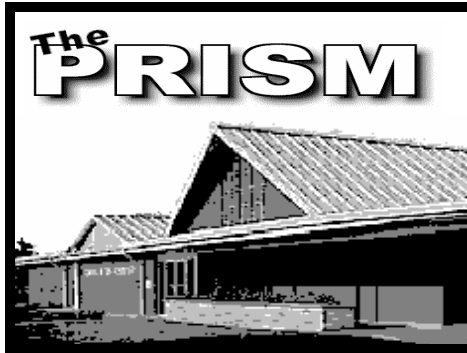




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# U p s i d e - d o w n D e c e m b e r

It happens about the same time every year. Almost everyone goes through a transformation. This sort of transformation seems to take place everywhere. Those who normally have a sour disposition all year long turn sweet for a time. People seem to be more helpful and courteous in spite of the hectic crowds and lines and the shopping centers.

An angel of the Lord said, ***“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and you shall call his name, Immanuel-el.’ which translated means, ‘God with us (Matt 1:23).”***

This child grew and turned the world upside-down. In His kingdom, the least became the greatest, and the greatest became the least. The nobody became somebody, and vice-versa.

So around the holidays, the world is turned upside-down. People give to the poor, sing with those they have nothing in common with, stop to consider the things in life that are more important, spend quality time with loved ones, and pray. Sadly, December turns to January, the world turns right-side-up again.

But that doesn't characterize us. The world does a flip-flop in January because it doesn't understand the life change that this child called for when he grew up and came back from the grave as Lord.

Our Lord didn't just turn the month of December upside-down, he turned our lives upside-down, which is really right-side-up. So when January comes, we appear to be upside-down, when in reality we are right-side-up.

This is not a holiday change for us, but a life change. This means we are always kind, always concerned for the poor, always loving, always joyful, whether the world is or not.

**John Telgren**

Qohelet Web Ministry

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## Prayer Concerns

**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.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process**

**Paulina Hilt** (Darriah Kelly's mother) as she is battling cancer.

**Don Lemon** has completed his chemotherapy but will have to wait for a cat scan in January before he will know if any more treatments are required.

**Kenny Shumway** (Carol Conkel's brother in Indiana) had laparoscopic kidney surgery a few weeks ago, but a major surgery will be required to deal with the situation.

**Ben Shumway** (Carol Conkel's brother) is also having problems with his kidneys.

**Curt Conkel** (Eldon Conkel's brother) is scheduled for surgery at King's Daughter's on December 28.

**Bill Gammon** had an MRI on Wednesday to determine the pain problem with his back. Results are still pending.

**Kayla McGraw** (granddaughter to Hayes and Eloise Hayward) had surgery at Children's Hospital in Columbus last Friday to remove her spleen. This was done to resolve a long-standing problem she has had with her blood platelets. Recent tests show that her blood platelets are back in normal range.

**Jim Doss** (friend of Judi Allison) had tumors removed from his kidneys a few weeks ago and now his kidneys have shut down altogether.

## Scheduled Bible Study Texts

| Sunday |                | Wednesday |                 |
|--------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 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          |
| 1/23   | Jn 11:55-12:19 | 1/26      | Gen 20-23       |
|        | Mt 21:1-17     |           |                 |
|        | Mk 11:1-33     |           |                 |
|        | Lk 19:28-48    |           |                 |
| 1/30   | Mt 21:28-22    | 2/2       | Gen 24          |
|        | Mt 25:1-46     |           |                 |
| 2/6    | Mt 22:15-23:37 | 2/9       | Gen 25-26       |
| 2/13   | Mk 12:41-44    | 2/16      | Gen 27          |
|        | Jn 12:21-50    |           |                 |
| 2/20   | Mt 24:1-51     | 2/23      | Gen 28          |
| 2/27   | Mt 26:17-30    |           |                 |
|        | Mk 14:12-26    |           |                 |
|        | Lk 22:1-38     |           |                 |
|        | Jn 13-17       |           |                 |

## Men's GYAT Class

The men's monthly "Get Your Act Together" class meets next Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. Read Chapter 24 of "The Man in The Mirror" and do the questions at the end of the chapter. Jason Coriell will be leading the class starting in February, no info yet on what the topic will be.

## Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., location to be announced...

## 66 Club Members

Congratulations to **Kathleen Kuhn** and **Tayte Pridemore** on learning the 66 Books of the Bible.

## One Table Missing

We have 1 of the white top, long tables missing from our fellowship hall. If you know the whereabouts of this table, would you check in with Steve.



## **Sunday PM Services**

This evening Steve will be teaching a class based on some recent findings by the Barna Research Group. George Barna is the foremost religious pollster in the nation and tracks many important aspects of Christianity and the church in contemporary America. A copy of Barna's Annual Review which includes "Ten Encouraging Outcomes," "Ten Surprising Findings," "Ten Disappointing Realities," and "Ten Challenging Conditions" will be distributed to everyone for the class. This should be an interesting class. Don't miss it.



## **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**

We have completed our update of the Emergency Prayer Team. If you are a participant, see Steve Miller this morning to get your updated version. Thank you to those who are willing to participate in this vital ministry.

## **WWW.SUNSHINE-CHURCH.ORG**

There has been a drop in the number of folks visiting our website over the last couple of months, so I'd like to remind our members to check into the message area occasionally and say "Hi!" if nothing else. BTW, there are several pictures of the caroling at Elbrooke in the photo album courtesy of Stephanie Copas. If you've forgotten your user name or password, drop an e-mail to Alan and he will refresh your memory.

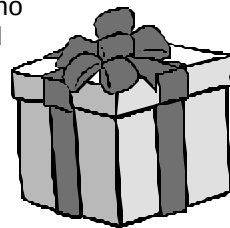
## **Adoption Celebration**

On Monday, December 20, **Nicky Rule** become **Nicky Copas** as final orders were entered by the Court that made Ncky the legal son of Eric Copas. On Sunday, January 2, after evening services, all are invited to come to the fellowship hall for a celebration of this event with cake, punch, coffee, etc.

## **Joy of Giving Report**

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, money, and energy to our Joy of Giving Program this year. There were 3 phases this year. Phase 1 began with "Coats for Kids". 20 children in the Minford School District received new coats, hats and gloves. Phase 2 was purchasing Christmas gifts for 44 children. We received over \$2500.00 in donations with which we provided blankets, shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, pants, Barbie dolls, sports items, and much more. Over 75 items were purchased and gift wrapped by Sunshine members. Phase 3 was a project by our teens who refurbished 2 bedrooms for 5 children. They painted, knocked out walls, assembled bunk beds, laid new flooring, cleared the yard, cleaned the kitchen and bathroom, did laundry, decorated the home and even walked the dog. Several Sunshine members specifically donated funds for this project. According to their grandmother, the children were absolutely ecstatic about their new rooms and beds.

Over the past 6 years Sunshine has provided a joyous Christmas to numerous children with needs caused by many different circumstances and situations. These children are very thankful for Sunshine's generosity and love that provides joy in celebration of Christ's birthday.



# 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

### December 26

Lk 17:11-37  
Don Coriell  
Scott Gampp  
Jerry Gampp  
Matt Cram  
Mike Gampp  
Mike Coriell  
Chuck Allison  
Aaron Franke  
Steve Williams  
Matt Hoskins  
Jamie Riley  
Steve Miller

### January 2

Lk 18:1-14  
Jon Coriell  
Shaun McCray  
Al Graff  
Jason Coriell  
Jamie Riley  
Terry Sullivan  
Kevin Stimpert  
Ryan Coriell  
Troy Gahm  
Jacob Miller  
Steve Miller  
John Berry

### Sunday Evening

Song Director  
Opening Prayer  
Lord's Supper  
Closing Prayer

Zach Coriell  
Gary Glispie  
Josh Coriell  
Mark Risner

Bud Coriell  
Greg Coriell  
Tim Coriell  
Rich Book

### Wednesday Evening

Song Director  
Prayer  
Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray  
Mark Risner  
Gen 11:10 - 14:24

Gabe Coriell  
Aaron Kallner  
Gen 15-17

### Elders

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|                |          |                                          |
|----------------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| Rich Book      | 820-3213 | Education, Elbrooke Services, Library    |
| Bud Coriell    | 776-3452 | Building Remodeling                      |
| Mike Coriell   | 820-3415 | Local Benevolence                        |
| Jason Coriell  | 820-4739 | Treasurer, Office Supplies               |
| Scott Gampp    | 820-3545 | Worship, Special Events                  |
| Gary Glispie   | 776-4279 | Church Directory, Program of Work        |
| Alan Graff     | 776-7905 | Bulletin, Advert., Front sign, Computers |
| Dick Havens    | 456-5009 | Building Maint., Supplies                |
| Taylor Hoskins | 820-4645 | Worship, Insurance, Budget               |
| Shaun McCray   | 776-7738 | Treasurer, Office Supplies               |
| Homer Miller   | 776-7550 | Funerals, Hosp. Visit., Attendance       |
| Eugene Risner  | 820-2256 | Fire, Health, Seniors, Joy of Giving     |
| Willis Shumway | 820-2833 | Bldg. Use & Security, Baptistery         |
| Terry Sullivan | 776-7056 | Youth Ministry                           |

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