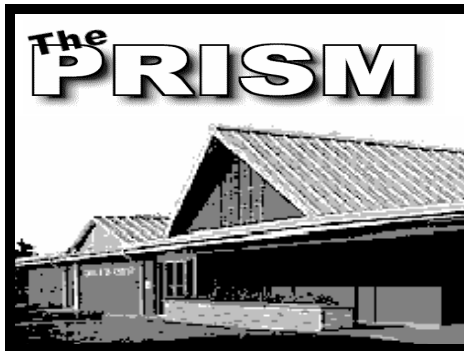




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Is It A Man, or a Mouse?

I recently read a press release in which a group of researchers at Stanford University announced that it is now possible, through genetic manipulation, to produce a mouse with a brain composed of almost entirely all human neurons. The intent of this would be to study “human” brain activity to help them better understand diseases such as Alzheimer’s and other neurological problems. An ethics committee involved with the announcement recommended that, if such a breed of mouse were to be produced, they should be carefully monitored and that any mice exhibiting human-like behavior should be killed immediately.

After reading the news item, my immediate reaction was that Walt Disney was years ahead of his time when he created Mickey Mouse in 1928. On further reflection, however, it is just a little bit weird and unsettling.

Another group recently announced they had successfully created the first “human” egg in the laboratory. After further reading, it was mentioned in passing that the raw material was scraped from a woman’s ovary. Duh...I don’t think that qualifies for “creation,” folks. Maybe a little manipulation, sort of genetic plagiarism. If you want to claim you created it, go out and find your own raw materials, don’t use stuff from God’s original creation.

Where am I going with this article? It’s disturbing to me to see the way science is playing fast and loose with the genetic cards they have been dealt. We read every day about animals being cloned, stem cell research, genetically modified fruits and vegetables. It’s hard to keep up with all of the things scientists are playing around with, but they’re not playing with the full deck. The scientists readily admit that they don’t understand everything they’re experimenting with or what the full ramifications of their “creations” might be.

I wonder what God thinks of all of this. I think maybe he’s smiling. Not a proud smile, but a smile of amusement. The kind of smile we would have when a dog learns how to do a new trick. We read in 1 Corinthians 3:19 [KJV] that “the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.” Try as they might, men can never approach the wisdom that is God’s. This is the God who spoke the universe into existence. We are less than mice learning to run a maze compared to that wisdom and power. And yet I am reminded also of Genesis 11:6 [GWB], when God said “This is only the beginning of what they will do! Now nothing they plan to do will be too difficult for them.” Let us hope and pray that He is only amused and not annoyed with what is going on.

Alan Graff



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**.

David Humston (Marybeth Coriell's cousin) has been moved to a facility in Athens for psychological observation.

Jack Jennings is scheduled May 10 for surgery at King's Daughter's Hospital: hernia repair and gastric bypass.

Steve Mullins (friend of Terry Sullivan) undergoing radiation therapy for lung cancer.

Mary Collins asks for strength and perseverance as she is giving up tobacco.

Albert Cunningham (Jim Cunningham and Janie Jennings father) had a stroke on Thursday and has been taken to Riverside in Columbus.

James Young (close friend of Ruth Miller) had bypass surgery last week at KDMC and remains in critical condition. Prayers for him and for his wife, Mary Alice Young.

William Edsel Clay (brother-in-law of Arlene Knore) of Firebrick, KY, is in the final stages of bone marrow cancer. Prayers for him and for his wife, Patty.

Chris Blume (Donnie Miller's nephew who has chronic problems with Crohn's disease) had to have emergency surgery at OSU hospital on Friday for that condition.

Bible Study Text

Sunday

5/8 Acts 3-4

5/15 Acts 5

5/22 Acts 6-7

5/29 Acts 8

Wednesday

5/11 Ge 45-46

5/18 Ge 47

5/25 Ge 48

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 5/21 H.S. Senior Graduation Banquet
- 6/4 Wedding Shower
- 6/5 Skin Cancer Screening
- 6/11 Baby Shower
- 6/17-20 Jr. Impact at DLU
- 6/20-25 Sr. Impact at DLU
- 6/27-7/1 Vacation Bible School
- 7/10-16 Sunshine's week at FHCYC

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Charles Mullins upon his passing this week due to cancer.

Sunday PM Services

This evening we will have lesson two in our series on Revelation.

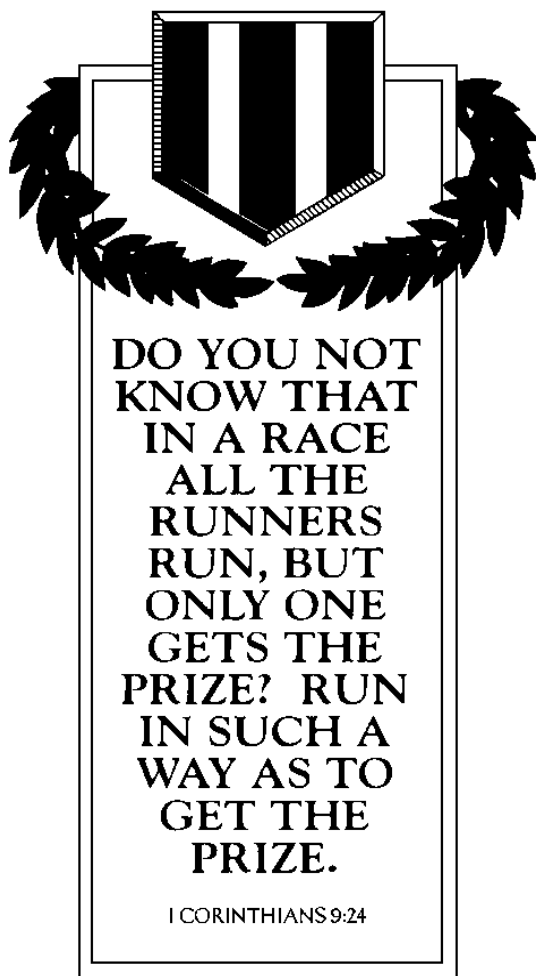
Christianity 101 Sign Up Extended

Need the basics of the Christian faith? Trying to make a decision as to whether you will become a Christian? Wanting to ask questions about what you see at church? Christianity 101 is the class for you.

Right now we are testing to see if there is enough interest for the class. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **The date for the first meeting of the class has been extended to May 15.** The class will meet for?? number of weeks on the Sun Porch of Wayne and Irmalee's house next door. Don Coriell will be the teacher. If sufficient interest is shown, the class will definitely meet. Sign up today.

Health Ministry Cancer Screening

Tentative plans have been made by the HMT for a cancer screening clinic here at Sunshine. On Sunday evening June 5, before evening services, the Health Ministry Team will be sponsoring a free screening for skin cancer here at the building through the services of Dr. Inoshita. There will be a sign up sheet for appointments posted. Again, the date and details are all tentative at this time. Stay tuned for more information.



Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Terry & Debbie's.

GYAT Class Shifts Gears

Sunday, June 5, 7:30-8:30 am is the next meeting of the GYAT class. We are starting some new material using a book by Gary Chapman, **The Five Love Languages, Men's Edition**. We will have the book available by Wednesday evening Bible Study. Cost is \$10.00.

Last Chance For T-Shirts

We have about 40 or 50 shirts left over from the Youth Rally. We are offering these to anyone who wants them at \$4/shirt. This is to recoup some of the money spent on the shirts so we can put it back in the Youth Fund. Pick out your shirt and put your money in the container nearby. This is the last week they will be left out. If you want a shirt later, see Terry Sullivan.

Wedding Shower

Saturday, June 4, at 2 pm, there is a wedding shower being planned for Mark Coriell and Megan Kurtzman here at the building. See Becky Jarvis for details.

Baby Shower

Saturday, June 11, at 2 pm a baby shower will be given for Amy Graff here at the building. It's a girl. More details later. See Stephanie Copas.

Sunshine's College Grads

We would like to give a list of all those who are completing degree programs this spring or summer. If you have a son or daughter, or wife or husband, etc., who is graduating from an institution of higher learning, please note that information on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer sometime in the next two weeks.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

May 8

Acts 3-4
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Steve Williams
Jason Coriell
Kevin Stimpert
Ira Coriell
Dale Gampp
Terry Sullivan
Rich Book
Ryan Coriell
Ike Hardin
Ed McLaughlin
Steve Miller
Greg Coriell

May 15

Acts 5
Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Tim Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Al Graff
Chuck Allison
John Gampp
Jason Coriell
Mark Gampp
Troy Gahm
Zach Coriell
Jacob Miller
Steve Miller
Tom Kelley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Bud Coriell
Wayne Gampp
Josh Coriell
John Berry

Aaron McCray
Shaun McCray
Dewey Cordle
Gary Glispie

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Gabe Coriell
Terry Royster
Genesis 45-46

Jeff Hayward
Greg Coriell
Genesis 47

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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