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One-Sided God...

"I know I can talk my dad into it, but I'm not sure about my mom," were the words that came out of my mouth right before, "Mom can we please get a gerbil?" I'm not sure why they had to come in pairs, probably because our neighbor was trying to get rid of as many as possible. Mom finally agreed based on the premise we get either two male or two female. (Our neighbor assured us she could tell the difference).

Upon the birth of their first litter we discovered that Jeanie and Samantha, were really Jeanie and Sam. I will stop there and not go into any other details of this family tale. As I look back on it now, I wonder why mom ever gave in. She knew that this covenant we entered into would be one-sided. I would eventually end up not fulfilling my part and she would be stuck with feeding and watering the rodents. Still, she went through with it, fulfilling her end and more.

God is the creator of the "covenant." He started with a covenant in the garden with Adam and Eve. *"I will protect you, and you will live forever as long as you stay away from that fruit!"* He also made covenant with Abraham, *"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."* Then God said to Abraham, *"As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come"* (Genesis 17:7&9). Of course, Adam and Eve broke theirs and the Israelites dropped the ball, but God renewed the covenant with a promise of salvation through a new covenant made available in Jesus Christ. This new covenant was foretold through several prophets, including Malachi. *"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty*" (Malachi 3:1.)

In a One-sided way God made a covenant with mankind. Even though He knew we would fall down on our end, He was not willing to give us up. He fulfilled His end and more in the form of an everlasting, ever-cleansing covenant through Jesus Christ.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant (Hebrews 9:15).

We obey, Christ intercedes, God forgives. God's covenant continues.

Wade McKnight

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For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

Paulina Hilt (Darriah Kelly's mother) as she completes a 2nd round of chemotherapy.

Don Lemon has to undergo another round of 8 chemotherapy treatments.

Mary Arnold (member at Lily Chapel) has been diagnosed with a type of brain cancer that is very aggressive. Prayers for her and her family.

Mary Collins had an ultrasound test for a couple of masses found in her neck. Results will be back December 13.

Mary Watson (Linda Lewis's mother) has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. The tumor is not cancerous. Surgery is being considered.

Mary Gleim-Davis (former member here but now in Dayton) is having some difficulty recuperating from her recent heart surgery.

Esther Crisp has been hospitalized with sciatica this week.

Kenny Shumway (Carol Conkel's brother in Indiana) is having a kidney surgery on Monday.

Ruth Miller is scheduled for a laser eye surgery on Thursday at Grant Hospital.

Jim Doss (friend of Judi Allison) had surgery Friday in Columbus for tumors on his kidneys. Outlook is not good for him.

Dick Barnaby (Rhonda Berry's father in Columbus) had surgery to remove cancerous polyps on Friday.

Teen Devo

At Tim Coriell's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Teen Christmas Party

December 21, at Scott and Candi's house. More details later.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight we will continue our video Bible study of John 19.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday		Wednesday
12/12	Lk 16:1-17:10	12/15 Gen 8-10
12/19	Jn 11	12/22 Gen 11:1-9
12/26	Lk 17:11-37	12/29 Gen 11:10-14:24
1/2	Lk 18:1-14	1/5 Gen 15-17
1/9	Mk 10:32-52	1/12 Gen 18
1/16	Lk 19:1-28	1/19 Gen 19

Caroling for Teens

Saturday, December 18, at 6 pm the teen group will meet at the building to go caroling. Last stop for caroling will be the Homeless Shelter and then the group will be meeting at the new Campus Ministry building at 4th and Gay for some refreshment and fellowship. Also, Teens, don't forget to help us out on Thursday, December 16, at 7 pm at Elbrooke. We'll be singing carols there, too.

Elbrooke Services This Week

We have one more week of service to do at Elbrooke. On Thursday, December 16, 7 pm, we will be singing carols and hymns for the residents for about 45 minutes. On Sunday, December 19, 2 pm, we will be conducting worship services for the residents. Please help us out with your presence on both of these dates.

Joy of Giving Update

We are within \$400.00 of covering the cost of gifts for all 40 of the Minford district students selected for the Joy of Giving Program. The remaining information cards will be laid out this morning on the table in the foyer. You can pick up a card and do the shopping and wrapping yourself or you can simply make a donation to the program. Checks made out to Sunshine. Absolute deadline to contribute money or wrapped gifts is Sunday, December 19. See Rhonda Berry for details.

Library News

Most of the books, CD's and videos facing out on the shelves today are new. (My favorite is **When Daddy Prays** by Nikki Grimes.) Also we've had a windfall donation of dozens of inspirational fiction books for adults (mostly romance). Thanks to Katie Graff for working so hard getting all these new items pocketed and ready.

—Serena.

Note of Thanks from the Congregation

Thank you, Rhonda Berry, for allowing the Lord to work through you, for being the "oil" that makes Joy of Giving and Coats for Kids work so well every year, for the many hours of legwork, phone calls, shopping, driving, etc., that you cheerfully give, for bringing glory to our Father's name in this community. Your brothers and sisters at Sunshine.

Communion to Shut-In's

For the past 2 years Christian men at Sunshine have been carrying communion to Elbrooke Pavilion on Sunday afternoon to our members who are residents there

Currently there are 4 or 5 who receive communion each week. We need Christian men (of any age) who would be willing to take a month on a rotating basis with other men and take communion. Currently there are three men who are in the rotation. Communion is served somewhere between 3 and 4:30 pm. If you are willing to help, see Steve Miller, Rich Book or Taylor Hoskins. Be ready to start in January.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

The bishops of the church will be meeting this Thursday evening to pray for the individuals and families in this congregation. If you have a special request that you want included in the prayer, please pass it on to the elders before Thursday. All prayer requests are held in confidence unless you direct otherwise.

50th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, December 18, from 2-4 pm, there will be a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for **Russ and Sarah Gilliland** here in our fellowship hall. All of us are invited to attend. Russ and Sarah do not know about this celebration and we want to keep it that way until 2 pm, December 18. Please help us keep this a "secret."

Adoption Completed

On Monday, December 20, **Nicky Rule** will become **Nicky Copas** as final orders will be entered by the Court that will make Nicky the legal son of Eric Copas. Everyone is excited and happy about the change. There will be a party in the next few weeks celebrating the event. Watch for the announcement.

Volunteering to Work

Teen looking for volunteer work opportunities. Willing to assist with yard work, wood collecting/stacking/cutting, cleaning, or just about anything you need help with. Has truck able to use for hauling, transporting, etc. Call Zach Stimpert.

Emergency Prayer Team Deadline

Our old list of Emergency Prayer Team members is out of date. We are posting a list on the bulletin board for those who want to be a part of this team. Please sign your name if you are willing to pray for people on an emergency basis, give your home phone and work phone (if it's permissible to call you there) and indicate if you are willing to make at least 3 or 4 phone calls to activate a part of the prayer team. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, December 19.

Kendra's Mission Trip

Kendra Cram made it safely to Belize on Monday. We are looking for her to get back late Sunday night. The preliminary report is that everything has gone well. Continue your prayers for her and the students and people she has been working with.

Flu Shots Available December 19!?

Kristi Cordle informed us that there is strong possibility that 100-150 flu shots will be available to us for Sunday, December 19. We will have the final word hopefully by Wednesday, December 15. They will be available to those who qualify. If you are 65 years or over **or** if you have a chronic health condition like diabetes or asthma, you are eligible to receive the shot. Cost of the shot is \$15.00/dose or if you have Medicare, bring your card and billing information. The shots will be given before Bible study and after morning services. Flu shots will also be available for the homebound by arrangement. Non-members of the Sunshine congregation who qualify are welcome to attend on December 19 and receive their shot. The shots will be available only on December 19. Whatever doses we do not use will be returned to the Health Department. Our congregation was selected for these shots because we participate in the Parish Nurse Program run through SOMC. Thank you, Health Ministry Team, and praise the Lord!

Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u> Bible Class Text Welcome & Prayer Song Director Scripture Reading Prayer Lord's Supper - Wine Bread Assist Assist Assist Assist Message Closing Prayer	<u>December 12</u> Lk 16:1-17:10 Wayne Gamp Ralph Gamp Gary Glispie Jamie Riley Mark Risner Dewey Cordle Lane Raiser Jerry Gamp Jim Jacobs, Sr. Jack Jennings Steve Miller Mike Coriell	<u>December 19</u> John 11 Tom Kelley Taylor Hoskins Greg Coriell Don Coriell Bud Coriell Terry Sullivan Ed McLaughlin John Gamp Ike Hardin Barry Hayward Steve Miller Jamie Riley
<u>Sunday Evening</u> Song Director Opening Prayer Lord's Supper Closing Prayer	Jeff Hayward Josh Coriell Matt Hoskins Matt Cram	Gabe Coriell Jon Coriell Jacob Miller Aaron Kallner
<u>Wednesday Evening</u> Song Director Prayer Bible Class Text	Aaron McCray Mike Gamp Gen 8-10	Mark Gamp Rich Book Gen 11:1-9

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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