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## Bad News/Good News

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: You have been more unruly than the nations around you and <u>have not followed my decrees or</u> <u>kept my laws</u>. You have not even conformed to the standards of the nations around you. "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself am against you, Jerusalem, and I will inflict punishment on you in the sight of the nations. <u>Because of all your detestable idols</u>, I will do to you what I have never done before and will never do again. Ezekiel 5:7-9

How often has someone said to you, "Which do you want first, the bad news or the good news?"

Ezekiel was taken into captivity in Babylon with many of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. God chose him as a prophet to the people of Israel during their exile. In this passage, Ezekiel is giving them BAD news. God had looked at His people that had not followed or obeyed Him and decided that they would be punished. In the book of Ezekiel, the prophet continues to give them the bad news that God shares with him. The exiles in Babylon thought that God would never allow the temple to be destroyed, but God said that would happen. They also thought that they would only have a short stay in exile. Ezekiel told them that they would be there for a while.

"'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:24-28

God is not just a God of bad news, but also a God of good news. Later, Ezekiel shares that God has a future plan for His people. A plan that includes them returning to their land and having a renewed relationship with Him. It is not God's intent to discourage us, but to give us hope and assurance that He is always there and always loves us if we turn to Him. Just as a good father, God must discipline us and punish sin; but in the same way, as a good father, he will then hold us close and continue to love us. In Romans 6:23, Paul gives us the bad news, "*For the wages of sin is death*". But in the same verse, he continues," *but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" GOOD NEWS. *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5:8.

## Prayer Requests

\*Clyde Ball\_ Please continue to keep Clyde & Penny in your prayers.

<u>Mike Cooper (Rogers Brother)</u> Please continue praying as he is undergoing cancer treatment.

**Dick Coriell** (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Esther Crisp Please keep her in your prayers.

Juanita Gammon Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers from a stroke.

<u>Marleigh Gilbert</u> (Cousin to Jon & Don) 5 years old suffering with leukemia at St.Judes. She is in need of lots of prayer for strength and healing.

<u>Sharon Gampp</u>Please be praying for her health to improve.

**PJ Glauder** Please keep him in your prayers as he continues treatment.

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

**Dusty Henry** Thanking God for his gift of mercy and healing.

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

<u>Chris Jennings</u> (Jack & Jane's Son) Please continue praying for him and his family as he receives treatment.

**<u>Rachel McLaughlin</u>** Please keep her in your prayers as she suffers with serious health problems.

**<u>Rusty McCleese</u>** (Chris's Dad) Please continue prayers for him and his family as he fights cancer.

<u>**Ruth McCleese**</u> Please keep her in your prayers for healing.

**Lyla Napier** (A Minford High Student) Please continue prayers for her recovery.

<u>Gladys Shaffer (Clyde's Cousin)</u> Please pray for her as she is suffering with Shingles.

Mark Villinger He is currently being treated for cancer.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers

#### Esther Crisp Sarah Gilliland Helen Hayward

The Courtyard Rm. #106 Hillview Room L306 Homebound EVENTS

Welcome to Sunshine's Friends & Family Day @ Noble Farm - Morning Worship \*Men's Leadership Retreat Sept.22 & 23 \*Sunshine Fall Home Groups- Oct.8-29 \*Fall Harvest Party @ Dresbach Farm October 21, 5:00pm

### 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

Wednesday Evening Bible Class. It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday

Please be praying for God's protection for our Students and Teachers. Bless each one with a Happy and Safe New School Year.

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Sunshine Elders Meet for Prayer Sept.22. Please let them know if you have a prayer request. Come Join Us! Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

## SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST We Invite You To Join Us

Sunday Morning10:00 AMSunday Eve. Class6:00 PMWednesday Evening7:00 PM

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

#### Welcome Everyone! Sunshine's Friends & Family Day 2023! We Welcome you to our Sunday Morning Worship Service

We're glad you are joining us for a wonderful time worshiping in God's creation, the great outdoors.

This morning we Welcome our Guest Speaker Barry Boverie and all of our Special Visitors. After the Morning Worship, we'll have lunch and a day filled with fellowship.

The Meal & Drinks are provided for you. We will also have our Corn Hole Tournament later, or you may enjoy the other activities available at the farm if you wish.

Have A Wonderful Day!

#### \*The Round Lake Men's Retreat

Scheduled Sept.22 & 23. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for those wanting to attend. Please see Jamie for more info.

\*Fall Harvest Party @ Dresbach Farm Oct.21 @ 5:00pm Wagon rides, Campfire devo, Fellowship Food & Drinks Provided Please bring a lawn chair, a dessert or bread There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center

#### <u>\*Sunshine Fall Home Groups</u> Scheduled to begin Sunday Evenings

October 8-29 at 6:00pm.

This is always an enjoyable time to learn from God's Word and have open discussion in a very relaxed atmosphere with friends. Plan to come join us.

If you would like to host a group in your home please sign the list at the Welcome Center.

Each Life Affects Another We may not always realize that everything we do

Affects not only our lives but touches others too,

For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care

Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.

Yes, Every time you offer someone a helping hand,

Every time you show a friend you care, You help someone find beauty in place of great despair;

For happiness brings happiness and loving ways bring love,

And giving is the treasure that contentment is made of.

<u>The September Item Is</u> Canned Vegetables For Mid Western Children's Home Thank You!

# Family Bible Time

ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF Sept. 10 \*Sunday Evening Auditorium Dave Deacon

> \*<u>Wednesday Evening Auditorium</u> Jamie Riley

\*<u>Wednesday Evening Ladies Class</u> June Book Embracing Grace That Comes From God Please Read: Romans 3:19-28, 4:1-16, 5:6-20 Galatians 2:15-3:14 \*<u>Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8</u>

| <b>Those Who Serve</b>                                                                |             |                                                                              |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Sunday Morning<br>Worship Leader<br>Scripture Reading<br>Prayer<br>Communion          | Friends and | 9/17/2023<br>Zach Coriell<br>Zane Miller<br>Dale Kuhn<br>Jeff Vannatta       | 9/24/2023<br>Jared McCray<br>Matthew Risner<br>Don Coriell<br>Aaron Kallner       | SUNSHINE<br>CHURCH OF CHRIST<br>Sunday Worship - 10:00 am<br>Bible Study - 6:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Message<br>Announcements /<br>Prayer<br>Sunday Evening<br>Worship Leader<br>Communion |             | Jamie Riley<br>Wayne Gampp<br><b>9/17/2023</b><br>Shaun McCray<br>Jacob Bowe | Jamie Riley<br>Shaun McCray<br><b>9/24/2023</b><br>Jon Coriell<br>Lonnie Hollback | <u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study - 7:00 pm<br>This bulletin is a publication of the<br>Sunshine Church of Christ. To learn<br>more about the Church of Christ you<br>may contact us at the telephone number<br>or address on the front cover. Deadline<br>for each issue is 8 am Friday. Content |
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Again, God is a God of good news as well as bad. We often focus on bad news. Maybe it is because of the world we live in, or maybe it is just human nature, but God wants us to focus on the GOOD NEWS. *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5:8.

Our God is a God of LOVE. That love is the *agape* love, a sacrificial love that gives even though we don't deserve it. It is also a love that gives even when we don't acknowledge His gifts. God wants us to show our own *agape* love to Him. He deserves that love and acknowledgement and gives back that love in blessings too many to number. He also wants us to demonstrate our *agape* love for other people so that they can experience the love of God from real people, not just in stories.

Let's strive to show God's love to each other and to the people around us.

David Deacon

## God Loves You and We Love You Too