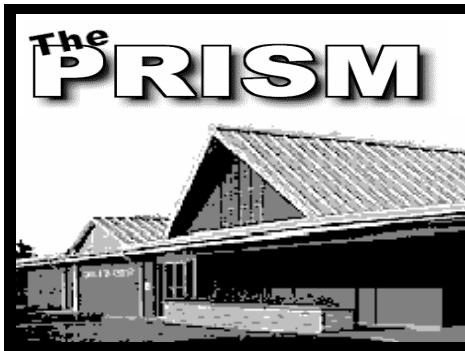




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### Reflections on Romans 3

Do you know the story of the Tar Baby? I remember reading it a long time ago. The basic gist of the story is that someone wanted to get at Brer Rabbit. So he constructed a baby made of tar. Brer Rabbit comes by and tries to have a conversation with the tar baby, thinking it to be a real person.

When the tar baby didn't respond after the rabbit's repeated attempts to have a conversation with him, the rabbit decides that this person is stuck up and disrespectful by ignoring him. So Brer Rabbit threatens to hit the tar baby if he doesn't at least acknowledge him. Well, his hand gets stuck in the tar. He yells at the tar baby to let go, threatening to hit him with his other hand if he doesn't let go. After hitting him with his other hand, then kicking him with his right, then left foot, then hitting him with his head, Brer Rabbit is completely stuck. There is no way for him to get out of this fix.

That is one of Paul's points in this text. This is the human predicament. We do not have the strength or the ability to free ourselves from sin. It is like flypaper. Once it has us, we are stuck. The only way to be free is for someone to free us. God will do this for us, not because we deserve it, but because he promised he would. So this text is telling us that God is faithful to us even if we are unfaithful.

However, his faithfulness does not negate our responsibility. God did not extend his grace to us in order for us to walk all over it. He extended it to us in order to reconcile us to him so we can be his people and in turn serve him. The Gospel is not merely a gift, but also a responsibility. God calls us to responsibility, not just privilege.

But our responsibility in following his rules will not itself save us. In the end, we are ultimately saved because of God's faithfulness (Rom 3:20).

Questions: 1) Is there anything other than Jesus I am tempted to rely on as the basis of my justification before God? 2) Does my service to God stem from a full-heart-felt loyal love, or a minimalist, rule-keeping, doing "just enough to get by" in order to earn what is due me? 3) What excuses do I use to explain away continuing sinful behavior in my life? 4) What step or action can I take this week to keep me from taking God's grace for granted and therefore enable me to be faithful to him? 5) In what area(s) of my life do I need to be more faithful to God?

— John Telgren  
Leavenworth Church of Christ,  
Leavenworth KS



## 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** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

**Elza Hawkins** (Sharon Gampp's uncle) who is hospitalized with liver cancer. Prayers for Wilma, his wife, also.

**Helen Preston** (Delores Gampp's mother) who is suffering with congestive heart problems. She is at Heartland in Portsmouth.

**Steve Mullins** (friend of Terry Sullivan) who is suffering with some form of lung cancer in SOMC. Prayers for his health and for his soul.

**Jeff Hayward** has a carpal tunnel surgery on May 18.

## Sympathy Extended

To the family of Paulina Hilt (Darriah Kelly's mother) who passed away last Sunday morning. Her funeral was Wednesday in Oak Hill.

## Easter Sunday

Sunshine church, listen up! Practically everybody you know will be going to church somewhere on Easter Sunday. Go now and invite them to be here at Sunshine with you. They will hear the gospel of Christ preached on that day and who knows? Maybe the seed is sown that will save their souls. A few other things to think about for Easter: 1) Leave the parking spots near the building open for our visitors. There is plenty of room over by the airport (or if it's dry, you can park on the grass). 2) Move to the middle of the pew when you sit down and do not block off a whole pew by sitting at the end. 3) Don't forget the 3-Minute Rule. We haven't talked about this for awhile but do not let our visitors get out of the building without several of you welcoming them to Sunshine.

## Bible Study Text

### Sunday

3/20 Mt 27:3-10  
Lk 23:1-25  
3/27 Mt 27:32-66  
Jn 19:23-24  
4/3 Mt 28:1-15  
Mk 16:1  
Lk 24:13-43  
Jn 20:1-8  
4/10 Mt 28:16-20  
Lk 24:44-49  
Jn 20:26-31

### Wednesday

3/23 Gen. 37:1-11  
3/30 Gen. 37:12-36  
4/6 Gen. 39  
4/13 Gen. 40

## Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- Today Blood Pressure/Sugar Check
- Thru 3/20 Sunday P.M. Home Groups
- 4/22-24 Youth Rally at Fort Hill Camp
- 6/17-20 Jr. Impact at DLU
- 6/20-25 Sr. Impact at DLU
- 6/27-7/1 Vacation Bible School

## Other Area Events

Details and flyers are posted on the bulletin board.

- 3/24-25 - Passion Play at Central church of Christ
- 4/2 - Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day --Vienna
- 4/9 - Ladies Inspiration Day—Zanesville

## Health Ministry Team News

Check the bulletin insert today for information on a new program being launched by the HMT. Also a short announcement at the beginning of our services today will highlight the program for you.

## Free Tickets to Dramatic Production

Taylor and Matt Hoskins are part of the cast for "The Power of His Touch," a drama which portrays the last week of Jesus life before the Cross. Presentations are scheduled at the Central church of Christ building for Thursday and Friday this week at 7:30 pm. Free tickets are available from Taylor.

## Impact Applications Due TODAY!

Applications for both Jr. Impact and Sr. Impact are due today. Please fill yours out and get them back to Terry of Scott today.

## **Sunday PM Home Groups Conclude**

Tonight is our fifth and final session of Sunday PM Home Groups. We are doing lesson six in the series tonight. **Invite someone "in the box" to come with you to these groups.** Next Sunday evening we will be meeting here at the building.

## **FHCYC Applications Here**

This past week we received the schedule and camper applications for Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in Hillsboro, Ohio. We have posted the schedule and put a supply of applications on the bulletin board in the foyer. The week of July 10-16 is the week that Sunshine and Clifton Ave congregation work together to staff the camp. That would be a great week to send Bob or Mary to camp.

## **Home Group Hosts**

Don't forget to record the attendance for your group on the chart in the foyer.

## **VBS Sign Up**

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 27-July 1 this year. Our theme is **Jesus: Master and Commander of Our Ship**. We'll be taking a trip on four different ships with Jesus: Worship, Discipleship, Friendship and Leadership. If you would be willing to serve this year as a teacher, a craft supervisor, or a program director (that means you get to create and direct something for your group to perform on Program Night), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please sign up in all areas (teacher, craft or program) where you would be willing to work and indicate the age-group that you prefer. I cannot guarantee that you will get the very thing your heart desires, but we will try. All we are asking for now are people who are willing to do some preparation and planning for VBS. Later on we'll get our support people lined up.

## **Farewell**

In a few weeks, **Carol and Eldon Conkel** will be moving to Atlanta area to live. They recently sold their house. Moving day is April 15. We will miss them and we certainly wish them God's blessings in their new home. Eldon and Carol will be back in the area June 4 for their daughter Cassie's wedding.

## **Youth Rally Workers Meeting Today**

Anyone and everyone who is working on the Youth Rally at Fort Hill CYC for April 22-24, meet with Terry today in the annex immediately following morning services. Important meeting!

## **Teen Devo**

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

## **Shepherd's Prayer Session**

The shepherds of the congregation will be meeting Thursday evening, 7:30 pm, to pray for the congregation. If you have special requests to be included in the prayer, please give them to one of the elders. These requests will not appear in the bulletin or be discussed outside the prayer session.

## **Quarterly Deacons Meeting**

The deacons will be meeting Sunday, March 20, at 5 pm, here at the building. All deacons are invited to come.

## **More Good News Again**

This past Wednesday evening **Sabrina Shaffer** confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized in His name for the forgiveness of her sins. We rejoice with Sabrina as she is now a child of God. Sabrina is a former student of Mike Coriell at JVS and Kristine Coriell at South Webster HS. Currently she is living in an apartment at Nancy Taylor's house.

## **Tsunami Information**

Now that the cameras and reporters have left, the long-term project of rebuilding begins in areas of the world affected by the tsunami of this past December. We have prepared an information sheet giving various ways that you can give to established mission works and relief efforts sponsored by churches of Christ in and around the affected areas. Take your pick and give as you see fit. We will not be making a special group contribution from the church. We are leaving this up to each of you as individuals to decide.

## **Children's Bible Time Reminder**

This is just a reminder to parents that Children's Bible Time is designed for children ages 3-8. If a child younger than 3 is going to be present in CBT, we really need an adult to come along with them; an older brother or sister (ages 3-8) usually cannot maintain control. Also, we would ask parents to consider that a child 9 and above really ought to be in the auditorium listening to the lesson and learning how to behave in that situation. Our CBT workers have upwards of 30 children almost every week and sometimes as many as 40. It is difficult to deal with the children in the prescribed age range. It gets even more difficult when the age range is expanded. There is a Quiet Room off the foyer with a window into the auditorium and wired for sound. This might be a good alternative for parents with the younger ones.

## **Sunshine Church of Christ Wellness Program**

### Goals:

- To promote healthy living, spiritual and physical
- To encourage healthy living through nutrition and exercise
- To educate proper dietary habits
- To educate proper exercising techniques
- To encourage one another in healthy lifestyles

The health ministry team would like to invite any person attending the Sunshine Church of Christ to join us in striving for a healthier life. This is not intended to be a competition, but yet a way that we can encourage one another to be healthy. By encouraging one another, we feel that it will be easier to live a healthier life and to help meet the goals that one may set for them. In 1 Corinthians 6:19 the scriptures state “do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit”, God has intended us to treat our bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit and as a group we would like to encourage one another to be healthy.

Diabetes Mellitus II and Hypertension have become an increasing problem in our society, a lot of the problem people have is due to poor nutritional habits or lack of adequate exercise. We would like to help educate people on proper nutritional requirements as well as proper amount and techniques of daily activities.

Please understand that this is not a diet plan. Our goal is not about losing weight, but instead educating people about what is recommended in eating healthy and getting the proper amount of exercise. If weight loss is desired then hopefully some of the advice and encouragement given will help in your efforts. We will be dividing into two groups with different leaders that will be able to help define your goals and to provide answers.

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### **Skin Cancer Screenings**

Coming in late May or early June the health ministry team will be sponsoring a skin cancer screening. Dr. Inoshita has offered to do screenings on a Sunday afternoon before Sunday evening service. We will be doing the screenings in the back and complete privacy will be given if needed.

We want to encourage EVERYONE to attend. This is a wonderful service that Dr. Inoshita has offered. There will be no charge and results will be confidential. With our community, where many people spend a lot of time outside: farming, working, playing or sunbathing, we feel that it is very important to monitor and keep ourselves healthy.

# Those Who Serve

## Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text  
Welcome & Prayer  
Song Leader  
Scripture Reading  
Prayer  
Lord's Supper - Assist 6  
Assis5  
Assist 4  
Wine  
Bread  
Assist 3  
Assist 2  
Assist 1  
Message  
Closing Prayer

## March 20

Mt 27:3-10, Lk 23:1-25  
Don Coriell  
Scott Gamp  
Steve Williams  
Mike Gamp  
Jacob Miller  
Dewey Cordle  
Ike Hardin  
Mike Coriell  
Matt Cram  
John Gamp  
Ed McLaughlin  
Chuck Allison  
Steve Miller  
Mark Risner

## March 27

Mt 27:32-66 Lk 23:1-25  
Jon Coriell  
Shaun McCray  
Troy Gahm  
John Berry  
Tim Coriell  
Harold Gamp  
David Gamp  
Aaron Kallner  
Bud Coriell  
Laine Rasier  
Barry Gamp  
Matt Hoskins  
Jamie Riley  
Aaron Franke

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Lord's Supper  
Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening  
Home Groups

Jeff Hayward  
Terry Royster  
Greg Coriell  
Jason Coriell

## Wednesday Evening

Song Leader  
Prayer  
Bible Class Text

Mark Gamp  
Josh Coriell  
Gen 37:1-11

Aaron McCray  
Rich Book  
Gen. 37:12-36

## 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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| Mike Coriell   | 820-3415 | Local Benevolence                            |
| Jason Coriell  | 820-4739 | Treasurer, Office Supplies                   |
| Scott Gamp     | 820-3545 | Worship, Special Events                      |
| Gary Glispie   | 776-4279 | Church Directory, Program of Work            |
| Alan Graff     | 776-7905 | Bulletin, Advertising, Front sign, Computers |
| Dick Havens    | 456-5009 | Building Maintenance, Supplies               |
| Taylor Hoskins | 820-4645 | Worship, Insurance, Budget                   |
| Shaun McCray   | 776-7738 | Treasurer, Office Supplies                   |
| Homer Miller   | 776-7550 | Funerals, Hospital Visitation, Attendance    |
| Eugene Risner  | 820-2256 | Fire, Health, Seniors, Joy of Giving         |
| Willis Shumway | 820-2833 | Building Use & Security, Baptistery          |
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