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Don't Let your Imperfections Stop You

I've heard it said that the most detrimental thing to our Christian witness is when we as a body do not get along with each other. Jesus himself said,

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35)."

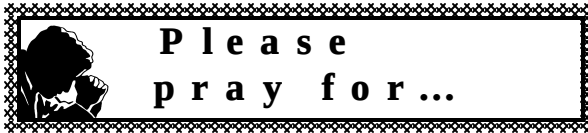
Love is to be a distinguishing mark of a true disciple of Christ. As a matter in fact, when John warning the church about false teachers, love was among the "tests" for the false teacher. In addition to confession of Christ as coming in the flesh, he also goes on to say this,

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love (1 John 4:7-8)."

John also uses love as one of the self-tests to see whether we are walking with God.

"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him (1 John 3:18-19)."

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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.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

Gabriel Gammon (premature newborn grandson of Bill Gammon in North Carolina) remains hospitalized.

Mary Glynn (Marta Brown's mother) is undergoing rehab at SOMC and is making remarkable progress. She may be able to come home this week, many weeks ahead of schedule.

Imogene West (Matt Cram's grandmother in Pikeville, KY) has been released from the hospital but will require in-home care.

Sam Miller is in the Pacific region for two weeks with his Ohio Air National Guard Unit.

Macie Shumway is scheduled for outpatient surgery on her eye in Columbus on Monday.

Danny DeVecka (Rhonda Berry's uncle in New Philadelphia, Ohio) is about to start his third round of chemotherapy for treatment of cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Richard Gampp** who passed away last Sunday morning. The funeral was Wednesday in Sciotoville.

To the family of **Edna McLaughlin** who passed away on Monday. Graveside services were Thursday at Batterson.

Sunday PM Services

This evening we will be studying the John 14 via the Gospel of John video. Afterwards we will have a short period of worship and an invitation.

Added to the Body

This past Tuesday evening **Debbie Raiser** confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized in His name here at the building. Let us all rejoice that another soul is added to the body of Christ and to the assembly that meets here. Lane, her husband, is already a Christian and both intend to worship and work with this congregation. Please add the following information to your directories:

Raiser, Lane and Debbie

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Campers Away

Today about 20 of our adults are at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in Hillsboro getting ready for this week of camp. Several of our own young people will be joining them this afternoon to begin a full week of Christian Youth Camp. Pray that God changes the hearts of many young people this week at camp. We want to see young people obeying the gospel, rededicating their lives and growing spiritually.

Thank You

Sunshine, thank you for all the prayers, for those who visited, brought food, sent flowers and came to calling hours for our mom and mammaw. In Christian love,

The Edna McLaughlin Family

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm, at Ellen Lemon's.

VBS Evaluation Meeting

Today after morning services, everyone who worked in VBS is invited to the fellowship hall for a brief meeting to discuss improvements for next year and a possible theme for next year's VBS. Bring your ideas. We'll write them down so we don't forget.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Jul. 11-16 **Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp**
Jul. 25 **Chris Jones, Midwestern, AM speaker**
Oct. 1-2 **Annual Leaders Retreat**
Oct. 3-5 **Willard Tate Meeting**
Oct. 17 **Sunday PM Home Groups begin**

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
7/4 Mk 2:1-22	7/7 Neh 1-5
7/11 Jn 5:1-47	7/14 Neh 6-12
7/18 Mk 2:23-3:12	7/21 Neh 13 & Malachi
7/25 Mk 3:13-19	7/28 Esther

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

Pots, Pans, Dishes

We have a superabundance of pots, pans, dishes, etc., on the counter in the fellowship hall. Please go by and pick up your things.

Woodsfield Lock-In

Woodsfield Church of Christ is planning a lock-in sometime in the next few weeks, an exact date has not been set as yet. As soon as they let us know the date, we'll announce it here in the bulletin and on the web page. We are planning to get a group together and go, all teens are invited. It'll be an over-nighter. As soon as we know the date, we'll start taking names.

Condolences

Dear brothers and sisters in Sunshine Congregation, Christian greetings from Siliguri Congregation in the most holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Today I received an e-mail from brother Jim bearing the sad news of our brother and elder Harry Woodworth's sudden demise.

So I, on behalf of Siliguri Congregation, express our deep condolence to the grieved family and the congregation as well. We specially remember all the family members of brother Harry in our prayers. May the Lord of peace grant them satisfying peace in this hour of grief.

Our regards to the elders. Yours, in His service,
Naresh Chhetri

Don't Let Your Imperfections...

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Love is not some sidebar, it is the central command of the Christian faith. When we truly love one another as Christ loved us, that gives legitimacy to our testimony.

But what if we have problems with each other? Does that keep us from reaching out to the lost? Can we really reach out to the lost if there are problems in the body? Should that be a reason not to reach out to the lost?

I'm reminded of churches such as the church in Corinth that was riddled with problems. When you consider all the problems they had, it makes your head swim. Thank God problems we have had have not been anything on the level of what was going on in Corinth. Did their problems excuse them from preaching the Gospel to the lost? Of course not. Paul concludes his letter by reminding them of the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15. Then he tells them this,

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor 15:58)."

How encouraging! Paul didn't excuse their problems. Neither did he tell them to get it near perfect before teaching the lost. He told them not to give up because their toil is not in vain.

God causes the increase. Growth comes in spite of us, and because of God (1 Cor 3:1-9). Let's never let our imperfections and shortcomings keep us from doing what God calls us to do. Let's continue to focus on being servants and bearers of good news. When we are idle, problems will start to follow. When we are busy, we grow. Don't get tired or discouraged!

John Telgren
Qohelet Web Ministry
Leavenworth Church of Christ,
Leavenworth KS

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

July 11

John 5:1-47
Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Troy Gahm
Caleb Miller
Aaron McCray
Ira Coriell
Rick Coriell
Ryan Coriell
Aaron Franke
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

July 18

Mark 2:23-3:12
Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Jason Coriell
Jon Coriell
Jamie Riley
John Berry
Tim Coriell
Barry Gampp
Dale Gampp
Harold Gampp
Steve Miller
Terry Sullivan

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Rick Brown
Aaron McCray
Mark Risner

Bud Coriell
Matt Cram
Greg Coriell
Rich Book

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

David Graff
Mark Gampp
Nehemiah 6-12

Wayne Gampp
Aaron Kallner
Neh. 13, Malachi

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Taylor Hoskins	820-4645	Worship, Insurance, Budget
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Terry Sullivan	776-7056	Youth Ministry

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