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Profanity

Many are aware of the fact that Hebrew scribes took honoring the name of Yahweh very, very seriously. As a matter in fact, later scribes who copied the text went so far as to go and wash themselves every time they came to the name of Yahweh in the text.

In many of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the name of Yahweh is preserved in Paleo-Hebrew script rather than the Aramaic (square) script that was used from about the 5th century B.C. until the present time. It seems that when the scribes switched from the old script to the newer script, they did not want to change the name of Yahweh in any way, so they left it in the older script. There are even some Greek manuscripts of the Old Testament that preserve the Paleo-Hebrew characters of the divine name instead of rendering them into Greek characters. The Greek translations that don't use the old Hebrew characters simply use the word, "Kurios (Lord)" for Yahweh.

Why does the Greek translation render the divine name as "Kurios" (Lord)? We know that Jews from medieval times up till now do not pronounce "Yahweh" when they read the text aloud. Instead, they say, "Adonai (Lord)." I used to think it was the medieval scribes that originated using the word, "Lord" for "Yahweh," but the Greek translation of the Old Testament shows that this practice goes back as far as the mid second century B.C. when it was translated. The Dead Sea Scrolls' special treatment of the divine name may indicate the practice is even more ancient, perhaps extending back into the Babylonian captivity. It is interesting that our English translations have also inherited this practice by rendering the name of Yahweh as "LORD."

What is interesting as I look over the history of the Monarchy is that the problem of profaning the name of the Lord seemed to have little to do with how they pronounced his name. Here are some examples:

"... be careful with the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I am the Lord (Lev 2:22)."

"But the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live ... I withdrew My hand and acted for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned ... (Ezek 20:21-22)."

"... a man and his father resort to the same girl In order to profane My holy name (Amos 2:7)."

Profanity is not just about bad language. That is only a small part of it. When we disobey God and act wickedly, we profane his name. That is profanity. On the other hand, when we act uprightly and just, then we glorify his name as we were meant to do.

— John Telgren, Leavenworth, KS



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.

Donally Grant (friend of Marta Brown) in Golden Years Home with complications from surgery was taken to Columbus this week.

Wanda Coriell remains stable at SOMC. She should be headed for rehabilitation this week.

Harry Woodworth had a needle biopsy on Thursday and other tests on Friday in Cincinnati.

Terry Young (Sara Gilliland's daughter) is in a time of trial. Prayers requested.

Steve Clemmons (Esther and Gene Crisps son-in-law) met with a neurologist on Friday to determine if he has MS.

Minnie Fisher is in SOMC with a kidney infection.

Margaret Reed is scheduled for knee replacement surgery (both knees) on May 17 at SOMC.

Ike Hardin had an outpatient heart procedure in Columbus on Friday.

Logan Gullett (Garris Coriell's classmate) is having brain surgery in Cincinnati.

Edna Moore (Jim Moore's mother) is in very serious condition with congestive heart failure and kidney failure.

Jacob Crawford (Rick and Marta Browns new grandson in North Carolina) is having some problems swallowing. The problem should clear up with age, but for now feeding time is very stressful for baby and mother.

National Day of Prayer

May 5 has been declared a National Day of Prayer. We will be participating in the public reading of scripture that is done in association with the National Day of Prayer. Our congregation is scheduled to cover Wednesday, May 5, 3-5 pm. If you can be present at the county court house to read scripture for 1/2 hour please sign up for the slot on the bulletin board. See Steve Miller for details.

Rejoice!

We are so very happy to make this announcement: Monday evening Jeb and Rachel Coriell confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized into Him. Jeb and Rachel, may the Lord bless you in every way as you have entered into His service.

Work on Building

You may have noticed some work happening in the baptistery area. The baptistery is being recoated and a new filtration-heating-pump system is being installed to maintain the water. Also, some rotten floor boards are being replaced and new tile being put down. By this time next week everything should be back in place and operational.



Looking Ahead at Sunshine

May 15 - Dinner & A Movie
Jun. 18-21 - Junior Impact
Jun. 21-25 - Senior Impact
Jun. 28 - Jul. 2 - Vacation Bible School
Jul. 11-16 - Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday		Wednesday	
4/25	Mt 3:1-12 Lk 3:1-20	4/28	II Kgs 5
5/2	Mt 3:13-17 Lk 3:21-22	5/5	I Kgs 6:1-23
5/9	Mt 4:1-11 Lk 4:1-13	5/12	II Kgs 6:24-7:20

Dinner & A Movie

The next Dinner & A Movie is scheduled for May 15th. We had a rather poor turnout at the first one. Let's see if we can do a little better this time! Bring a covered dish to share during the fellowship meal and then stay for the movie being shown afterwards.

Sunday PM Services

After a short period of worship we will be viewing the 9th Chapter of John and having a group discussion and Bible study based on it.

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.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Kristin and Jamie Riley's house.

Area Events

April 25, 10th Annual Tri-State Worship in Proctorville--Rome church of Christ

Men's GYAT Class

Sunday, May 2, 7:30-8:30 am. Read Chapter 16 and do the questions. Be there.

**The world with its lust
passes away, but he who does
the will of God remains forever.**
I John 2:17

Those Who Serve

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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Sunday Morning

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

April 25

Mt. 3:1-12, Lk 3:1-20
Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Eric McLaughlin
Mike Gampp
Rich Book
John Berry
Dale Gampp
Homer Miller
Ryan Coriell
Matt Cram
Jamie Riley
Mark Risner

May 2

Mt. 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-22
Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Troy Gahm
Rick Brown
Aaron Kallner
Jamie Riley
Harold Gampp
Don Lemon
Barry Gampp
John Gampp
Steve Miller
Eldon Conkel

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Scott Gampp
Eldon Conkel
Mark Gampp

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Dewey Cordle
Mike Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Josh Coriell
Aaron McCray
II Kings 5

Jeff Hayward
Jason Coriell
II Kings 6:1-23

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Dick Havens	456-5009	Building Maint., Supplies
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