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LOVE, GOD, Or HELL

One of the most common rhetorical questions that skeptics ask of Christians is, "If God is so loving, then how can He condemn the sinner to everlasting torment in hell?" On its face, this question has some merit.

After all, hell as presented in Scripture is a truly terrible place where, in the words of Isaiah, "Their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched." The imperfections of my spirit are legion, yet I can't think of a single person I would want to see in hell. How, then, could a loving God consign most of mankind to a place of eternal suffering?

The problem with the question is that it places the blame on exactly the wrong set of shoulders. Not one single sinner will end up in hell because God didn't love him. Instead, every sinner will be there because they didn't love God.

God's love for mankind is proclaimed in numerous ways. He reveals Himself in the beauty and grandeur of the physical creation. He sends sunshine and rain on the just and on the unjust alike; not because He has to, but because He wants to.

He reveals Himself in His word, in the story of His faithful dealings with His often-faithless people. Most of all, God proclaims His love for us in His Son.

In Christ, we see the fullness of deity revealed. The nature of Jesus explains the nature of God Himself: His power, His holiness, and especially His love. That love finds its highest expression in the gracious self-sacrifice of Christ for the undeserving sinner.

After that, what more could God do to reach out to His alienated creation? What greater proof of His love could He offer?

The sinner, though, has remained a sinner because he has encountered the love of God and remained unmoved. He surveys God's physical handiwork yet does not honor God nor give thanks. He accepts God's providential blessings yet remains ungrateful and wicked. He has the opportunity to search the Scriptures, yet he either chooses to remain ignorant or does not respond to hearing with faith. Most of all, the sinner rejects the invitation to come to know God through Christ, and he dismisses the cross as insignificant.

Honestly, what is God supposed to do with somebody like that? God has done all He could do to reach out to the sinner in the love, and the sinner has steadfastly refused each entreaty. He has remained a sinner precisely because he wants nothing to do with God.

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Prayer Requests

Penny Ball Please continue prayers for her health to improve.

Larry Cockrell (De Ann Gammons Dad) Please keep him in your prayers for comfort and peace.

Pam Coriell Please continue prayers for ease of pain and healing from surgery.

Gracie Cox Please keep this baby in your prayers.

Brianna Doan and her baby Son Raiden Please pray for God to touch them to restore health and happiness in their lives.

Gregg Ferrell Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Bill Gammon Please remember him in prayer as he recuperates at home from a broken hip.

Fredia Gampp Please keep her your prayers.

Mark Gampp Please pray for God to give him strength and healing.

Zoe Gampp Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her mission in Liberia, Africa.

Linda Gardner (Julie Miller's Mom). Please pray for her continued strength and improved health.

Dave Hallam Please be praying for healing.

Dave Hinzie Please keep him in your prayers for healing.

Peggy Hollback Please pray her health will improve.

Mike Lemon Please be praying he will have healing from his lung problems.

Melissa Sissel Please pray her health problems can be resolved to give her better health.

Hayes Wilcox Please keep him in your prayers as he recuperates at home from a broken ankle.

Linda Gardner Elbrooke Pavillion Rm. #402
Peggy Hollback The Courtyard Assisted Living

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Please pray for our Country  
And our World to have peace.

Please pray for our Military Men & Women  
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\* Sunshine Church Camp Week- July 5-10

\* Sunshine Free Sale /

Back Pack Give Away- July 25

\* Red Cross Blood Drive - August 11, 9:00-2:30

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

Thank you for coming. Please come again!

### **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're welcome to pick it up before services on your way into the auditorium.

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

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### **KID'S Club**

#### **Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade**

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#### **Wednesday Evening Bible Class.**

It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday

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Come Join Us!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

7:00 PM

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\* The July Item Is \*

**Fruit Cups**

For Mid Western Children's Home

Thank You!

**WELCOME BABY EMMA CLAIRE**

**BORN JUNE 27,2026**

**WEIGHING 7.5LBS, 20IN.LONG**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**AUSTIN & ANDREA**

**& BIG BROTHERS**

**GRANDPARENTS JOHN & LORI**

**GR. GRANDPARENTS DALE & BARB**

**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.**

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**Today's The Day!**  
**We are Off to Camp!**

**\*Howell's Mill Church Camp 2026**  
**July 5-10**

Several of our adults are already at the church camp preparing for the arrival of all the kids this afternoon. Please keep everyone in your prayers for a wonderful week.

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**\*Sunshine Free Sale /**  
**Back Pack Giveaway**

**July 25, 2026 9:00 am**

**\*We are now collecting things for the free sale. Please put any items you have to bring in the back of the annex.**

**\* The Back Pack / School Supply Cards are available now. \*Dave Deacon has the school supply cards today.**  
**Please see Garris, Kaitlyn or Cindy to pick up your supply card or a monetary donation to purchase school supplies. Please return Back Packs by July 19.**

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**\* American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**August 11, 9:00-2:30**  
**Sunshine Church of Christ**

**To register call 1-800-733-27267 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: sunshinecoc to schedule an appointment**

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**\*We still have lots of books on lots of topics in the room upstairs that have been donated over the years. You are welcome to take any of them that you would like have. All books that are not taken will be set out in the free sale on July 25. Please help yourself.**

**Thank you, Aaron & Eric**  
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*** We have copies of a Newsletter coming from Liberia sent by Zoe back at the Welcome Center.**

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*** Mid Western Children's Home**
There will be a work day open to anyone that can help with the days projects.
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**"Lord, remind me that You desire to show compassion to those in need and that You often call on us to be the instruments of that compassion. Give me an opportunity today to show Your love to at least one person in need."**

**Family Bible Time**

**ADULT CLASSES MONTH OF July**

**\*Sunday Evening Auditorium**  
**Gabe Coriell**

**\*Wednesday Evening Auditorium**  
**Josh Coriell**

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

**Give Thanks for What God Has Done**  
**Psalm 103, Luke 9:23-26, Proverbs 3:5-6**

**\*Men's Class - James Group**

# Those Who Serve

| <b>Sunday Morning</b>  | <b>07/05/2026</b> | <b>07/12/2026</b> | <b>07/19/2026</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Leader         | Zach Coriell      | Jared McCray      | Shaun McCray      |
| Scripture Reading      | Sam Williams      | Andy Paston       | Justin Spengler   |
| Prayer                 | Bill Deacon       | Logan Boston      | Mike Gampp        |
| Communion              | Price Gammon      | Jon Coriell       | Zach Coriell      |
| Message                | Logan Boston      | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       |
| Announcements / Prayer | Rich Book         | Shaun McCray      | Wayne Gampp       |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b>  | <b>07/05/2026</b> | <b>07/12/2026</b> | <b>07/19/2026</b> |
| Worship Leader         | Dave Deacon       | Zach Coriell      | Jared McCray      |
| Communion              | Gary Glispie      | Josh Coriell      | Jon Coriell       |

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>WEBSITE</b>         | <b>SUNSHINECOFC.CHURCH</b>              |
| <b>LIVE STREAM</b>     | <b>SUNSHINECOFC.CHURCH/SERMON-MEDIA</b> |
| <b>FACEBOOK</b>        | <b>FB.COM/GROUPS/SUNSHINECOFC</b>       |
| <b>YOUTUBE</b>         | <b>YOUTUBE.COM/@SUNSHINECOFC</b>        |
| <b>PHONE STREAMING</b> | <b>855-565-7670</b>                     |



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

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

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[info@sunshinecofc.church](mailto:info@sunshinecofc.church)

## ONLINE GIVING:

**GO.SUNSHINE.COFC.CHURCH/GIVE**



Several weeks ago, I wrote a post entitled "Why I Want to Go to Heaven." My reasoning there is simple. Heaven is where God is, and I love God and want to be with Him. Indeed, heaven is heaven to me because God is there.

What, then, of the unrepentant sinner who has spent his life insistently having nothing to do with God? Heaven for someone like that wouldn't be an eternity of bliss. It would be an eternity of misery. Heaven would, in fact, resemble Sartre's vision of hell in No Exit: being trapped forever with someone you despise. Perhaps we should ask instead, "How could a loving God condemn the sinner to heaven?" If the sinner cannot spend eternity with God (and indeed does not want to), then he must spend eternity apart from God. There's no third way. Consider, for instance, Paul's description of hell in 2 Thessalonians 1:9, as "eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." It has to be that way. Those who reject God also reject His nearness and His blessings. Just as we don't (or shouldn't, at least) continually force ourselves on those who don't want anything to do with us, eventually God gives up too.

That final surrender has dramatic consequences. After all, every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above. If we owe every good thing we have to God, His final withdrawal from our lives means that nothing good is left in those lives either. Absolute zero isn't the complete presence of cold. It is simply the complete absence of heat. Hell doesn't need some added suffering in order to be hell. It only needs the complete absence of God.

Is such a place wretched and miserable beyond our ability to comprehend? Certainly. All of us have spent our lives immersed in the kindness of God, and the withdrawal of His grace from us does not bear contemplating. However, those who find themselves in the midst of such suffering cannot blame God. They can only blame themselves

**GOD LOVES YOU AND WE LOVE YOU TOO**