

Sunshine Church Of Christ



Volume 61, Issue 5

sunshinecofc.church

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Elders

Rich Book	820-3213
Jon Coriell	981-6145
Wayne Gampp	820-3444
Shaun McCray	935-9701

Deacons

Gabe Coriell	464-2343
Josh Coriell	981-6717
Rick Coriell	935-0717
Ryan Coriell	464-8646
Zach Coriell	981-7758
Dave Deacon	357-3840
Dale Kuhn	820-4690
Aaron Kallner	285-0738
Eric Miller	820-4944
Eugene Risner	820-2256
Mark Risner	820-2948

Minister

Jamie Riley	935-7812
-------------	----------

Youth Minister

Tim Gampp	(606) 356-3345
-----------	----------------

Sunshine Church of Christ
20 Barklow Road
Portsmouth, OH 45662
Church Building - 740-820-3415
Innermission—740-355-3186

The Games People Play Now!

I remember well the lyrics to the 1960's song

The Games People Play:

"Oh the games people play now, Every night and every day now,
Never meaning what they say now, Never saying what they mean,
And they wile away the hours, In their ivory towers,
Till they're covered up with flowers, In the back of a black limousine,
Oh we make one another cry, Break a heart then we say goodbye,
Cross our hearts and we hope to die, That the other was to blame,
Neither one ever will give in, So we gaze at our eight by ten,
Thinking 'bout the things that might have been,

It's a dirty rotten shame,

Look around tell me what you see, What's happening to you and me,
God grant me the serenity, To remember who I am,
Cause you've given up your sanity, For your pride and your vanity,
Turned your back on humanity, and you don't really care."

Spiritual Children Playing Hide & Seek with God in the Garden:

"The spiritual life is, as the text from Jeremiah 29:13-14 suggests, something like a great celestial game of hide and seek, full of all the thrills and adventure of the game we played as kids. 'If you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord' (vv. 13, 14). Now, no metaphor of the faith is ever entirely adequate, but this one is, I think, suggestive of some intriguing ways of understanding the nature of our spiritual journey.

We come to the strange truth, the great surprise, the profound paradox of this celestial game. While we are called to seek, Scripture also makes it clear that, in contrast to the game we played as kids, it is God who actually does the finding.

So, the rules of the game appear to go something like this: seeking is our task, 'finding' is God's. The 'finding' is God's promise to us, God's work for us, God's gift of grace in our seeking lives... If we 'seek' with all our heart, God promises that we will find our way home... where, when, or exactly how, we may not always know, but his promise is, 'I will let you find me, says the Lord.'"

The Other Lesson from Playing the Original Garden Maze Game:

"One doesn't have to search very far in our world to realize that we live in a culture that doesn't trust words very much. We use words by the bushel. We are the 'Information Age.' We process words by the billions, but we don't trust them very much. We know that words can be slippery, weasel things.

Cont. on Back Page

Prayer Requests

Dick Coriell (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers. He is suffering with multiple health problems.

Esther & Gene Crisp Please keep them in your prayers.

Christi Davis (Tamara Harris Sister) Please be praying for her to have better health. Also for her husband **Eddie** to have peace trying to cope with his wife's illness.

Julie Davis (Gahms Market) Please pray for her as she fights leukemia.

Delores Gampp She is hospitalized at this time with heart issues. Please be praying for her recovery.

PJ Glauder Please continue praying for God's healing.

Kim Glispie (Gary's Sister) Please continue to pray for God's healing for her.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Nola Kelley She is still not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Michael Martin Undergoing cancer treatment.

Rusty McCleese (Chris's Dad) He was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Please be praying for God's healing for him.

Alexandra Nolan (Hayward Family Friend) She is a 22 year old with a reoccurrence of Hodgkins Lymphoma. Please be praying for this young lady.

Michael Staker Please pray for this young man. He's in critical condition after a fall at his home.

There are several people in need of prayer right now.

God knows who they are and the needs they have. Please ask Him to touch each one.

~~~~~  
Esther & Gene Crisp    Randall Res.    Rm. #123  
Sarah Gilliland       Hillview Room L306  
Helen Hayward        Homebound



- \* Men's Wild Game Dinner - Feb.3
- \* Father/Daughter Valentine Gala - Feb.4
- \* Ladies Craft Night - Feb.6, 6:00pm
- \* Winterfest - Feb.17-19
- \* Fall Prevention Class Begins March 6
- \* Home Groups March 19 – April 16

### **Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:**

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>  
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

### **Welcome To All of Our Guests**

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

### **Gluten Free Communion Available**

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the **Welcome Center**. You may pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

### **We Are So Glad You Are Here!**

~~~~~

KID'S Club

*Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade, each Wednesday Evening. Kid's Club will be the Wednesday Evening Bible class. It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday.

Come Join Us!

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

~~~~~

### **Home Groups Coming Up March 19-April 16**

If you are willing to have a group meet in your home, please sign up on the list at the Welcome Center.

# SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST

We Invite You To Join Us

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

You may also call 855-565-7670  
to hear the lessons by phone.

~~~~~  
Men's Wild Game Dinner

February 3 at 5:30pm.

Cost is 25.00 per person

Guest Speaker will be Greg Cheshire

Please sign up by Sunday, January 29

Please see Shaun for more information.
~~~~~

Father/Daughter Gala

Saturday, February 4, 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$5.00 each, available in the  
Sunshine Church Office and

Minford Pharmacy.

Please sign up on the Cookie List at the  
Welcome Center for the event.  
~~~~~

Ladies Craft Night Feb.6 @ 6:00PM

The project is fake stacked books tied with
ribbon, and painting words on them.

Please sign up to attend Cost \$10.00
~~~~~

Winterfest 2023 February 17-19

"The Hour Has Come" John 17

To Register: Text "Winterfest" to 740.935.9701

Include your name and email address

Junior High, High School & College students

Cost is \$120 Includes Lodging, Transportation  
& Registration.

Schedule and more info @www.winterfest.org

Contact for information:

\*Jamie Riley 740-935-7812

\*Tim Gampp 606-356-3345

\*Shaun McCray 740-935-9701  
~~~~~

The AAA Fall Prevention Class

Mondays, March 6 – April 24 12:30– 2:30

There's plenty of room if you want to come.
~~~~~

Home Groups March 19-April 16

(Excluding April 9, which is Easter Sunday)

Please be praying and thinking of ones to invite  
~~~~~

Howells Mill Update: Sunday Morning, April 16

Austin Archey from Howells Mill will be here.

He will have a brief presentation after worship.

Sorrow, pain, and the struggles of
life can move us along the road to
wisdom and maturity. Laughter,
pleasure and ease though enjoyable,
will never be as great a teacher.

We should be able to "Laugh with
the best of 'em." But we should also
face time's pressure, and life's
frequent hard experiences boldly
and confidently.

Wisdom comes from reflection
upon one's life. Experience requires
time. The correct view of time
requires patience.

D.L.

*"Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good
thing, and benefits those who see the sun."*

Ecclesiastes 7:11

The January Item Is Bath Soap

For Mid Western Children's Home
Thank You!

Family Bible Time

ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF Jan.29

*Sunday Evening Auditorium
Colossians Eli Cordle

*Wednesday Evening Auditorium
Acts 26 Mike Lemon

*Wednesday Evening Ladies Class
June Book

God is Faithful to Fulfill His Promises
Please Read: 1 John 5:14-15, Matthew 7:7-11
Romans 8:26-30

*Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	01/29/2023	02/05/2023	02/12/2023
Worship Leader	Zach Coriell	Shaun McCray	Jared McCray
Scripture Reading	Dale Cremeans	Greg Coriell	Zane Miller
Prayer	Troy Gahm	Eric Miller	Rick Coriell
Communion	Wayne Gampp	Jeff Vannatta	Zach Coriell
Message	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Announcements //			
Prayer	Rich Book	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp
Sunday Evening	01/29/2023	02/05/2023	02/12/2023
Worship Leader	Zach Coriell	Zach Coriell	Shaun McCray
Communion	Jamie Riley	Josh Coriell	Mike Gampp



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

This bulletin is a publication of the Sunshine Church of Christ. To learn more about the Church of Christ you may contact us at the telephone number or address on the front cover. Deadline for each issue is 8 am Friday. Content should be emailed to:

info@sunshinecofc.church

Visit us on the web:
sunshinecofc.church

The Words can be used to conceal, to deceive, to distort. Words are cheap; people can hide behind words. We don't trust words. They are sneaky; talk is cheap Don't give us words; give us substance. As Edgar Guest put it, uncomfortably close to home "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day." The distrust of words is nothing new. Indeed, it's been in the human spirit almost from the beginning. According to the story of Adam and Eve, the situation began to deteriorate in Eden precisely at the point that the serpent began to raise the possibility that words just might not be all that they seem: 'Did God say...? No, you will not die. 'Words are a gift from God. They were, in a sense, the first elements of communion. Whatever else we lost in Eden, we lost the trustworthiness of language. Men and women became afraid, and because they became afraid, they began to hide – from God and each other – behind fig leaves and behind lying words." In John 4:16 – 26 Christ Only Asks If You Seriously Seek the Truth that Transforms:

"In John 5: 1-9, there is an interesting story about Jesus' encounter with a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. So weakened was the man that he could not walk. Daily he would be brought to a curative spa named Bethesda, or 'house of mercy,' which was located by the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem. This natural spring was surrounded by five porticoes on which the sick and disabled gathered. It was a scene of great misery and lost hopes. When Jesus first met this sick man, he asked him a question that sounded ridiculous: 'Do you wish to get well?' (v. 6, NASV). The man was probably incensed by the question and wanted to reply with a short, biting answer: 'Of course I want to get well. Why else would I be here,?'

Yet, there was something earnest and piercing about Jesus' question that cut through his defenses. It is a fact that many people do not want to be cured of the circumstances that cause them pain in life. A classic example is the hypochondriac who does not really enjoy being sick and wishes he could be rid of the symptoms that plague him. Yet, he knows that if he gets well, he will no longer have manipulative power to control his family and friends. As long as he is sick, he can call the shots, demand attention, and receive sympathy. Though he sincerely wants to be well, he much prefers the disease over his own loss of control. To be cured of deep and long-term problems, we must desire only one thing – to get well. We cannot ride the fence. We cannot desire healing and cling to disease at the same time. We must decide to be sick or get well.

God Loves You and We Love You Too

Have a wonderful day!