

The PRISM



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He Alone Could “Amen” Himself

The minister began his lesson to a congregation filled with future ministers, and all of those preacher wannabes began amening (bombastic: **AMEN!**; timid: er, amen; emphatic: a MEN!; dramatic: Ay-MEH-yen!; ecclesiastical: Ah-men!). I thought, *I’ve never amended a sermon. Here’s my chance! With all of them going on, no one will notice my fumbling attempts.*

The preacher shouted: “You young people tell your parents, ‘Everybody else is doing it! Everybody else is drinking beer. Everybody else is doing drugs. Everybody else is sleeping around.’ Well, I got news for you...” (And I knew—here came my opportunity.) “... Everybody else is going to HELL!” I yelled, “AMEN!” Those preacher students were stone-silent, staring blankly at me. I instantly melted and dribbled under the pews.

By the first century the Jews had been amen-ing speakers for over a thousand years. The people would say “Amen!” when the Levites recited the 12 curses atop Mt. Ebal (Deut. 27:15-26). Three psalms close with “Amen and Amen” (41:13; 72:19; 89:52).

But Jesus used “Amen” in a new way. Rather than amen-ing some great saying, he would amen his own sayings, often double amening (the KJV’s familiar “Verily, verily I say unto thee” is really “Amen, Amen I say...”). Plus, he did it before he said it, not after, as tradition dictated. Prophets said, “Thus says the Lord.” Scribes said, “As Rabbi Hillel of blessed memory used to say....” But Jesus says, “Amen, Amen, I tell you,” teaching with authority, and not as the scribes (Matt. 7:29).

Furthermore, Jesus is the significance of Amen. One translation of Amen is “So be it!” Jesus is the means by which God’s promises are fulfilled, “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through Him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God” (2 Cor. 1:20 NIV).

Whenever you say “Amen,” remember the Lord. Because of what He has done and is doing, you can confidently approach the throne of grace. Because of who He is, your life has meaning. Secure in Him, you can look at all of life’s difficulties and challenges and boldly say, “So be it!”

Steve Singleton

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Please Pray For...

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

Jeremiah Gayheart (7 yrs old) has an inoperable brain tumor.

Brian Demsich (5 month old son of Joe and Karen Demisich, friends of Miller's in Detroit) is waiting for a final pathology report. All other tests show no cancer anywhere else in his body.

Bill Donahoe (Sagan Gampp's grandfather) has been very sick at home.

Ray Madden (Tammy Coriell's father) has been diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm. A stent is to be place in him surgically sometime soon.

Wally Lambert is now at home recuperating.

Richard Sizemore (friend of the Brown's) is back in ICU following his carotid artery surgery.

Betty Smith (Millie Lemon's sister) has been in SOMC with pneumonia.

Nancy Miller (wife of Ron Miller, UPS driver) diagnosed with advanced cancer of lungs and bones.

Edgar Allen (Aaron Kallner's grandfather) having problems with his kidneys.

Don? Mosely (father of Chuck Allison's office assistant) not doing well after surgery for cancer of the esophagus.

Helen Carpenter (sister of Etta Lewis) problem with a blood clot.

James Osburn (brother to Etta Lewis) problem with torn esophagus.

Men's GYAT Class

Sunday, February 1, 7:30-8:30 am. Read Chapter 13 and do the focus questions.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Feb. 1 - Islam Unveiled Seminar

Feb. 7 - Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

Feb. 8 - Scout Sunday

Mar. 7 - Apr. 4 - Sunday P.M. Home Groups

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Terry and Debbie's house.

Sunday PM Services

Short period of worship followed by a video presentation of the Gospel of John.

This is a word for word rendering (Today's English Version) accompanied by video that shows the action. We'll be studying the first two chapters of John.

Emergency Prayer Team

Team members, pick up your sheets today from Serena Miller before you leave. We are up and running as of today. Any questions, see Steve Miller.

Islam Unveiled

Sunday, February 1, we will be having Bruce Gleim from Dayton, Ohio, to talk with us about Islam. The lessons are scheduled to be given at our normal times for class and worship. Bruce is known to many of us here at Sunshine since he grew up in this congregation. He has spent a lot of time studying the Koran and will be contrasting the Christian faith with Islam. This is an opportunity for us to understand better what is happening in our world. Invitation/information cards are laid out on the table in the foyer.

Teen Committee Meeting

Next Sunday, February 1, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
1/25 I Jn 3-4	1/28 I Chr 22-29
2/1 I Jn 5	2/4 I Kgs 1-2
2/8 II Jn, III Jn	2/11 I Kgs 3-4
2/15 Jude	2/18 I Kgs 5-6
2/22 Rev-Intro	2/25 I Kgs 7
2/29 Rev 21-22	

Impact Sign Up

This morning a list is posted on the bulletin board for teens to sign up for this year's Impact at Lipscomb University. Junior Week is June 18-21 and Senior Week is June 21-26. Get your name on the list right away. We need to get our deposit in. Terry Sullivan.

Family Burned Out of Home

A family known to Kendra Cram had their house burn down in Stockdale on Thursday. There is an immediate need for clothing for three small children. Two little boys, one is size 2T and the other is size 3T. One little girl who is size 4-5. Kendra Cram is the collection/delivery person for this need. You can bring your things here to the building this evening or Wednesday or you can call Kendra (*****) and make other arrangements. Money donations would also be appreciated: cash or check made out to Sunshine church.

Secret Sisters

We will be drawing for a whole new year of Secret Sisters on February 1. Forms are available in the back by the bulletin board. Please fill one out and be ready to draw next Sunday. We hope that all ladies who are interested will participate. It's a great way to get to know your fellow sisters in Christ. Please see Lisa Hoskins (*****) or Paige Jacobs (*****) if you have any questions.



Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

It's that time of year again. The Father-Daughter Valentine Gala is set for Saturday, February 7, at 7 pm in the gymnasium at Minford High School. Tickets will be available at the Pharmacy in Minford. This event is designed to celebrate and honor the special relationship that exists between fathers and daughters.

Even if you do not have a daughter to bring, you can still help us with this event. We need food servers, decorators, clean-up people, set-up people, etc. We will be saying more next week about these jobs. But also, we need a crowd at 7 pm in the bleachers to clap and cheer when each father-daughter couple is introduced in the Grande March. There is no charge to participate in this part of the program. Sign up to clap and cheer on the bulletin board.

New Directories in Office

If you have not received your new Sunshine Directory, you can go to the church office before or after services and pick up your copy: one per household, please. When you get your directory please be sure to cross your name off the list by the directories. One correction that needs to be made for Don and Pam Coriell's page. Change the phone number from 778 to 776.

Skit Practice

Today, 5 pm, here at the building.

Special Collection

This morning (January 25) the teens are taking up a collection to supply the Homeless Shelter in Portsmouth with plastic mattress covers. We need 36 covers at \$8.00 apiece. There is a box in the foyer for you to deposit your contribution. Cash or checks made out to Sunshine church.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Wine
Bread
Assist
Assist
Assist
Assist
Message
Closing Prayer

January 25

I John 3-4
Tom Kelley
Scott Gampp
Ryan Coriell
Rick Brown
Aaron Kallner
Matt Cram
Terry Royster
Dale Gampp
Tim Coriell
Matt Hoskins
Jamie Riley
Caleb Miller

February 1

I John 5
Don Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Rich Book
Jim Cunningham
Wayne Gampp
John Gampp
Barry Hayward
Harold Gampp
Jerry Gampp
Bruce Gleim

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Bud Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Greg Coriell
Mike Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Josh Coriell
Mike Gampp
I Chronicles 22-29

Jeff Hayward
Jamie Riley
I Kings 1-2

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve. Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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