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A New Batch

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In 1 Corinthians chapter 5, Paul addresses the issue of sin in the church. In the very middle of that chapter he says, "*Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth*" (6-8).

For years I have taken this whole chapter as one message about sin, but one word in this passage just made me look at it differently, "Passover."

The Passover, or Feast of Unleavened Bread, lasts for seven days. Prior to Passover, all unleavened bread and yeast are to be removed from the houses. For seven days the Jews were to eat bread made without yeast (Exo 12:15; 34:18; Lev 23:5-8). With that in mind, the message to the Corinthians takes on new meaning.

Paul may have been giving a subtle message to the Hebrew Christians. The yeast represents sin, but for the Jews, it reminds them of slavery, because the Jews left their yeast in Egypt as they headed towards the promised land. Paul also refers to the old and new which could refer to the old law of Moses and the new law of Christ.

Could it be Paul is talking about a new kind of Passover? During the Jewish feast, they were to think about their escape from Egypt. Now they can think about their escape from sin. They are now part of a new batch. Just as dough has several ingredients, so now the Jews are mixed with Gentiles. They are to get rid of the old. They are now Christians.

John the baptist addressed Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:36), and now Paul refers to Jesus as the Passover lamb. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice that brings all mankind from the land of slavery of sin towards the Promise Land.

During Passover, there were two days of celebration, the first day and the last day. I think it is significant that God gave instructions to celebrate the end of Passover. Passover is over. It ended almost 2000 years ago. Paul tells us now to celebrate the feast with a new bread "*without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.*"

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**Please
Pray...**



For our nation as we are going through troubled times

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

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

Karren Griffith readmitted to SOMC late Friday with the same heart problems as before. A drainage tube was surgically placed near her heart. May be able to come home today or tomorrow.

Thelma Rakes (Rushie Richmond's mother) had her knee surgery recently at Holzer in Jackson. Her rehab will be at Heartland in Jackson.

Delmar Rakes (Rushie Richmond's father) has another surgery on his ear. More questionable cells have been detected.

Toni Ruch is scheduled for hip replacement surgery in Memphis on May 14.

Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's grandmother in Westpoint, Mississippi) suffering with arthritis. Has had a couple bad falls lately.

Brian Thatcher (Tamera Green's son in Newark, Ohio area) had emergency surgery last week. Was in ICU for a couple days following surgery.

Jim Brannon (coworker with Jim Jacobs) hospitalized with congestive heart problems.

Mary Collins is scheduled for a heart catheterization tomorrow morning.

Keith Smith (friend of Eric McLaughlin in FL) has cancer. Prayers for his faith and health.

Josh Barber (known to several at Sunshine) undergoing leukemia treatment.

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.

Several at Fort Hill Youth Rally

We have many of our number, adult and youth, who are at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp this weekend for the annual youth rally. Lord willing, we will have everyone back here with us this evening.

National Day of Prayer, May 7

Thursday, May 7 is National Day of Prayer for our country. This observance goes all the way back to 1952 when Congress and President Truman cooperated to create this day. The purpose of the day is for the nation to turn to God in prayer on behalf of our nation. There is an orange information sheet on the table in the foyer with more details. **However, we would like to have our building open and available for prayer from 6 am to 8 pm on that day.** We will be inviting the public to come into our building and participate in their own prayer for our country. **We do need a couple people to help with building security.** By that I mean just being in or around the building to make sure everything goes as planned.

The time slot from 6 am to noon is already covered. **The time slot from noon to 4 pm is open and the slot from 4 pm to 8 pm is open. Sign up for either one of these slots on the sheet in the foyer.**

Bible Reading at Court House

In conjunction with the National Day of Prayer (Thursday, May 7) there is a public reading of scripture throughout the entire week which will be conducted at the County Court House in Portsmouth. We have participated in this for several years and will be participating again this year. **Our time slot is from 3-5 pm on Wednesday (May 6).** If you would like to sign up for a 1/2 hour slot to read scripture in the main entrance area of the court house, please find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. More details, see Steve.

VBS Leaders/Organizers Needed

Posted on the south wall of the auditorium are twelve descriptions of the classes we want to offer during our VBS. We are asking those who are able and willing to take a leadership role in VBS to sign up right away to be responsible for one of these classes. A class is 23 minutes long. You will be teaching that class 4 times on a single night of VBS. How you do it is basically up to you. The descriptions have lots of suggestions but that's all they are-- suggestions. The challenge is that the four classes that will be coming to you will be 4 and 5 years old one period and the next period you may have 10, 11 and 12 years of age. There will have to be some adaptation. We start early preparing for VBS so we can have plenty of time for prayer and preparation. Men, guys, there is no reason why some of us can't take one of these classes and do a bang up job for the Lord. Sign up today.

Spirit Club Tonight

6 pm.

Women Coming Together Survey

In addition to the annual women's retreat, we are considering a women's group. A survey has been created to gauge the interest and to get input. We would love for all the women to take time to read and complete this survey to gauge the interest in this endeavor. We are trying to make this fit the needs of as many as possible. Copies of the survey (pink) are on the table in the foyer. Please place completed forms in the manila envelopes in the foyer. Forms need to be returned no later than **May 3**. Thank you!

Ladies' Mother's Day Banquet

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Ladies' Mothers Day Banquet has been postponed until further notice. Watch for details later on.

Mothers Day Pictures

Between now and the Sunday before Mothers Day (May 10) we hope to make a picture of every mother-son, mother-daughter combination in the congregation. Mothers grab your children (no matter if they are 6 months, 6 years or 60 years old) and have them get with you in one of our pictures. We are going to take all of these pictures and create a big screen presentation to be shown at the end of services on Mothers Day. Pictures are being made after every service between now and May 3 by Stephanie Copas. She will be located at the front of the auditorium. Multigenerational pictures are fine. Just get mother, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter together and we'll make the picture. You do not have to be an official member of our congregation to be in the pictures. This is open to everyone who has a connection of some sort with the church.

Graduation Coming

May is our month to honor all of our high school graduates. We need an accurate list of all who will be graduating from high school. Please get with Tim Gampp ASAP to give him the names of those in your family who will be graduating. We don't want to miss anybody. Date for the graduation banquet will be coming soon. Right now we have Rachel Jarvis and Deanne Gammon on our list. Who else do we need to add?

Sunday PM Preaching

This evening **Derek Miller** will be speaking for us. Classes for junior high through adult will be meeting in the auditorium.

Fathers Praising the Father

On Fathers Day this year (Sunday, June 21), we will be trying something different. We would like to have three of our fathers in the congregation take a few minutes and give their words of praise and thanks to our Heavenly Father. In many ways this would be like our special Thanksgiving Service. If you have questions or would be interested in being one of our fathers to speak on this day, get with Steve Miller and let him know.

Fireproof Coming

Friday, May 22, 7:30 pm is the tentative date and time set for a showing of the motion picture, **Fireproof**, here at the Sunshine building. You may have heard a lot about this film already. It's a 2 hour feature-length film about a young couple who are on the verge of divorce. Fortunately, there's a father in this story who cares enough about his son to challenge him to take the 40 day "Love Dare" before the son and his wife end their marriage. The Love Dare is simply the application of 40 teachings that God has given us in the New Testament. If you have never seen this film, please be here. This film is open to the public. You are welcome to invite anyone you want. No admission charge.

Wedding Bells Ringing

Mark Villinger and Cheryl DeBorde would like to invite the congregation to their wedding on May 23, Saturday, 2:30 pm at the 10th and Vine Church of Christ in Ironton. A short, spectacular ceremony is planned. Congratulations to Mark and Cheryl. Their new address will be 416 Lang Lane, Lucasville 45648. Phone: 259-6539

Gospel Meeting

At the Friendship church of Christ at 2nd and Camp Streets, Thursdy-Sunday, May 7-10, 7 pm. Mike Kizer is the evangelist. Flyer posted.



Coming Events

- 5/6 Scripture Reading - 3-5pm
- 5/7 Natl. Day of Prayer—Building Open
- 5/14-21 Honduras Mission Trip
- 5/22 Fireproof Movie 7:30 p.m.
- 6/6-7 Ladies Retreat at Fort Hill
- 6/21 Fathers Praising The Father
- 6/22-26 Sunshine VBS
- 7/12-18 Sunshine at Fort Hill Christian Camp
- 11/6-8 Sunshine Ladies Retreat

VERSE OF THE MONTH

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

- 4/26 Preaching Service
- 5/3 1 Thes. 1-2
- 5/10 1 Thes. 3-4
- 5/17 1 Thes. 5
- 5/24 Preaching Service
- 5/31 2 Thes. 1-2

Wednesday

- 4/29 Joshua 3-4
- 5/7 Joshua 5-6
- 5/14 Joshua 7-8
- 5/21 Joshua 9
- 5/28 Joshua 10-12

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 L Server 6
 O Server 5
 R Server 4
 S Wine
 S Bread
 U Server 3
 P Server 2
 E Server 1
 R Message
 Closing Prayer

April 26

Tom Kelley
 Ralph Gampp
 Jeff Hayward
 Mike Gampp
 Aaron McCray
 Bill Gammon
 David Gampp
 Tyler Jones
 Rich Book
 Matthew Hoskins
 Tim Coriell
 Michael Dixon
 Steve Miller
 Greg Coriell

May 2

Jon Coriell
 Shaun McCray
 Eric Copas
 Ira Coriell
 Chuck Allison
 Rich Book
 Derek Gampp
 Jason Coriell
 Aaron Kallner
 Paul Jacobs
 Troy Gahm
 Derrick Mooneyham
 Steve Miller
 John Berry

Sunday Evening

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

Gabe Coriell
 Gary Glispie
 Mark Villinger
 Josh Coriell
 Jack Jennings
 Derek Miller Preaching

Don Ramey
 Dewey Cordle
 Tim Gampp
 Mike Coriell
 Jamie Veach
 1 Thessalonians 1-2

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
 Rick Coriell
 Joshua 3-4

Zach Coriell
 Spike Ferrell
 Joshua 5-6

Children's Bible Time Schedule

April: *Resurrection - Beauty in Life's Cycle*
 3/5: Kerri Davis, Ira Coriell, Josh Coriell,
 Christian Coriell
 6/8: Kristin Riley, Kayla Coriell, Renee Higbee

May: *God's Child Is...*
 3/5: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller
 6/8: Kerri Davis, Candi Gampp, Cindi Coriell

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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Can you find the eleven hidden colors in the following paragraph?

Many injured animals are invited to live at the 'Toronto Range'. Stop in kangaroo corner and marvel at the lovely creatures within. Dig over the potato patch to find small furry caterpillars, but don't yell! Owls can be found swooping for edible rodents, earwigs or perhaps bluebottles in the undergrowth. The brown bear, Rob, lacks grace and may look like an ogre, enter at your own risk! Peacocks can be found showing their colorful wares, which look fantastic when viewed with our ultraviolet torch.



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