

# The PRISM



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## Everyone Has Bad Days

Sometimes we Christians give the impression that every day is a good day. That would, in fact, be a wrong impression. It is one that I want to talk about in this article, how everyone has a bad day; more importantly, I want to discuss what we do about that.

Certainly, it is important to reminisce, about the good and the bad. Our human nature might be to only remember the good things. But I am reminded, you can't go home again.

I think the day's problems -- i.e., war and tsunamis, death -- we hear so much to prompt us to meditate on what we can do for the better, and to excel in things that we might have failed in before. That, indeed, might be the good that comes out of it all.

Whether we want to announce it or not (most don't), we all have had some bad days. And, I maintain that most churches, as we understand churches, have had some bad days, too. But we keep in mind that Christ's church, the way He designed it, never has a bad day. The only problem is that He has humans at the helm on earth. The wonder of that is that He has promised never to forsake us, that He is always in our midst, as we seek to do His will.

We are sinful-like creatures. We don't always measure up to Christ's expectations. But isn't it wonderful that we have Christ to take care of our needs that we cannot fulfill?

Even after having a few bad days, King David was said to be a man after God's own heart. That man with God's heart sinned and did so terribly, taking his army commander's wife in adultery and causing the commander's death so that he would not find out. How would a man with that kind of record be considered to be a man after God's own heart? If we know the answer, we might learn something for our benefit.

We are a lot like David. Even those of us who call ourselves Christians have bad days, when we forget where it is that we are supposed to be. Sometimes, we come to church, so to speak, all dressed up, leaving our dirty clothes home, and many times we go back and put them on again. That is the way it is. Like David, we need to have our dirty clothes washed.

David's response to his bad day is found in Psalms 51. David did the right thing (as we should) in crying to the Lord, "Have mercy on me, O God. Blot out my transgression," he pleaded. "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." Then he prayed, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

That's the lesson for us with regard to our bad days. While we all have them, we must recognize the bad days, get on our knees and ask forgiveness, and ask for a renewal of God's spirit within us.

When we mess up, we go back and fix it.

**Chuck Owen**

Northside Church of Christ  
Laredo, Texas



## Prayer Requests

**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 Gampp** in the adoption process and for the health of **Zoe Mei.**

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

**Paulina Hilt's** (Darriah Kelly's mother) advanced cancer condition is worsening. She has been moved to Heartland Nursing Home in Jackson. .

**Alma Coriell** has been back to the ER this week a couple times due to a racing heartbeat.

**Bryce Conkel** (Eldon and Carol's 6 year old grandson in Atlanta) had surgery Monday morning to remove a cyst from above and behind his eye. No news yet.

**Earl Gampp** is still in rehab at SOMC.

**Mondel Clarke** (friend of Eric Copas's mother) is suffering from terminal cancer with only a few months to live.

**Anthony Mogan** (coworker of Jon Coriell) requests prayer for his grandparent's health and his own spiritual condition.

## Bible Study Text

### Sunday

2/20 Mt 24:1-51  
2/27 Mt 26:17-30  
Mk 14:12-26  
Lk 22:1-38  
Jn 13-17  
3/6 Mk 14:32-52  
3/13 Mt 26:57-75  
3/20 Mt 27:3-10  
Lk 23:1-25  
3/27 Mt 27:32-66  
Jn 19:23-24

### Wednesday

2/23 Gen 28  
3/2 Gen 29  
  
3/9 Gen 30-31  
3/16 Gen 32-36  
3/23 Gen 37:1-11  
  
3/30 Gen 37:12-36

## Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 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
- 6/17-25 Impact at DLU

## Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Joey Bias**. Joey was a student at MHS who passed away this week.

## Directory Update

**Mary, Lee and Nathan Collins** moved about two weeks ago to an apartment in Wheelersburg. Here is their new address. Please update your directory. Phone number in a few weeks. xxx xxxxx xxxxxx, xxx xx; Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694.

## Teen Devo

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

## Sunday Home Groups Begin

Tonight we 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. **Invite someone "in the box" to come with you to these groups.** Home groups will run from 2/20 through 3/20—five Sunday evenings in all.

- Sign-Ups

Pads laid out on the table in the foyer for you to sign up for your home group. **Please notice invitation cards have been prepared to invite non-Sunshine people to the groups. Take all you need.**

- Group Leaders and Hosts

The materials you will need for your Home Group are on the table in the foyer. **Hosts**, be sure to pick up the **information sheet** with your name on it and **the communion bread**. **Co-Leaders**, be sure to pick up your **information sheet** with your name, the **videotape** with your name and **the book** with your name. We start this evening with Lesson Two: **Be Willing to Pay the Price**.

## 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."

## 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.

## Winterfest Group Away

Our number is down this morning because a group of about 60 from our congregation, campus ministry and the teen group are in Gatlinburg, TN for Winterfest. They are scheduled to be back here at the building this evening around 6 pm.

## Fundraiser Sweatshirts

If you requested a sweatshirt, check under the table in the foyer to see if yours is finished. Adult sizes up to 4x are now available.

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## **P e r f e c t   D r e a m**

One night as I lay sleeping  
I had the perfect dream  
I was in Heaven  
The most beautiful place I've seen.  
I looked into the face  
Of Jesus Christ the Son.  
Jesus said "I'm proud of you,  
And all the work you've done.  
So come and join me,  
I've prepared a place for you.  
Come up here and join me  
My Father's waiting on you."  
Suddenly I woke up,  
Tears of joy streaming down my face.  
Thinking I had made it  
To God's kingdom of grace.  
The feeling so great  
I forced myself back to sleep  
So I could hear Jesus voice,  
His words I'll always keep.  
"Son, I'm proud of you,  
And all the work you've done.  
Come up here and join us,  
Father's chosen you as his son."

— Jeff Hayward

# T h o s e   W h o   S e r v e

|                              |                           |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Sunday Morning</u></b> | <b><u>February 20</u></b> | <b><u>February 27</u></b> |
| Bible Class Text             | Mt. 24:1-51               | (See inside bulletin)     |
| Welcome & Prayer             | Don Coriell               | Jon Coriell               |
| Song Director                | Scott Gamp                | Shaun McCray              |
| Scripture Reading            | Tim Coriell               | Steve Williams            |
| Prayer                       | Aaron Kallner             | Dewey Cordle              |
| Lord's Supper - Wine         | Jason Coriell             | Gabe Coriell              |
| Bread                        | Mark Gamp                 | Zach Coriell              |
| Assist                       | Ed McLaughlin             | Ryan Coriell              |
| Assist                       | Ike Hardin                | Terry Royster             |
| Assist                       | Chuck Allison             | Lane Raiser               |
| Assist                       | John Gamp                 | Harold Gamp               |
| Message                      | Steve Miller              | Steve Miller              |
| Closing Prayer               | Tom Kelley                | Rich Book                 |

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| <b><u>Sunday Evening</u></b> |                |                |
| Song Director                |                |                |
| Opening Prayer               | Sunday Evening | Sunday Evening |
| Lord's Supper                | Home Groups    | Home Groups    |
| Closing Prayer               |                |                |

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| <b><u>Wednesday Evening</u></b> |              |             |
| Song Director                   | Jeff Hayward | Al Graff    |
| Prayer                          | Greg Coriell | Shawn Gragg |
| Bible Class Text                | Genesis 28   | Genesis 29  |

## 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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