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What Is Your Heart's Desire?

In Parker and Hart's "The Wizard of Id" comic strip, one monk is putting up a sign on the bulletin board in front of the church while another monk watches. The sign reads "Thou Shalt Not Covet" and the visiting monk says, "Boy, I wish we had a signboard like that at our church."

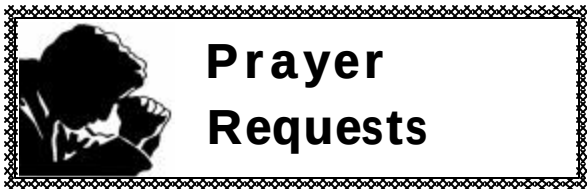
What do you want more than anything? If you found Aladdin's lamp what would you wish for? Money? Fame? Health? If you were one of the finalists in a beauty pageant would your answer be the proverbial "I want world peace" in the interview? What do you daydream about? What is your true heart's desire?

In Romans 10:1 Paul tells us his concerning the Jewish people, "Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation." It was the salvation and spiritual welfare of others that consumed and drove Paul (1 Corinthians 9:22; 2 Corinthians 11:28,29). As we say, he lived, breathed, ate and slept winning souls to Jesus. His motive was not because he wanted to build bigger numbers to justify building bigger buildings. Not because he wanted to put notches in his Bible. Not so he could be invited to speak at the lectureships and seminars to share his methods of evangelism from his latest best seller. Paul's heart-felt desire issued from what he knew to be true. Paul knew that there is one God to whom all are accountable (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14). Paul knew that only through Jesus Christ might one come to that God (John 14:6). Paul knew that "a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge" could not save (Romans 10:2,3). Paul knew that the gospel was the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16) and that only those who trust and obey would be saved (Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8). Paul summed up his motive in these words, "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf" (2 Corinthians 5:14,15).

If you are not a Christian, may you not only fulfill Paul's desire, but God's desire for you (1 Timothy 2:4). May those of us who are Christians have as our heart's desire for the lost to be saved and to submit ourselves to God using us toward that end.

Brad Fry

North Oak Church of Christ
Mineral Wells, Tx



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 and the health of **Zoe Mei**

Don Lemon going through radiation therapy. The first two weeks are the toughest.

Paulina Hilt (Darriah Kelly's mother) is suffering with advanced cancer.

Arlene Knore recuperating at home now.

David Smith (12 year old with rare form of liver cancer in the Dayton Children's Medical Center). The parents request prayer for healing. On Tuesday he took a turn for the worse. Please pray for this little boy and his parents. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

David Clymer (local farmer known to several in the congregation) had to have a leg amputated in Cincinnati last week. Prayers for recovery and a good fit with the prosthesis.

Rita Neal (Clyde Ball's second cousin) had surgery Friday morning.

Alma Coriell came home Thursday after a week's stay in the hospital.

Josh Goheen (10 year-old cousin of Kristi Cordle in Alabama) is being tested for diabetes.

Bryce Conkel (Eldon and Carol's 6 year old grandson in Atlanta) will have surgery Monday morning to remove a cyst from above and behind his eye.

Emily Dempsey (one of the students involved in our campus ministry) has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Chet Rase (June Book's father) had a pacemaker installed this week at Riverside.

Richard Book (Rich's father) had to be taken to the ER to have his heart checked this week.

Jerry Book (Rich Book's cousin) had 6 way bypass surgery at St. Mary's in Huntington this week.

Earl Gampp took a fall last Sunday and has compression fractures. He is expected to be at SOMC for about 2 weeks.

Praise Reports

Owen Minor (newborn son to Holly & David Minor in Columbia, SC—Holly is Shaun and Aaron McCray's sister) is out of NICU and home doing well.

Alex Cram had tests in Columbus on Tuesday. He was able to cooperate with the doctors in a marvelous way and had several encouraging results from the testing.

Nathan Mullins (Steve Williams nephew) has made it back safely from Iraq after a one-year deployment

Bible Study Text

Sunday

2/13 Mk 12:41-44
Jn 12:21-50
2/20 Mt 24:1-51
2/27 Mt 26:17-30
Mk 14:12-26
Lk 22:1-38
Jn 13-17

Wednesday

2/16 Gen 27
2/23 Gen 28

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 2/13 Scout Sunday
- 2/17 Shepherds Prayer Session
- 2/18-20 Winterfest in Gatlinburg
- 2/20-3/20 Sunday PM Home Groups
- 2/21 Health Ministry Meeting
- 2/25 Youth Worker Appreciation Dinner
- 4/22-24 Youth Rally at Fort Hill Camp
- 6/17-20 Impact at DLU

Teen Devo

At Terry and Debbie's house, 6:30 pm, Tuesday.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight we will be doing Lesson One of Willard Tate's video series How to Get What You Want and Want What You Get. We're doing this as a preview to promote our home groups that start next Sunday evening using Lessons 2-6 of this video series.

Welcome, Scouts!

Today we are taking just a few minutes at the beginning of our service to welcome and acknowledge those who are in the scout troops meeting here: scouts, parents, leaders, etc. Thank you,

Impact Deadline Today

The absolute last day to sign up for Junior or Senior Impact is Sunday, February 13. Junior Impact is June 17-20 and Senior Impact is June 20-25. See Terry Sullivan for details and costs.

Health Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, February 21, 6 pm, the Health Ministry Team will be having a meeting here at the building. See Aaron Kallner for details.

In The News

Lane Raiser's painting will be one of several kinds of art featured in the Kricker Gallery at Southern Ohio Museum from February 12-April 16. Be sure to make your way to the museum to see his work. Hours are Tues-Friday, 10-5 and Saturday from 1-5.

Note: Our apologies to **Nick Gampp**, whose work was displayed last fall at Shawnee State. We missed the announcement and failed to encourage you to see the show. Nick sold all of his artwork in the show—something that rarely happens in this part of the country. Congratulations to both of our artists on excelling in their field.

Larger Shirt Sizes Now Available

3X and 4X sized sweatshirts are now available for anyone interested in the sweatshirt fundraiser. This is to help Tim and Jennifer Gampp with the adoption of their baby from China. Samples of the four shirt designs can be seen on the display table in the foyer.



Home Groups Start Next Sunday

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 whom you could invite to come with you to these groups.** Home groups will run from 2/20 through 3/20—five Sunday evenings in all.

• Sign-Ups Today

Today, we have pads laid out on the table in the foyer for you to sign up for your home group. **Also, please note the invitation cards that have been prepared to invite non-Sunshine people into the groups. Take all you need.**

• Co-Leaders Needed

Men, if you are willing to help lead one of our home groups, sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Youth Worker Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner for everyone that helped with youth activities in 2004 is scheduled for Friday, February 25, at 6 pm here at the building. If you did ANYTHING to help with youth activities, you are invited. Anything means driving, hosting a devo, clean up, cooking, providing cookies, etc. Please come so the kids can say "Thank You."

Tsunami Aid Opportunity

We have received detailed information in the last week or so about various ways that we can help rebuild the homes and communities destroyed by the tsunami disaster through existing missionary works in the affected parts of the world. As soon as the elders have decided which way to go, we will be getting back to you. Get ready to help and keep praying.

Shepherd's Prayer

Thursday evening, the shepherds of the congregation are meeting at 7:30 pm for a special prayer session. If you have a special request to be included in this prayer, please give it to one of our elders before Thursday. These requests are held in confidence—they will not be put in the bulletin unless you specifically say to do so.

Thank You

A thank you note has been received from the Crams; it will be read today and posted on the bulletin board.

SPIRIT CLUB---A NEW BIBLE CHALLENGE!!

Mission: To increase the academic Bible knowledge of the Sunshine kids through contest, reward, and praise!!

As in the past, in order to join the 66 Club, any student at Sunshine can recite the 66 Books of the Bible to his/her class teacher, an elder, deacon or minister. Bibles will be presented at Sunday morning services with bulletin recognition to those students. Pictures will continue to be added to the Tree of Life in the annex.

In addition to the 66 Club, there will now be the opportunity to become a “member” of the Spirit Club. In order to become a “member” the student will be responsible for learning the following “assignments”.

Goals:

- Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 12 Disciples
- 10 Commandments
- 12 Tribes of Israel
- Plagues of Egypt
- Beatitudes
- TBA by Elders

After a student has completed an assignment, he/she will receive a Spirit Club ribbon and a pin. For every goal reached thereafter, he/she will receive a corresponding pin to place on the ribbon. A chart will be placed on a bulletin board in the annex recognizing the students’ names and the goals met.

Sunday morning and/or bulletin recognition will be awarded for each accomplishment. In addition, there will be a semi-annual “66 Club/Spirit Club Party”.

Any member of the 66 Club or the Spirit Club can attend the “Club Party” with his/her parents. There will be various prizes awarded at the party. Five tickets will be awarded to any student who completes a new memorization project. In addition, students can recite their previous memorization projects to their teachers for 1 ticket. Example: ‘Mikey’ said his books of the Bible last year, but recites them again now (1 ticket). He also masters the Fruits (5 tickets) and the Disciples (5 tickets).

The party location and theme will vary. The parents/church members may be asked to provide prizes (on a volunteer basis) such as balls, games, CD’s, gift certificates, T-shirts, etc.

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>February 13</u> Mk 12:41-44, Jn 12:21-50 Tom Kelley Taylor Hoskins Al Graff Jamie Riley Terry Sullivan Shaun McCray Ira Coriell Kevin Stimpert David Graff Troy Gahm Steve Miller Josh Coriell	<u>February 20</u> Mt. 24:1-51 Don Coriell Scott Gamp Tim Coriell Aaron Kallner Jason Coriell Mark Gamp Ed McLaughlin Ike Hardin Chuck Allison John Gamp Steve Miller Tom Kelley
<u>Sunday Evening</u> Song Director Opening Prayer Lord's Supper Closing Prayer	Mark Gamp Wayne Gamp Matt Hoskins Aaron Franke	Aaron McCray Tom Kelley Josh Coriell John Berry
<u>Wednesday Evening</u> Song Director Prayer Bible Class Text	Zach Coriell Tim Gamp Gen 27	Jeff Hayward Greg Coriell Genesis 28

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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