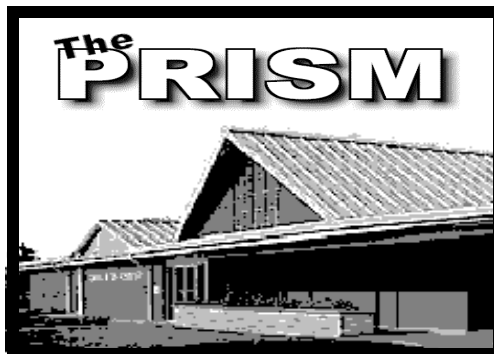




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What Sign Would You Like to See?

It happens from time to time. A person in a discussion on religion will say, "If I could only see a miracle or a special sign to know what is really true, then I'd follow it." Perhaps you've never heard someone say that in person, but I have.

In the 20th chapter of John we read the account of Thomas and his famous statement doubting that Jesus had appeared to the others while he was absent. He says in verse 25, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Now that's a pretty strong statement to make as one who had spent the past three years with Jesus. Thomas had been present at many of the miracles and wonders that Jesus had done. These were done for the very purpose of showing that He was God's Son. And now Thomas is requiring a sign before he will believe.

It is the rest of the chapter that helps us to reconsider our demands for a personal display of a miracle, etc., before we believe. Verses 26-29 tell of the interaction between Thomas and Jesus. "And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.' And Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"

So Thomas believed when he saw Jesus, but Jesus knows that many will believe without ever having seen Him at all. Now, notice the remaining two verses of this chapter. "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

Those concluding verses should be very helpful for those who would demand a sign before they submit their lives to God. God has provided many signs, miracles and wonders to show that Jesus is His Son, and to compel us to come to Him. If you find yourself looking for a special sign today, please, take up your Bible and read of all the evidence that God has already provided. If you do, you will likely reach the same conclusion as Thomas regarding Jesus. "My Lord and my God."

Mike Baker



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, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

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

Jeremiah Gayheart (8 yrs old) has an inoperable brain tumor.

Alex Cram is doing much better but is scheduled for more tests on March 30 in Cincinnati. He and his mom and dad need our prayer support.

Ellen Devins (Mary Beth Coriell's mother) had surgery Monday at SOMC which went very well.

Edgar Allen (Aaron Kallner's grandfather) is feeling much better this week.

Elmer Faulkner has been diagnosed with cancer of the throat.

Wally Lambert had heart surgery in Tuesday in Cleveland. No word as yet as to outcome.

Carl Eckhart had back surgery in Columbus on Friday.

Jessica Harbert (Kristine Coriell's niece) is in Children's Hospital in Columbus being tested and/or treated for seizures.

Anita Richards (Becky Jarvis's aunt) is undergoing surgery for cancer of the liver.

Jane Ann Bouts was treated Friday in Columbus for a small lump in her breast.

Rock Woolridge (a new Christian in North Carolina) is receiving an experimental treatment for cancer.

Homer Miller is in SOMH, Room 315

Jay Samples (Candi Gamp's stepbrother, 38 years of age, children) has had both legs amputated because of diabetes.

June and Bill Holbrook (Jill Williams' aunt and uncle) are both battling cancer.

Steve Williams is in SOMH, Room 336.

Daylight Savings Time

The time changes next Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clock forward one hour or you'll be late for services!



Welcome Visitors!

We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that if you are seeking Christ you will find Him here. If sorrowing you will receive comfort, if troubled in spirit you will gain the blessing of peace, if discouraged you will rejoice in hope, if friendless you will find companionship and Christian love. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

Area Events

- April 3, 8-11 am Cancer Society Fundraiser-- Minford Community Church
- April 11-13 Meeting with Mack Lyon at Nitro church of Christ--Details posted.
- April 20 Ladies Inspirational Evening--Alkire Road church of Christ--Details posted.

Youth Committee Meeting

This evening at 4:30 pm the youth committee is meeting in the fellowship hall to work on plans for the April 23-25 retreat at Fort Hill Camp.

Chaperones Needed

April 23-25 the youth will be having their retreat at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. We need adult chaperones to be there for the duration of the retreat. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. **There will be a meeting for adult chaperones and helpers today at 4:30 pm.**

Men's GYAT Class

Next Sunday morning, 7:30 a.m. Read chapter 15 of "The Man in The Mirror" and do the study questions.

Homeless Shelter Needs

The Homeless Shelter is in need of the following items: **Large Trash Bags, Household Cleaners,** and **Personal Hygiene Items.** If you cannot take these items to the Shelter yourself, see June Book.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Mar. 28 - **Impact Meeting**
Mar. 28 - **Youth Rally Meeting**
Apr. 3 - **Woodsfield Youth Rally**
Apr. 3 - **Dinner & a Movie**
Apr. 4 - **Men's GYAT class**
Apr. 23-25 - **Sunshine Youth Rally**
Jun. 18-21 - **Jr. Impact**
Jun. 21-25 - **Sr. Impact**
Jun. 28 - Jul. 2 - **VBS**
Jul. 11-16 - **Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp**

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
3/28 Lk 1:57-80	3/31 I Kgs 12-16
4/4 Mt 2:1-18	4/7 I Kgs 17-19
4/11 Mt 2:19-23 Lk 2:21-40	4/14 I Kgs 20-II Kgs 2
4/18 Lk 2:41-52	4/21 II Kgs 3-4
4/25 Mt 3:1-12 Lk 3:1-20	4/28 II Kgs 5

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Trent and Rachel Jarvis's house.

Sunday PM Services

Home groups are in progress till April 4.

Home Groups News

- **Hosts**, don't forget to write your attendance on the chart posted on the board in the foyer.
- **Everybody**, find a group and meet with them tonight at 6:30.

Skit Practice

Lord's Army members, don't forget we will be having practice every Wednesday at 5 pm here at the building until the Woodsfield Rally.

Impact Meeting

There will be a short meeting for adults and teens who going to attend Impact immediately after morning services today. We will be filling out forms.

Special Presentation

The Messiah will be presented April 9, 2004 (Good Friday) at 3:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, 801 Waller St. (behind Portsmouth High School). There is no charge for this performance. Come early for a good seat. All of the lyrics for this piece are taken directly from scripture. It is the foretelling of the promised Messiah and the fulfillment of that promise in Jesus! Contact Judi Allison for any questions you may have!

Newborn

Belated Congratulations to Rick & Marta Brown, their daughter, Jennifer Crawford in Raleigh, NC gave birth to a new son, Jacob Andrew on Feb. 27th at 2:04 pm. at 8 lbs 4 oz. He is the Brown's 1st grandchild which also makes Kate an aunt.

Dinner & A Movie

This Saturday, April 3rd at 5:00 p.m. we will have our first "Dinner & A Movie." The film will be "Anne of Green Gables." Each family should bring a covered dish. After eating, clean up and some fellowship, we will be showing the movie at around 6:30 p.m. This movie is excellent! Men and women, as well as children will have a great time watching this film. Anyone who has seen the movie before knows that you just can't get enough "Anne".

VBS Leader/Planner Sign-Up

We are gearing up for VBS, June 28-July 2. Right now we need to get a few people committed to some planning and leadership roles for VBS. There is a sign-up sheet on the board, please sign for the jobs and age-group that you would like. We will be recruiting for support jobs later on. We'll be meeting in few weeks to get things rolling. Don't tarry.

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If you haven't been to our online site lately, you haven't seen some major changes. In addition to the weekly bulletin, the "Those Who Serve" list for the next several months is available as well as the Sunday and Wednesday Bible Study class schedule thru Feb 2005. Sign up on the message forum and let us know what night would be best for a weekly meeting in the chat room. Take a look through the photo album...you might be there! For more info, contact Al Graff.

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

March 28

Matthew 1:57-80
Tom Kelley
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Mike Coriell
Troy Gahm
Mike Gampp
Mark Risner
Dale Gampp
John Gampp
Jim Jacobs Sr.
Jon Coriell
Terry Sullivan

April 4

Matthew 2:1-18
Harry Woodworth
Ralph Gampp
Greg Coriell
Rich Book
Jamie Riley
Mark Gampp
Harold Gampp
Ira Coriell
Matt Cram
Barry Gampp
Steve Miller
John Berry

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Home Groups

Home Groups

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Caleb Miller
1 Kings 12-16

Gabe Coriell
Eldon Conkel
1 Kings 17-19

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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