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The Lord will See. Do you See?

When Abraham offers up Isaac as a sacrifice in Genesis 22, he calls that place Yahweh Yireh, "The LORD will provide." Out of the over 1200 times the word, "yireh" is used, English Bibles translate it "provide" only three times, once in Gen 22:8, and twice in Gen 22:14. In nearly every other occurrence, it is rendered, "see" or "saw" or "look." With that in mind, you can render this verse as,

"And Abraham called the name of that place, 'Yahweh will see.' Just as it is said to this day, 'In the mountain of Yahweh it will be seen.' (Gen 22:14)"

"The Lord provides" seems more preferable than "The Lord sees." However, that is not precisely what the word means. So how would those going to the mountain of the Lord find comfort in the fact that God "sees?" God seeing is more than just seeing. The idea of God "seeing" is rich with meaning. Here are a few examples.

"...And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of {their} bondage rose up to God. ... God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice. ... The LORD said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, ... So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, ...' (Exo 2:23 - 3:8)."

God "saw" Israel in their bondage, and moves to deliver them. That's why Israel sang comforting songs about God "seeing" them.

"The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth,...Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness, To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine (Ps 33:13-19)."

Mary echoes the same sentiment when she receives the announcement that she will bear the son of God. Here, the Greek word, "epiblepo" is often rendered "he has had regard for." However, it literally means "to see," or to "look upon."

"And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has looked upon state of His bondsman; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed (Lk 1:47-48)."

So God is not just a disinterested watcher. When God sees, he acts. He provides. His most wondrous provision was salvation at the cross, when he himself provided his own son for our atonement.

According to the saying in Gen 22:14, when we come to the Lord, it will be seen. In other words, God notices. Since God has noticed, he wants us to notice as well. That is why Jesus told his disciples, ***"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest (John 4:35b)."***

Jesus is calling us to notice. We live among people who need desperately to come to know God. Do you notice? Your neighbor needs to experience the love and grace of God in his life? Do you notice? Your co-worker is having a bad day. Do you notice? Someone in the body is struggling. Do you notice?

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For the millions affected by the tsunami

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

Don Lemon's last round of chemotherapy has yielded a mixed result. He has a PET scan this week to see if further chemotherapy is indicated.

Dick Havens still has not received a diagnosis. More tests scheduled for this week.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) is in Grant Hospital in Columbus. She should be coming home today or tomorrow.

Pat Mitchell (aunt to Rich Book) had emergency surgery for suspected colon cancer this week.

Dick Barnaby (Rhonda Berry's father) has surgery Tuesday in Columbus to remove precancerous polyps. Prayers for her father and Rhonda requested.

Michael Caudill (Eric Copas' brother-in-law) had a biopsy that resulted in removal of a lymph node.

Ben Shumway (Carol Conkel's brother) has kidney stone surgery Monday.

Michelle Turner (Leslie Allison's sister) an unspoken request for her.

Jim Doss (Judi Allison's friend) is home now but has experienced complete shut down of his kidneys for reasons unknown to the doctors. He is on dialysis.

Jeff Hayward is being tested for carpal tunnel problems.

Praise Report: Kayla McGraw's tests this week showed her blood platelets back up to normal.

Barry Gampp and Aaron Montgomery (Autumn Risner's brother) both are ODOT employees who were injured by a car while working along S.R. 104 this week.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday		Wednesday	
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		

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

1/16	Elders and Deacons Meeting
1/16	Skit Practice @ 5:00
1/16	Movie Night at Campus Ministry
1/18	Teen Devo @ Stimpert's
1/20	Shepherd's Prayer Session
1/23	Open House for Campus Ministry
2/5	Father-Daughter Valentine Gala
2/18-20	Winterfest in Gatlinburg
2/29	Youth Worker Appreciation Dinner
2/20-3/20	Sunday PM Home Groups
4/22-24	Youth Rally at Fort Hill Camp

Sunday Home Groups Coming

February 20, 2005 we will begin our next round of Sunday PM Home Groups. We'll be using video material by Willard Tate—How to Get What You Want and Want What You Get. Tate's ten to fifteen minute presentations will serve as the discussion starter for the sessions. Be thinking now about who you could invite to come with you to these groups. **Right now, we need 9 homes to host the nine groups that will meet away from the building. If you are willing and able to do this, sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer. Home Groups will run from 2/20/05 to 3/20/05—five sessions in all.**

Teen Devo

At Zach and Colin Stimpert's house, 6:30 pm, Tuesday.

Skit Practice

Lord's Army will have a practice today at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday PM Services

We will continue with our video Bible Study of John 20 this evening.

2005 Budget

On the table in the foyer are copies of the proposed 2005 budget for the church. You are invited to get your own copy and if you have comments or questions, talk with one of the elders.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

Thursday, January 20, 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation will be getting together for a special prayer session for the church. Do you have special requests that you would like included in that prayer? See one of the elders right away.

Meeting of Deacons and Elders

The elders would like to meet with all of the deacons this afternoon at 5 pm.

Youth Worker Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner for everyone that helped with youth activities in 2004 is scheduled for February 29th at 6 p.m. If you did ANYTHING to help with youth activities, you are welcome to attend. This means driving, hosting a devo, clean-up, cooking, or even providing cookies. Please come so the kids can say "Thank You!"

Youth Rally at Fort Hill

Plans are already underway for this year's youth rally at Fort Hill in April. Mark April 22-24 on your calendar and consider helping us with this popular event! This year's theme will be "Back To The 60's"

Campus Ministry Open House

Sunday, January 23, from 2-5 pm, the church and anyone who is interested are invited to come to the new campus ministry facility at 4th and Gay in Portsmouth for an Open House. If you know a student currently attending Shawnee State University who is not active in Innermission, take one of the flyers from the table in the foyer and invite them to come with you to see the new facility and to become familiar with Innermission.

Teen Movie Night Tonight

After evening services all teens are invited to the Campus Ministry building at 4th and Gay for a Movie Night. (Remember, no school Monday.) Things should be winding up by midnight. See Terry or Debbie for details.

Father-Daughter Gala

The Father-Daughter Valentine Gala is set for Saturday, February 5, 2005, at the Minford High School gymnasium with the Grand March set to begin at 7 pm. Willer Wood (Willard Tate) will be our guest entertainment. In addition to volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, serving, decorating, etc., we need people to be in the bleachers to clap and cheer for each Father-Daughter couple during the Grand March. More information to come.

In the News

Dr. Aaron Kallner will be joining the practice of Dr. Clyde Fenton in Portsmouth on a part-time basis. For the time being he will continue to work at the Optometry Center for Wal-Mart in Jackson. Congratulations, Aaron, on the positive changes in your career.

Eugene Risner has been elected as a new board member for the County Agricultural Committee for Scioto County. Congratulations, Eugene, for receiving this honor and position of responsibility.

Impact Signup

There are signup sheets for Impact Jr. and Sr. in the foyer. Anyone that plans to go to either session needs to sign up, even if you already told Terry you plan to go.

Farewell and Godspeed

To Eric McLaughlin. He moved this week to Vermont to start his new job with Linden State College..



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

January 16

Lk 19:1-28
Wayne Gamp
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Jason Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Jamie Riley
Kevin Stimpert
Ira Coriell
Dale Gamp
Ryan Coriell
Jon Coriell
Greg Coriell

January 23

(See inside bulletin)
Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Steve Williams
Mike Gamp
Mike Coriell
Matt Cram
Ike Hardin
John Gamp
Ed McLaughlin
Chuck Allison
Jamie Riley
Mark Risner

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Bud Coriell
Wayne Gamp
Josh Coriell
John Berry

Zach Coriell
Gary Glispie
David Graff
Dewey Cordle

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

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Genesis 19

Mark Gamp
Josh Coriell
Genesis 20-23

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Gary Glispie	776-4279	Church Directory, Program of Work
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Dick Havens	456-5009	Building Maint., Supplies
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Terry Sullivan	776-7056	Youth Ministry

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