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## **Parable of the Sower - A Different Twist**

The parable of the sower is found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. I like the Luke story because it sheds a little different light as to the set up of the teaching. In Luke's account, a number of people are traveling with him as he goes about the countryside. There were the Twelve, and there were a number of women, some prominent. The women were helping to support Jesus and the Twelve.

As they traveling from town to town, community to community, it seems that Jesus was looking for a place to do more teaching. For, as he looked out, people were likely coming from all around to hear, maybe; and maybe it was to check out this Jesus and this new teaching. They were not necessarily converts. They were just eager to hear, to see. This is my imagination.

As Jesus looked out on the crowd coming, some beginning to assemble, I can imagine he is thinking of how they might be receptive to the word. He knows that all of them are not going to receive well. For one thing, their hearts are probably not right on doing that. So, as he looks and sizes up the people he will speak to, he tells those who are following with him something about how it is going to be when the crowd assembles. From what he says, we get the parable of the sower.

I don't know that I ever thought this out this way before until recently when I used it in a sermon. This is why I say in my title "a different twist."

Again, the parable is told to the Twelve and to the women. It is a description of the people coming, whom he will speak to.

We learn in the parable that the seed the farmer sows is the Word of God. We learn that the different ground that the seed falls on represents the difference hearts of people who will hear his message. But it is a message for all time.

There is the path, which is hard ground made that way by continued trampling down by people, perhaps animals that go that way all the time. This ground will not allow the seed to take root.

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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

Jeff Keller (friend of John Berry) is at OSU Hospital awaiting a liver transplant.

Jeff Lewis (friend of Sarah Gilliland) is in the Cleveland Clinic being tested/treated for an aneurysm or tumor on his brain.

Sawyer Grashel had his leg surgery at Children's in Columbus on Tuesday. He is at home recuperating. It will be about 2 weeks before he can wear his prosthetic and be out and about.

Larry Stewart (Patsy Graff's brother) is in SOMC for rehab following his last surgery for a while. He expects to be released to go home in a week or two.

Colin Rice had a successful tonsillectomy on Monday and is doing well.

Glen White (Cheryl Villinger's uncle in Flatwoods area) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Lowell Brown (Peggy Hollback's brother in Paris, TN) has had multiple surgeries to repair injuries from a motorcycle accident. He has more surgeries scheduled.

## Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Eric Rose** (Jessie Coriell's 29 year old brother in Woodsfield, OH) who passed away early Monday morning. His funeral was Thursday in Woodsfield.

## Men's Golfing/Camping Trip

Date for the golfing/camping trip is July 31-8/2. More info to come, but save the date.

## Directory Updates

Please change the phone numbers for the following Sunshine members:

- **Jim Jacobs:** 981-7792
- **Ryan & Cindy Coriell:** 456-6029

## Kings' Island Trip

The youth group will be making a trip to Kings Island on Friday, July 24. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for kids and for chaperons/drivers.

## Yes for Children's Bible Time Today

We previously announced that we would not be having Children's Bible Time today due to vacations and camp. However, that has changed. We do have someone covering both age groups today. Next Sunday, we do not have anyone scheduled for the 3-5 age group. Any takers? See Kristin Riley.

## Shepherd's Prayer Session

This Thursday, 7:30 pm. If you have requests that you would like to have included in the prayer, please give them to one of the elders ASAP.

## Needed

Young mother of two moving into public housing this week, needs a couch and a TV. If you can help with either of these two items, see Judi Allison.

## Wedding Announcement

**Chelsea Villinger** (Mark's daughter) and **Kenny Keller** were married yesterday in Xenia, Ohio where they will be residing. Congratulations and best wished to Mark and all of his family on this happy occasion.

## Missing Tables

If by chance you have borrowed a few of our white rectangular tables from the annex, we need them back ASAP. We have weddings scheduled here for the next two weekends with a receptions in the annex. If you need help getting them moved, see Steve Miller.

## Metal Detector Anyone?

Sarah Gilliland has lost a valuable ear ring in her yard and needs to borrow a metal detector (and a knowledgeable operator if possible) to find it. See Sarah if you can help her.

## Camp: Awesome!

Only one word can describe this past week at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp: AWESOME! The weather was wonderful. The camp attendance was nearly double what it was last year (170-180 campers). Eight young people confessed Jesus as Lord and were baptized in the name of Jesus to be added to His Kingdom--one of these was our own **Marissa Risner** on Friday. Jamie Riley's Blue Team walked away with honors as the winning team for the week. We are thankful for the many adults, teens and campers from Sunshine who contributed to the success of this week. And we are glad to have you back here at Sunshine.

## Camp Video Tonight

At the conclusion of our services tonight, we will be showing a music-video presentation of this past week at camp. You are welcome to stay and watch it. It lasts about 20 minutes.

## Spirit Club Tonight

6 pm in the auditorium.

## Added to the Kingdom

On Friday at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, **Marissa Risner** (daughter of Mark and Autumn) was baptized into Christ. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over our new sister in Christ. Congratulations to Marissa and to all of her family.

## Sunday PM Preaching Service

On Sunday evening, July 26, we will be having our fourth Sunday PM Preaching Service. **Mark Gamp** will be our speaker. Classes from junior high thru adult will be meeting in the auditorium.

## No Sunshine Girls Tonight



# Coming Events

- 7/24 Kings Island Trip
- 7/31-8/02 Men's Golfing/Camping Trip
- 11/6-8 Sunshine Ladies Retreat

## **Verse of the Month**

Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.  
— Proverbs 20:11

## **Bible Study Curriculum**

### **Sunday**

- 7/19 2 Timothy 3-4
- 7/26 Preaching service
- 8/02 Titus 1-3
- 8/09 Philemon
- 8/16 Hebrews 1-2
- 8/23 Preaching service
- 8/30 Hebrews 3-4

### **Wednesday**

- 7/22 Judges 9-12
- 7/29 Judges 13-14
- 8/05 Judges 15-16
- 8/12 Judges 17-18
- 8/19 Judges 19-21
- 8/26 Ruth 1-2
- 9/02 Ruth 3-4

## **Parable of The Sower - A Different Twist**

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Then there is the rocky ground. Rocks don't support seed either. Rock is kind of like the path in this respect. Not much will ever happen in the rocky ground.

There is the thorny ground. While this soil will support germination the plant that comes up has to compete with the thorns. When that happens the thorn bushes will choke out, so that if the seed were good, and if the ground allowed proper germination, what came up will not last.

The thing to know about all these three is that the devil has a part in keeping the seed from doing anything.

The best is the good ground, of course. The ground has been properly prepared - no rocks, no path, no thorns. But the growth does take perseverance. It takes caring for. When all that happens, a good crop comes to the harvest.

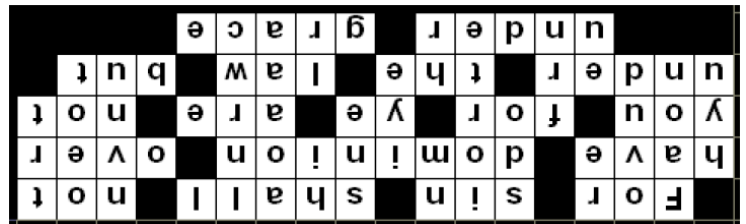
There is a lot for us to learn in that message. For those who sow seed, it takes more than just sowing the seed. That is the message of the Parable of the Sower.

What we don't know the result of Jesus' teaching the crowd. We can be pretty sure, though, that it came out like he said it would.

**Chuck Owen**

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Laredo, TX

## QUOTE FALL SOLUTION



**Our Mission:** *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* Proverbs 22:6

**Your Mission:** *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”* Ephesians 6:4

# Those Who Serve

**Sunday Morning**    **July 19**  
 Welcome & Prayer    Don Coriell  
 Song Director    Ralph Gampp  
 Scripture Reading    Lane Raiser  
 Prayer    John Berry  
 L    Server 6    David Gampp  
 O    Server 5    Derek Gampp  
 R    Server 4    John Gampp  
 D    Wine    Mike Gampp  
 S    Bread    Gabe Coriell  
 S    Server 3    Greg Coriell  
 U    Server 2    Ryan Coriell  
 P    Server 1    Tim Coriell  
 P    Message    Steve Miller  
 E    Closing Prayer    Derek Miller  
 R

**July 26**  
 Jon Coriell  
 Scott Gampp  
 Steve Williams  
 Ira Coriell  
 Jerry Gampp  
 Rick Coriell  
 Mark Villinger  
 Zach Coriell  
 Shawn Gragg  
 Derrick Mooneyham  
 Dale Kuhn  
 Jack Jennings  
 Jamie Riley  
 Troy Gahm

## 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    Don Ramey  
 Scripture Reading    Dennis Ruch  
 Lord's Supper    Caleb Miller  
 Assist    Gary Glispie  
 Prayer    Aaron Kallner  
 Bible Class    2 Timothy 3-4

Spike Ferrell  
 Bob Havens  
 Tyler Jones  
 Bill Gammon  
 Rich Book  
 Preaching Service

**Wednesday Evening**  
 Song Director    Jacob Miller  
 Prayer    Jamie Veach  
 Bible Class Text    Judges 9-12

Aaron McCray  
 Dewey Cordle  
 Judges 13-14

### Children's Bible Time Schedule

July: *Women of the Bible*.  
 3/5: Christy Veach, Paige Jacobs, Holly Hayward  
 6/8: Jane Ruggles, Hayley Ruggles, Garnet Lindeman

August: *Growing up in the Lord*  
 3/5: Jill Williams, Steve Williams, Sam Williams  
 6/8: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan

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



A verse from Romans 6 has been arranged in columns. Each column has the correct letters for the boxes below it, but the letters in each column have been scrambled. Bring the letters down in the correct order and decipher the verse. A few key letters have been done for you. The solution can be found on page 3.



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