived in that home was the first year I remember it having any measurable fruit.

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" (Luke 13:6-9).

This parable is one where Jesus does not explain the meaning, although based on the context it's not hard to determine, Jesus had just been in a conversation about lives lost. So, Christ tells of a tree that looks good but yields nothing, a man who sees what the tree is--not what it looks like and a man who does all he can to save the tree.

Christ gave His life for us. He provided us with the opportunity for salvation. However, it is not enough to look good, a tree that looks good is only a block of wood. Our lives have to BE something. Disciples of Christ are more than just blocks of wood, they do good works, produce fruit and honor God with their lives, not their looks.

While we didn't get to benefit from it, our tree in the garden did bear fruit. We don't know the fate of the tree in Jesus' parable, only the possible outcomes. Of course, this isn't about trees, it's about us.

Wade McKnight
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**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalm 96:6

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our nation as we are going through troubled times

Our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

Our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

Todd Fulkerson (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

The innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

The "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

Those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

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

The church in Siliquri and Naresh Chetri

The churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Karren Griffith had an MRI this week which showed she is improving without the corrective surgery.

Tom Kallner continues his rehab at home.

Thelma Rakes (Rushie Richmond's mother) had her knee surgery on Wednesday at Holzer in Jackson.

Bill Reed (Becky Jarvis's father) had surgery for prostate cancer at Riverside in Columbus on Friday.

Alex Cram was able to come home on Tuesday from SOMC.

Bill Holbrook (Ruth Morris's brother in law) has been moved to SOMC Hospice Care this week.



Coming Events

- 4/11 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am
- 4/12 Easter Sunday
- 4/24-26 Sunshine Youth Rally at Fort Hill
- 4/25 Secret Sister Revealing--5 pm
- 6/6-7 Ladies Retreat at Fort Hill
- 6/22-26 Sunshine VBS
- 7/12-18 Sunshine at Fort Hill Christian Camp
- 11/6-8 Sunshine Ladies Retreat

Camp Applications Available

We have received the camp schedule for 2009. Camp applications for Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp are on the bulletin board now. Sunshine's week at camp is July 12-18; however, if that week doesn't work for you and your family, find another week to participate.

Youth Rally Details

April 24-26 the Sunshine Youth will be having their annual youth rally at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp near Hillsboro. Activities kick off at 6 pm Friday evening and should conclude on Sunday morning. Some of the highlights of the weekend will be Mike Anderson and Jamie Riley who will be the keynote speakers for the weekend and a performance by the a cappella singing group known as Durant. Tim Gamp says we'll be needing lots of volunteers to get through the weekend and lots of donated snack foods, breakfast cereals and soda pop. Tim also says "Thanks" in advance for all those who will be donating or helping.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



Bible Study Curriculum

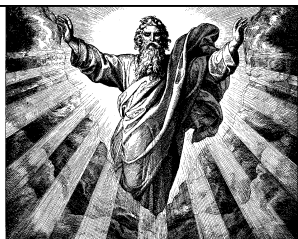
Sunday

- 4/5 Colossians 1
- 4/12 Colossians 2
- 4/19 Colossians 3
- 4/26 Preaching Service

Wednesday

- 4/8 Numbers 32-36
- 4/15 Deuteronomy 32-34
- 4/22 Joshua 1-2
- 4/29 Joshua 3-4

All who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify
him! Stand in awe of him, all you
descendants of Israel.
- Psalm 22:23



Secret Sister Revealing Updated

Secret Sisters will be having a carry-in dinner on **Saturday, April 18 at 5 pm** in the annex to reveal our secret sisters. Drinks and meat will be provided. At this time we will also be assembling gift baskets to donate to Elbrooke residents. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer and bring 5 of the items you choose. Forms for 2009-2010 Secret Sisters are also available in the foyer. Please fill one out and return it to Autumn or Mandi before April 18. We will draw names that evening. Anyone new can draw on Sunday, April 19. It is important for all Secret Sisters to attend so everyone can participate in the revealing.

Service Project – Oil Change

If you're a single mom, a widow, elderly or just in need of a hand, then we'd love to help! Oil changes on your vehicle will be offered on Saturday, April 11th at Bennett's Collision Repair Center from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If you can, please bring your own oil and filter (if you can't then let us know so we can make arrangements to get your oil and filter for you). If you are interested in this service or in helping out, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Questions? Ask or call Mark Gamp (820-2150), Jason Coriell (820-4739) or Dewey Cordle (820-4624).

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11, at 11 am here at our building. There will be a laundry basket in the back for donations of candy. If it is a nice day on April 11, bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and we will enjoy the day together. Kristin Riley for details.

Student Housing Needed

We have received an email from a young Christian couple in Morehead currently attending the university there. They are transferring to Shawnee and would like to find out if there might be apartments for rent in our area which they could rent while attending Shawnee. If you are aware of a small inexpensive unit that is available (whether your own or another person's) would you please get with Steve right away so we can put you in touch or you can email them directly at 2sons@foothill.net. The family name is Merritt.

Reminder about Easter Sunday

Many of us pledged ourselves last Sunday to refocus our prayers for the people in the box, especially those we would like to have sitting beside us in our services on Easter Sunday, April 12. Please continue in your prayers for those people, about how you will invite them, about the service and that the gospel will fall on good ground, ground that is prepared for the seed.

In addition to our prayers and invitations, here are some other things we need to do:

1. Plan on coming early and sitting a little closer to the front than usual. We are going to need the room.
2. Plan on scooting to the middle of the pew so that our visitors and latecomers can have a place to sit down without causing a lot of commotion.
3. Do not let our visitors get out of the building without several of us greeting and welcoming them.
4. Park at the outer edges of our parking lot and save the spots close to the building for our visitors.
5. Come expecting something great and marvelous to happen in this service.
6. Sing with all your heart.
7. Plan to do the things listed above every Sunday and not just on Easter.

VBS Remixed--Reloaded--Revised

The last couple years have been especially exciting for VBS. Our attendance has been way up and we have been using a different format to conduct VBS. Now we have become victims of our own success. More changes are required if we hope to handle the anticipated flood of kids for VBS.

The Major Change in VBS is that we will be having only **3 teaching centers**--but each of those teaching centers will have room enough to handle 3 classes at a time. The three centers are the auditorium, the eastern half of the annex and a 30x60 tent beside the building. There are huge benefits to this arrangement: 1) Our classes no longer have to fit in a small classroom. We will be able to handle classes up to 25 and 30 without too much problem. 2) Those who are doing the teaching for us will be able to do all of their teaching in one night and be relatively free the other nights of VBS. 3) The emphasis will be on simple props and costumes rather than on decorating the rooms.

VBS is scheduled for June 22-26, from 6:30-8:45 pm. The theme for our VBS is **ANYWHERE WITH JESUS**. We are developing 12 scenes/parables from the ministry of Jesus which we will recreate in a skit type presentation. A description of each of those 12 scenes/parables is on the wall of the auditorium with a place for people to sign up to take care of that particular scene/parable. These are leadership/planning type jobs. We have already designated the day and place where the presentation will be made so that you can work out your schedule. For now, we need to get people committed to doing those scenes/parables and start thinking and praying about how to do them. Also we have put up sheets for people willing to take care of other major jobs in VBS. In a few weeks, we will get our chart up for all the support workers for VBS. **THIS VBS IS DIFFERENT AND I THINK IT WILL BE A BLAST FOR THE ADULTS AS WELL AS THE KIDS.**

Spirit Club Meeting

This evening at 6 pm.

Sermons on DVD

Most sermons presented at Sunshine are available for viewing on DVD. See Jacob Miller if you wish to borrow one for viewing.

Angel Food Orders

This week, beginning Wednesday, we will be taking Angel Food orders for the month of April in the church office. Stop in and see Jason Wednesday night or sometime on Sunday to get your order in.

Bulletin Archive Online

The electronic version of this bulletin is posted every Sunday morning just before morning worship services begin at www.sunshine-church.org. All of our bulletins since 2004 are available for download from the website. See Al Graff for more information.

Those Who Serve

Regular Service Times

Sunday Morning	April 5	April 12
Welcome & Prayer	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Song Director	Scott Gampp	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Paul Jacobs	Josh Coriell
Prayer	John Berry	Rich Book
L Server 6	Eric Miller	Chuck Allison
O Server 5	Jamie Veach	Eric Copas
R Server 4	Steve Williams	Ryan Coriell
D Wine	Aaron Kallner	Mike Gampp
S Bread	Gabe Coriell	Aaron McCray
U Server 3	Derrick Mooneyham	Ed McLaughlin
P Server 2	Terry Grashel	Jim Jacobs
E Server 1	Price Gammon	Bill Gammon
R Message	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Ira Coriell	Jeff Hayward

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

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Deadline for each issue is 5 p.m. Friday. News items may be called to **Al Graff** or **Steve Miller** or e-mailed to:

info@sunshine-church.org

Sunday Evening

Song Director	Jon Coriell	Jacob Miller
Scripture Reading	Bob Havens	Rick Coriell
Lord's Supper	Spike Ferrell	Shawn Gragg
Assist	Dennis Ruch	Matthew Hoskins
Prayer	Gary Glispie	Jack Jennings
<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Colossians 1</i>	<i>Colossians 2</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Derek Miller	Caleb Miller
Prayer	Don Ramey	Mark Villinger
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Numbers 32-36</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 32-34</i>

Children's Bible Time Schedule

April: <i>Resurrection - Beauty in Life's Cycle</i>	May: <i>God's Child Is...</i>
3/5: Kerri Davis, Ira Coriell, Josh Coriell, Christian Coriell	3/5: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller
6/8: Kristin Riley, Kayla Coriell, Renee Higbee	6/8: Kerri Davis, Candi Gampp, Cindi Coriell

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

Colossians 1 Word Search

The key words below taken from Colossians 1 [KJV] are hidden in the grid on the right. Solution is posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

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| ALIENATED | MANIFEST |
| BLOOD | OF |
| DOMINIONS | PARTAKERS |
| EPAPHRAS | PATIENCE |
| FAITHFUL | PREACHED |
| FIRSTBORN | PRINCIPALITIES |
| FORGIVENESS | RECONCILED |
| FRUIT | REJOICE |
| FRUITFUL | SPIRITUAL |
| GENTILE | STRENGTHENED |
| GLORIOUS | SUFFERINGS |
| HEAVEN | TIMOTHEUS |
| INHERITANCE | TRANSLATED |
| INVISIBLE | UNBLAMEABLE |
| JOYFULNESS | UNDERSTANDING |
| KNOWLEDGE | WORTHY |

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Solution
Colossians 1 Word Search
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