

The PRISM



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WEED OR FLOWER?

I came home one afternoon to eat my lunch. It was so beautiful outside that I sat on the back porch to eat. I looked over the back yard, which was covered in dandelions. Normally I would think of the fact that these were common weeds that needed to be exterminated. If not, they spread all over the place and take over. But this day I just sat and stared at them, remembering how I used to see them as a child. As a child, they were not weeds, but were flowers. The girls used to pick them and would put them in their hair. Sometimes we would make a bouquet of them and take them to our mothers. Our mothers always reacted with delight that we had brought them such cheerful and pretty flowers. And when they turned into those seed things, we used to love to pick them and blow them across the yard. Of course that would drive the neighbor nuts because we were blowing weed seeds onto his manicured lawn. But to use, we were blowing clouds across the yard that would peacefully float away.

Somewhere along the way, I had lost the appreciation for the simple beauty of these little bits of sunshine throughout the yard. It takes the eyes of a child to appreciate them. I guess in some way we are like dandelions. There is a bright sunny beauty in us that comes from the light of the Son. But in order to see and appreciate that beauty, we must see with the eyes of a child. Reality looks different in the eyes of a child. That is what part of kingdom life is all about.

"And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, 'Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all. And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them (Mark 10:13-16).'"

Children don't see weeds, they see flowers. As believers, we don't see obstacles, we see challenges. We don't see problems, we see opportunities. We don't see road blocks, we see possibilities. With the Philippians 4:8 attitude coupled with the Gospel of Christ, we become like the little seeds that spread all over the place. A storm can try and blow us over and overcome us, but all that does is spread us out further. All it does is strengthen us.

The word may not like it. They may call us nothing more than weeds that need to be weeded out, but the gates of Hades will never prevail against the Kingdom of God. So don't be ashamed if the world calls us a weed. In God's eyes we are not weeds. We are his instrument to spread his good news all around our family and friends, in our neighborhoods, schools, on the job, and anywhere we happen to be.

John Telgren
Leavenworth KS



P l e a s e p r a y f o r ...

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.

Wanda Coriell continues to recuperate at home. She is in need of some help with transportation and someone to be with her at home. See the announcement below.

Harry Woodworth is now considering various modes of treatment for his cancer.

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

Joanne Reed (Becky Jarvis's aunt in Rubyville) is in the final stages of cancer.

Loretta Skaggs (relative of Clyde and Penny Ball) had surgery to remove a mass in the colon. Biopsy reports are pending.

Mary Gleim (Now in Dayton) is having tests on her heart and gall bladder to determine the cause of recent health problems.

Craig Masqueta (friend of Judi Allison in Lexington, KY) unavoidably killed an 8-year-old boy with his automobile last weekend.

Janie Monk (Tammy Green's close friend in Florida) is in danger of losing both feet due to diabetes.

Mary Williams (Steve's mother) had a second hip repair surgery on Monday. A few weeks back she took a fall and one hip was repaired. Last week it was discovered she had broken the other hip. She came through the surgery fine.

Chuck Short (Karren Griffith's brother in Columbus) is struggling to rebuild his strength for another round of chemotherapy.

Loretta Burdette (friend of Chuck Allison in WV) is in need of surgery to remove a mass in her throat but has had one health complication after another preventing the surgery.

Kyle Snyder (4th grade student at Minford) was hit in the head at close range with a BB and has suffered a fractured skull and internal bleeding in the brain.

Sharon Stewart (Patsy Graff's sister) had foot surgery on Thursday and is staying with a friend in Columbus while she recuperates.

Dinner and 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.

Copy Machine Training

Last week a new copier was delivered to our office. A representative from Xerox will be here Wednesday evening after bible study to give us a 1/2 hour training session. Anyone who is interested on becoming familiar with the machine is invited to stay.

Hike for Hospice

There will be a Hike for Hospice on May 15th at 9:30 am starting at the SOMC Life Center in Portsmouth. It's about 2.5 miles (5k). There will be door prizes, etc. and lunch provided by Subway with drinks. There are different awards for different things each team does, such as Team with Largest Donations, Most Sponsors, Largest Group of Youth, Most Original Team Costume and many others. Anyone interested in walking as part of a team from Sunshine, please contact Kathy Glispie. Brochures and Sponsor Forms are on the table in the foyer.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

May 15 - **Hike for Hospice**
May 15 - **Dinner & A Movie**
Jun. 12 - **Father/Son Campout**
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
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
5/16 Jn 1:29-51 Joel 1-3	5/19 II Kgs 6:24,13:25
5/23 Jn 2:1-12	5/26 II Kgs 14-15 Jonah 1-4
5/30 Jn 2:13-22	

Scheduled texts and teachers through the end of the year are posted on the church web page.

VFW (Volunteers for Wanda)

Wanda Coriell is now home but is not able to be by herself through the day and she is in need of transportation home from her dialysis treatments at the hospital. Specific times, dates and responsibilities are listed on the bulletin board. If you can take a specific job at a specific time and date please sign your name on that line. Write your phone number beside your name. **Monday, Wednesday and Friday are Wanda's dialysis days.** She already has transportation to the hospital. She needs to be picked up at around 2:30 and brought home and then needs someone to stay with her until about 6 pm. **On Tuesday and Thursday she needs someone at the house** from 9 am to 1 pm and from 1 pm to 6 pm. Home nursing people will be coming and going throughout the day. If it turns out you are not needed for the day and time you signed up for, Bud will call you the night before. **If you have already signed up on the first list, would you please put your name and phone number on the new list, too?** Thanks for being a VFW.

Children's Bible Time in May

Starting this Sunday, the children in CBT will be having lessons that focus on money principles from the Bible. A collection will be made each Sunday in May to teach the children about giving to God. Would you be sure that your child has something to put in the collection when it is made? All money collected will end up in the general collection for the church.

Father-Son Camp Out

Plans are being made for the 4th annual father-son camp out for Saturday, June 12. This will be a great opportunity for dads to spend some time with their sons and fellowship with each other. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. See Dewey Cordle or Rich Book for details.

Sunday PM Services

This evening we will continue with our video Bible study of John 11.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Rick and Marta Brown's house.

IMPACT \$\$

Attention! If you are going to Impact in June and haven't turned in your registration fees yet, please do so ASAP! Give your money to either Jason Coriell or Shaun McCray.

Skit Practice

The Lord's Army has a practice on May 19th at 5 p.m. All members, please attend!

Special Service

Our youth will be leading services the evening of May 30th. Speaker will be Jacob Miller. The Lord's Army drama group may have a short performance after services also.

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

May 9

Mt. 4:1-11, Lk 4:1-13
Harry Woodworth
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Bud Coriell
Gary Glispie
Wayne Gamp
Chuck Allison
Matt Cram
Kevin Stimpert
Barry Gamp
Jamie Riley
Aaron Franke

May 16

John 1:29-51, Joel 1-3
Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Jason Coriell
Jeff Hayward
Rick Brown
Mark Risner
Dewey Cordle
Greg Coriell
Jerry Gamp
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Jamie Riley
Tom Kelley
Aaron McCray
Terry Sullivan

Gabe Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Aaron McCray
Troy Gahm

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Josh Coriell
II Kings 6:24-7:20

Bud Coriell
Aaron Kallner
II Kings 6:24,13:25

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Alan Graff	776-7905	Bulletin, Advert., Front sign, Computers
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