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It Is Finished!

"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!'"

John 19:30

Since Jesus was on a mission, He had His eye on the finish line. Much like the ultimate marathoner who runs for dozens of miles and for hours at a time, eventually and after much endurance, the finish line comes into sight. At this point in the last week of Jesus earthly life, His eye was on that finish line. He was staring at death.

Did He know He was going to die? Oh, yes. He knew *when, how, and for what purpose*. He'd said that no one was going to take His life from Him, but that He was going to lay it down Himself. Jesus wasn't a martyr. He wasn't murdered. He voluntarily died in our place and for our sins. He finished. Paid for sin in full.

In fact, the word Jesus used here for *"It is finished"* is the word *"tetelestai,"* which is actually a business term that means "paid in full." It carries the same idea that we have when we get a receipt for something we've paid for over many years and through much effort. It is like the "PAID" stamped on the title deed of your home the day you pay it off. Like the new title for your car, once you own it completely. It is like a zero balance on your credit card! But it is even better than that! It is eternal paid in full.

On the day Jesus died, and actually before His death, He knew the sacrifice for sin was being paid in full. For thousands of years, the blood sacrificial system of the Jewish people was a reminder that innocent blood had to be shed for the guilty to satisfy a Holy God. For those many years, it was the innocent blood of a lamb or a bull, but on this day it was the "once for all" sacrifice of the Lamb of God - Jesus Christ.

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

Do you see what the finish line represented to Jesus? It represented the fact that He did all that was necessary to make us over into His righteousness, and did all that was necessary to wash away our deserved guilt, condemnation and separation. He, by His sacrifice on the cross, carried out the mission to *"seek and save that which was lost."*

*John Meador
Euless, TX*



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 the people of Haiti and Chile who are suffering after earthquakes.

For Michael Hotchkin, Derek Miller and Steven McGraw in Afghanistan.

Cheryl Lemon (Mary Lemon's mother) hospitalized again this week with dehydration and weakness.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) readmitted to Holzer (Gallipolis) to have her broken arm reset through surgery.

Devon Hamilton (senior at WHS) was paralyzed in a recent auto accident from the shoulders down. She is being cared for in a special facility in Columbus.

Dan Ruch (38 yr old son of Dennis and Toni Ruch) is being biopsied for a possible recurrence of Hodgkin lymphoma. He is father of 4 children aged twelve and younger.

Lacie Greenhill-Rodriguez (on our prayer list for several months) still awaiting a stomach transplant, needing financial help and our prayers. Copies of the full update are available on the table in the foyer.

Praise Report: John Gampp had surgery on his shoulder on Thursday. All went well and he expects to be at services this morning. PTL.

Jason & Tiffany Wiggers (a young couple known to Rick & Marta Brown). They have been told that Tiffany's baby (5 months in utero) has a rare genetic disorder which means the baby cannot survive the birth process. Prayers for this couple requested.

Kelly Lee (friend of Stephanie Miller) is scheduled for surgery for a brain aneurysm on April 1 in Columbus.

Carson Lewis (newborn son of Kendra Lewis) born suffering with effects of a stroke which occurred 10 days before birth.

Dolly VanDyne taken to ER on Saturday with flu symptoms.

Terry Hamilton (Detroit friend of Steve Miller) diagnosed with liver cancer.

Spirit Club

Tonight at 6 pm.

Sunshine Girls

Tonight at 6 pm.

Fourth Sunday PM Preaching

Sunday evening, March 28, we will have a preaching service in the auditorium. **Shawn Gragg** will be speaking for us.

The elders have asked that all classes meet. The preaching service is only for the auditorium class.

Slimdown Meeting Today

This morning, after services, we will meet to weigh-in and have our recipe exchange. Next week is our final weigh-in. We will determine our winners next week by total weight lost. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Wedding/Reception Invitation Extended

Chris McCleese and Morgan Gampp are getting married on March 27th, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church located at 2306 Waller Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. Dinner and Reception will immediately follow the ceremony. The congregation is invited to attend. For directions to the church and/or reception see Morgan or Chris or call Morgan at 740-961-9037.

Invitation to Hayward-Parker Wedding and Reception

The church is invited to attend the wedding of Ashley Hayward and Daniel Parker on Saturday, May 15 at 3:30 in the afternoon. The ceremony will be held at Sunshine, and the reception will be immediately following at Minford High School.

Watercolor Basics Class

Class meets Tuesday, March 23, from 9-noon. Questions, call Toni at 901-606-6488.

New Sunday PM Adult Class Coming

As Mark Villinger's prayer class winds down, we will be starting another special class on Sunday evenings taught by Mark Gampp in the annex based on a book by Patrick Morley, A Man's Guide to Work: 12 Ways to Honor God in the Workplace. Books are \$15. Class starts Sunday, April 11. If you would like to be in the class, sign up on the table in the foyer. Indicate if you want a book. **By the way, even though the title of the book is directed to men, the class is open to women also.**

Pots and Pans

From recent activities we have several casserole dishes, bowls, cake pans, etc., in the annex on the tall counters. Please stop by and pick up your items today.

Easter Sunday Coming

Exactly 2 weeks from today, Easter Sunday will be upon us. Right now begin thinking and praying about who you could invite to come with you. Almost everyone tries to get to church on Easter Sunday and this would be an excellent opportunity for you to bring them with you to Sunshine. Pray for your person and invite them to come. Also, we need to save our best parking spots for our guests and remember to move to the front and to the center of the pews for this Sunday. We will undoubtedly be going over 300 and maybe as high as 350. Be sure our visitors are welcomed and have a decent place to park and a seat that is easy to get to. Thanks, Steve.

VBS Sign Up Underway

VBS this year is scheduled for June 28-July 2, from 6:30-8:45 pm each evening, except for Friday which is the Program Night. The theme this year is **ARMY OF THE LORD—THE SON OF GOD WANTS YOU!** The last time we did this theme was 2001. We are borrowing some of the stuff we did 2001 and expanding it to fit our new format. **We are now in the process of signing up our key people.** We have 16 key slots that need to be filled for VBS. Key people are people who take responsibility for planning, organizing, recruiting and gathering supplies for the key parts of VBS. We sign these people up early so they have plenty of time to get things together. **All of the 16 slots are posted on the south wall of the auditorium with a description of what's involved and a place for some brave soul to sign up for the job.** Other jobs will be posted later as we get closer to VBS—it takes about 100 teens and adults to do VBS—but for now we just need to get our 16 key people in place. Our format will be the same as last year. We'll have a couple teaching areas each night where different teams each night will be presenting their 23 minute lessons 4 times to groups of 30-50 kids. We'll also have the big tent outside for recreation time and as always a time of refreshment in the annex. There are a few changes but we'll talk about those later. Deadline for filling the key slots is April 14. We need 16 volunteers to step forward ASAP.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, here on the church grounds. We would love donations of individually wrapped candy to put inside the eggs. There will be a basket under the coat rack for you to drop off those donations. More details later. Thanks, Kristin Riley, 820-3348.

Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters will be assembling Easter Baskets to donate to the Homeless Shelter. Through contact with the shelter, we have found out that they would like to have about 40 baskets for adults and children. This is going to require a lot of help. If anyone would like to participate and help the Secret Sisters with this project, please watch for the sign-up sheet in the back. We will not have a certain number until closer to Easter. We will plan to pack baskets on Thursday, April 1st at 7:30. Baskets will then be delivered on Friday. Please see Autumn or Mandi if you have any questions.

Verse of the Month

Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

COMING EVENTS

- 3/27 Gampp-McCleese Wedding
- 4/3 Egg Hunt
- 4/4 - Easter Sunday
- 4/5 Sweet Monday @ 7:30 p.m.
- 5/15 Hayward-Parker Wedding
- 6/18-25 Strawberry Point Trip
- 6/28-7/2 VBS at Sunshine
- 7/11-17 Sunshine Week at Fort Hill Camp



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

3/21 I John 5
3/28 Preaching Service
4/4 II & III John
4/11 Jude
4/18 Revelation: Intro
4/25 Preaching Service

Wednesday

3/24 I Kings 5-6
3/31 I Kings 7-8
4/7 I Kings 9-10
4/14 I Kings 11
4/21 Song of Solomon 1-4
4/28 Song of Solomon 5-8

New Members at Sunshine

Today, **Vernon and Betsy Coriell** would like to make known their desire to be recognized as members of the Sunshine church of Christ. Both Vernon and Betsy have been members of this congregation in the past and have recently made their way back home to Sunshine. We welcome them both to the congregation today and ask that all of us give them the Sunshine welcome this morning. Vernon and Betsy are the parents of Jon, Mike and David Coriell. Please add the following information to your directories:

Coriell, Vernon, Betsy

1087 Coriell Road
Portsmouth, OH 45662
(740)776-7414.

Please note that the phone number published last week was incorrect. Correct number is printed today.

April Sweet Monday

April 5, 7:30 pm. Annual Clutter Auction--please bring one piece of unwrapped clutter from your home to "auction" off. This is just a game. No real money involved. See Heather Gragg for details. Hope to see you there.

In the News

Jerry and Barry Gampp were honored recently by the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce as the 2010 Citizen-Farmers of the Year. The newspaper article is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Congratulations to Barry and Jerry on receiving this honor.

