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How Do We Understand God?

There are a lot of perspectives on thinking about this. People move in different directions on trying to understand God. Some of us, indeed, might move in the wrong direction.

We need to know God to the extent of knowing what he wants of us, and then to make proper application. That, of course is one perspective. So many statements are made in our Bibles about God and about what he wanted of his people at various times. Over all of it we clearly get that if we violate what God wants, we stand in jeopardy of losing big time.

One analogy is that God made the earth for our existence and not outer space. Earth is to live on. Space is more to look at. Yes, we (some) can now go there, but we must take earthlike provisions to survive. So, by that we see one of the limits God made for us. That is one perspective.

One biblical passage tells us that the unfaithful will be cast into outer darkness where there would be "weeping and gnashing of teeth." Pretty incredible, isn't it? Certainly that makes knowing where to look and to whom to listen is very important.

While we might understand how great Moses was in his time, it is important to know that he did not enter the Promised Land. Why? Because he did not follow God's explicit instructions on getting water. Small time? No!

And think about this: Jesus said a number of times, "You have heard it said, but I say...." Some of that was with regard to what Moses said. Once, it was on divorce. So, we know we are to listen to Jesus and not to Moses. Right? Yes. That is what God wants.

Knowing where to get our rules for living and worship is important. We just don't generally go to the Law of Moses, for example, to know how we are to respond to God, with the caveat of knowing how God demands, expects, followership.

So, there are a number of ways to understand God. Best we seek to do that with a clearer understanding of the scripture. BTW, God has made that possible.

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Prayer Requests

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 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

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

Lacie Greenhill (25 years old, friend of Becky (Miller) Butcher) has been in critical condition waiting for a small intestine transplant. Her mother (Laura), her husband (Jose) and Lacie have been struggling for months in a lot of different areas and need our prayers and help.

Lowell Brown (Peggy Hollback's brother in Nashville, TN who was hospitalized for a motorcycle accident for 8 weeks) is now out of the hospital, but a long recovery ahead.

Toni Ruch is at home in Memphis doing well in her recuperation.

Kylie Berry is scheduled for a surgery on her eye on November 20, 85% success rate for this surgery. After surgery Kylie will have to keep her head down for a full week following. Pray for the success of this surgery.

Steve Miller remains at home trying to recuperate from a back injury. He has more spinal injections on Tuesday.

Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's grandmother) is now in the nursing home and adjusting to her new home.

Karren Griffith was admitted to OSU Hospital on Friday to try new medication for her heart. She had a severe reaction to the new meds and was critical on Saturday morning. A pacemaker will be installed on Monday.

Garnet Lindeman has been suffering greatly with neuralgia for the past 2 weeks.

Edgar Allen (Brenda Kallner's father) had minor surgery at Holzer on Friday.

Carolyn Walker (teacher at Minford Middle School) has been diagnosed with bone cancer and is starting treatment right away.



No Spirit Club Tonight

Directory Available

Copies of our new fellowship directory are available on the table in the foyer. Please pick up what you need to take care of your directory needs. If you find errors or omissions in the directory please give them in writing to **Steve Miller**. We will take care of them in future editions of the directory.

Budget Time at Sunshine

Between now and December 1, our deacons will be gathering budget requests and information from the congregation in order to construct a budget for 2010. If you are a ministry leader/coordinator, be sure to check in with your deacon to make sure they know how much you need and for what purpose for 2010. If you have new requests/ideas to be considered for 2010, see the deacon in charge of that area and give him the information.

Hold Your Tongue...

Due to Steve's prolonged absence, the class on Tongues Speaking is on hold until further notice.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

This Thursday at 7:30 pm the elders will be meeting for a special prayer session for the congregation. If you have requests that you would like to have included in that prayer, please give them to one of the elders before Thursday.

Fourth Sunday PM Preaching

Don't forget that Sunday evening, November 22, is our 4th Sunday preaching service. Everyone from junior high through adult are invited to stay in the auditorium. Children's classes will be meeting.

Special Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 29, our morning services will be dedicated to thanking and praising the Lord for the blessings which He has poured out on us. As in the past, four of our men from Sunshine will be sharing with the congregation the special ways that God has blessed them and their families. This is always a service that we look forward to because the people in front of us usually are not people we hear from. The four men who will be speaking for us are **Roger Cooper, Jon Coriell, Shane Mougey and Todd Borland**. Pray for these guys and for the service that day. We are expecting a great day of worship and praise and thanksgiving.

Homeless Shelter Needs

There are currently about 20 people in the county Homeless Shelter—5 are children: 3 boys ages 4,6, and 10 and 2 toddlers. The shelter is currently needing the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, large garbage bags, personal hygiene supplies and food items such as milk, bread, juice, cereal, etc. If you have any questions see June Book.

Strawberry Point Trip

If you are reasonably certain that you will be coming on the Strawberry Point Christian Youth Camp Mission trip in June, 2010, please sign up on the list in the foyer or contact Caleb Miller (820-3116) or calebjmiller@hotmail.com. This information will be necessary to create a budget for the trip. Deadline is Sunday, November 22.

24 Hours of Prayer

Starting Friday, November 20, 6 pm until Saturday, November 21, 6 pm, the elders are urging as many members as possible to commit to at least one hour of prayer in the 24 hour period. Your hour of prayer can be prayed here at the building or away from the building, it's up to you. There are two places to sign up for your hour: the window in the foyer and the south wall of the auditorium. We are leaving it up to you to develop your own prayer sheet. Start now jotting down the things that you want to be praying about during that hour. We are trying to cover all 24 hours in the 24 hour period so that our prayer is continuous.

Changes Here at Sunshine

In effort to improve the quality of our morning worship here at Sunshine and to help reduce any disruptions and commotion in the foyer, the deacons have implemented a few changes. We are asking that as you arrive at the church building on Sunday morning you find your seats as quickly as possible, also we are asking that you move towards the front and towards the middle of the auditorium. This will keep the back and sides of the auditorium free for those with small children and the elderly, as well as those who may arrive late. To help in this effort there will be a few men that have volunteered to be ushers in the foyer on each and every Sunday morning to assist these people and to help any visitors find a seat.

In the very near future you will also notice a change in the nursery (quiet room) and the kitchen side of the annex. We are in the process of installing televisions in these two locations so that on Sunday mornings there can be a live video feed from the auditorium. This will give parents of small children the opportunity to stay connected and participate in the worship service even if your child needs to be taken out of the auditorium. Gabe Coriell for the Deacons

Free Immunization Clinic November 18

On Wednesday, November 18, free H1N1 vaccine will be available for the following groups at the Old Portsmouth High School Gym at 8th and Waller in Portsmouth through the auspices of SOMC and the Scioto County Health Department. Pregnant Women, Childcare workers for children 6 mos or younger, healthcare workers, people 6 mos to 24 years, adults 25-64 with health problems. Call SOMC or the Health Department for details.

Verses of the Month

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

Matthew 21:9, 11 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna in the highest. This is Jesus.

Matthew 22:37, 39 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Haiti Mission Trip Needs

The following is a list of items the mission team needs for the trip to Haiti in January. We have collected all the crayons we need. Sunshine members donated most of the crayons. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 200 scientific calculators
- Protractors (need 160)
- Compasses (need 50)

HYGIENE ITEMS

- Trial Size Toothpaste (800 needed)
- Tooth brushes (800 needed)
- Deodorants (trial size is best because of the weight issue) This is the most requested item from the older kids. (350 needed)

Here are some items to think about

- Ball caps and bandanas
- Hair ribbons and pony tail holders
- Small sets of dominoes (great for developing math skills)
- Balloons or even the punch balloons that we have done in the past
- Kazoos
- Small bouncy balls
- Small dolls (for the little girls)
- Small cars (for the little boys)

Questions, see Scott Gampp.



We are in need of someone to help with the Coats for Kids Ministry. Rhonda Berry will not be able to take responsibility for it this year due to Kylie's surgery. See Rhonda for details.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/15 James 2
11/22 Preaching Service
11/29 James 3
12/06 James 4
12/13 James 5

Wednesday

11/18 1 Samuel 24-25
11/25 1 Samuel 26-27
12/02 1 Samuel 28-29
12/09 1 Samuel 30-31
12/16 2 Samuel 1-2



Coming Events

11/20-21 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
11/22 Sunday evening preaching service
11/29 Thanksgiving service

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High - Psalms 92:1

