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Happiness Through Mourning?

Aren't happiness and mourning opposites?
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
(Matthew 5:4)

"Paradox: A statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory, but in reality expresses a possible truth" (dictionary.com).

Surely the second beatitude qualifies as a paradox. "Blessed" is frequently and correctly rendered as "happy."

Happiness and mourning are opposites. Happy are those who mourn? On the surface, that sounds bizarre. But really, it isn't.

Here's why:

First, happiness (blessedness) doesn't refer to superficial happiness such as children experience with new toys or adults when they receive a promotion at work. Biblical blessedness depends not on outward physical circumstances, but on our relationship with God.

The blessed person enjoys tranquility and calmness because he is in fellowship with God, regardless of earthly conditions.

The mourning of which Jesus spoke also differs from what one might usually think.

People commonly mourn the death of loved ones. Job wrote of mourning over severe illness: "his flesh will be in pain over it, and his soul will mourn over it" (Job 14:22).

But such mourning, appropriate though it is, doesn't fit the context of the beatitudes.

There, the Lord began by saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3).

Jesus wasn't placing premium on being gloomy and negative!

Rather, one who is poor in spirit recognizes his own sinfulness and understands he has nothing of worth to offer to God.

"This is where this man finds himself, recognizing my sinfulness and realizing I have nothing of worth to offer God, but unfailingly repenting and asking forgiveness, mourning over my sinfulness and working for the Lord."

Worldly people typically care little or nothing about their sins.

"So what? I sin, you sin, he sins, she sins, they sin . . . everybody sins! What's the big deal?"

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Prayer Requests

Clyde & Penny Ball Please continue to keep Clyde and Penny in your prayers.

Esther Crisp Please keep her in your prayers.

Gregg Ferrell Please continue praying for him and his family during this time.

Marleigh Gilbert (Cousin to Jon & Don) 6 years old suffering with leukemia at St.Judes. She is in need of lots of prayer for strength and healing.

PJ Glauder Please keep him in your prayers for strength and healing.

Teresa Hayward Please keep Teresa, Jeff and their family in your prayers as she continues treatment.

Paul Harris Please keep him and Tamara in your prayers.

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

Chris Jennings (Jack & Jane's Son) Please continue praying for him and his family.

Jared Kaiser Please keep this young man and his family in your prayers for continued healing.

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

Jim McGraw Please be praying for his healing as he battles lung cancer.

Stiles Family Please keep them in your prayers.

Mark Villinger Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues his cancer treatment.

Clyde Ball
Esther Crisp
Sarah Gilliland
Helen Hayward

Best Care Rm.#74
The Courtyard Rm. #106
Hillview Room L306
Homebound

Please pray for our Country
And our World

The Elders Will meet for Prayer
February 22 6:00 pm.
If you have a special prayer
request, Please let them know.



- * Winter Jam Concert in Cincinn.- Mar.24.
- * Easter Egg Hunt - Mar.30 @ 11:00
- * Sunshine Ladies Tea Apr.13 @ 1:00

** Looking Ahead: Vacation Bible School
June 17- 21

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



Come Join Us!

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM



*** The February Item Is ***

Shampoo / Cream Rinse

**For Mid Western Children's Home
Thank You!**

SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST
We Invite You To Join Us

Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

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

Winterfest 2024

*We have a large group of young people that traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. this week-end to attend Winterfest, and planning to return by Sunday evening. Please keep them in your prayers for safety as they return home.

* **Winter Jam** : The Youth Group have plans to attend the Winter Jam Concert in Cincinnati on March 24. The cost for the tickets is \$39.99, plus food and souvenirs. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go. Financial assistance is available for any teen that cannot afford the cost. Adults interested in attending please see Tim.

* **Sunshine Egg Hunt**
Mar.30 @ 11:00am.

We will need lots of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the hunt. This is a **BIG** Event for all the kids.

* **Folding Chairs**: We still have folding chairs available to be given away. If you would like some of them, please see Ryan or Garris after church service today.

* **How Can This Church Grow?**
Love like Jesus - Not for things but for people
Live like Jesus- Serve others, not be served
Leave like Jesus-Left his home to seek and save the lost.

* **In a world where you can be anything you want Be Kind.**

God Says:

You Are Not Alone.
The God who holds the universe,
holds you in His hand.

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I will stand by you.

Joshua 1:9

I will help you through.

Hebrews 13:6

When you've done all you can do, and you can't cope.

Isaiah 40:29

I will dry your eyes.

Revelation 21:4

I will fight your fight.

Deuteronomy 3:22

I will hold you tight, and I won't let go.

Psalms 63:8

- Rascal Flatts: I Won't Let Go

*The Pleasure Of Your Company*

*Is Requested For A*

*Ladies Tea Party*

*April 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM*

*Sunshine Church of Christ*

*Devotional By Kelsie Funnell*

*Please Plan to Join Us!*

*Please RSVP to Michaela Miller*

*(740-222-1185)*

**Family Bible Time**

**ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF February 18**

**\*Sunday Evening Auditorium**  
Shaun McCray

**\*Wednesday Evening Auditorium**  
Mike Lemon

**\*Wednesday Evening Ladies Class**  
June Book

Embracing Grace In How You Think & Act  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Philippians 3:12-15  
Romans 12, Ephesians 4

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

# Those Who Serve

| <b>Sunday Morning</b>     | <b>02/18/2024</b> | <b>02/25/2024</b> | <b>03/03/2024</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Leader            | Zach Coriell      | Shaun McCray      | Jared McCray      |
| Scripture Reading         | Dale Kuhn         | Ethan Beekman     | Jesse Tunnell     |
| Prayer                    | Mark Risner       | Justin Spangler   | Gabe Coriell      |
| Communion                 | Troy Gahm         | Josh Coriell      | Don Coriell       |
| Message                   | Dave Deacon       | Dave Deacon       | Jamie Riley       |
| Announcements /<br>Prayer | Rich Book         | Wayne Gampp       | Shaun McCray      |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b>     | <b>02/18/2024</b> | <b>02/25/2023</b> | <b>03/03/2024</b> |
| Worship Leader            | Jared McCray      | Shaun McCray      | Zach Coriell      |
| Communion                 | Don Coriell       | Mike Gampp        | Isaiah McQuade    |



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

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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But the blessed person mourns over his sins. Those who mourn over their sins will then seek and receive God's forgiveness, which results in genuine happiness. Paul wrote of godly sorrow that produces repentance, leading to salvation (2 Cor. 7:10). Are you happy? I don't mean superficially happy due to outward circumstances, but Biblically blessed because you are in fellowship with God. Spiritual happiness requires that you mourn over your sins – a godly sorrow that produces repentance and motivates you to seek and receive God's forgiveness on His terms. Happiness through mourning – it may sound odd, but it's right!

Prayer: God our Father, we confess that we have nothing of worth to offer to You. Break our hearts to genuinely mourn over our sins, and forgive us as we comply with Your holy will. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen....

God Loves You and We Love You Too!

Have a wonderful day!