

The PRISM



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You Can't Ride God's Fence

He sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape? For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:13-14.

One can sympathize with Esther's plight. Hand-picked in a royal beauty contest to replace a queen whose virtue got her banished, she was understandably afraid of breaking one of the immutable laws of the Medo-Persian Empire. Namely that whoever entered the throne room without permission did so on pain of death should the king be displeased at the interruption.

There is more here at stake than one person's life, however. The fate of an entire race rests in the hands of this young lady, for without her intercession Haman will surely have his way and the Jews will all die.

The fate of the world rests in her hands as well. Without the Jews, there is no Judah and no Law-Giver. Without the Messiah, there is no hope; man will be eternally damned. Of course, we know the rest of the story. Esther went in and not only destroyed Haman, but saved her people resulting in the coming of Jesus of Nazareth and salvation to all some 400 years later.

Our choice is no different today. Salvation will come to all. No, not all will be saved, for not all will obey the message, but the gospel will be preached. It is up to us whether we will be a part of the greatest undertaking in the history of the world. In fact, it has been going on since before man was created. That great undertaking is the preaching of the gospel.

We can choose either to ignore our commission or not. Either way the gospel will be preached, but what will happen to us if we refuse?

A. Jay Kelley
Colby, Kan.



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.

Betty Smith (Millie Lemon's sister) is out of ICU and is to be moved to Heartland, but still is not doing well at all.

Pauline Hilt (Derria Kelly's mother) has been diagnosed with lymphoma but tests show it has not spread. She is scheduled for surgery on Monday in Columbus.

Doug Hampton (Marcie Royster's uncle) is being tested for a tumor on his bladder.

Gene Crisp is down with a severe strain in his hip.

John Piccione (Lisa Hoskins brother) had surgery on Tuesday for a back injury. Pray for a complete recovery.

Judy Jordan and Michelle Carroll (both close relatives of Esther Crisp) are doing well in their radiation therapy.

Golden Fannin (relative of Esther Crisp) is having a hip surgery.

Praise Report: Tyler Book has made it home safe from Iraq.

Lost & Found

There are several bibles that have been left behind, if yours is missing please check on the shelf above the coat rack. Also, there is a bag with 4 maternity dresses in it that has been here for a while. It is on the coat rack by the women's restroom.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Feb. 16 - **Defibrillator Training**

Feb. 20-22 - **Winterfest**

Mar. 7 - **Sunday P.M. Home Groups begin**

Mar. 20 - **Ironton Youth Rally**

Apr. 3 - **Woodsfield Youth Rally**

Apr. 23-25 - **Sunshine Youth Retreat**

Jun. 18-21 - **Jr. Impact**

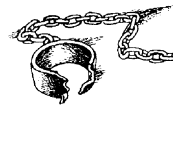
Jun. 21-25 - **Sr. Impact**

Jun. 28 - Jul. 2 - **VBS**

Jul. 11-16 - **Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp**

Defibrillator Training

Monday, February 16, at 6:30 pm, the Health Ministry Team will be hosting a teaching session on the use of our new defibrillator. Everyone is invited and feel free to come and go as you please. Rita King will be leading several short sessions for about 2 hours. Refreshments will be provided.



*No longer
slaves to sin
— Romans 6*

Home Group Sign Up Begins

Today we have our pads laid out in the foyer to begin the sign up process for the Sunday PM Home Group Meetings. The meetings will run from March 7 through April 4, 5 nights in all. We will be using Willard Tate's **Habits of a Loving Heart** (Lesson's 6-10) as a basis for the group discussion and Bible study. Pick out a home where you have never been before and sign up to be there for this special time. If any of you men would be willing to serve as a co-leader in one of the groups, please sign the Leader Pad on the same table.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
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	

Passion of Christ Coming

I know you have probably heard something about the film soon to be released (February 25) by Mel Gibson, ***The Passion of Christ***. I have read several reviews from people who were allowed to preview the film. This is not like anything Hollywood has ever done before. No one in Hollywood would touch this film and in fact the Hollywood establishment has done everything they could to stop its production and release to the public. Gibson, (a Roman Catholic by faith) had to finance the making of this film out of his own pocket--about 35 million at last count. Those who have seen the film describe it as an experience unlike anything they have ever seen. No one claps. No one laughs. No one moves. No eye is dry. Gibson shows the brutality and violence of Roman crucifixion as it was in the first century. The actors all speak in Aramaic and Latin using the text of the New Testament as the basis of what is seen and heard. If you are familiar with the gospel records you will have no problem understanding what is going on. I don't usually recommend films to people and I'm not necessarily recommending this one---yet. But I do intend to see it. I think this film may become a powerful tool to reach the lost of this world. I am praying that that will be the case. Anyway, I want you to understand that this is not the typical Hollywood production. I don't think you want to miss it. Steve.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Tim and Greg Coriell's house.

Sunday PM Services

Following a short period of worship we will begin a class based on the gospel of John using a video dramatization of the gospel. The text used is Today's English Version.

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.

Contact Information

On at the table in the foyer you will find a sheet which gives information on how to contact our governor, our state representative and our state senator. The Governor and the General Assembly recently passed a bill which prohibits gay marriage in the state of Ohio. We have been told that the Governor and the legislators have received a lot of negative comment. They need to hear from the other side of this issue. Please take the time to send your thoughts on the subject to Governor Bob Taft, Representative Todd Book and/or Senator Doug White.

Winterfest

We will be leaving the building for Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN this **Friday morning at 6 a.m.** If you are planning to go, please stay after worship services this morning for a short meeting with Jamie. Parents & teens that are going are urged to attend this meeting as well.

Valentine Gala Evaluation

This evening after worship services all those who participate in the Father-Daughter Valentine Gala are invited to the fellowship hall to help evaluate and improve the Gala with their comments and suggestions.

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

February 15

Jude
Wayne Gamp
Taylor Hoskins
Jim Cunningham
Rich Book
Mark Gamp
David Gamp
Mark Risner
Terry Royster
Tim Coriell
Jerry Gamp
Steve Miller
Gabe Coriell

February 22

Revelation—Intro
Tom Kelley
Scott Gamp
Ryan Coriell
Rick Brown
Terry Sullivan
Mike Coriell
Steve Williams
Chuck Allison
Dale Gamp
Ike Hardin
Steve Miller
Eldon Conkel

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Zach Coriell
Jason Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Tom Kelley

Bud Coriell
John Berry
Dewey Cordle
Mike Gamp

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jeff Hayward
Harry Woodworth
1 Kings 5-6

Jon Coriell
Gary Glispie
1 Kings 7

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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