

The PRISM



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W A T E R

Throughout the Old Testament we see God using water to perform the greatest miracles. At the creation of the world, God gathered the waters together and made dry ground (Gen 1). God used water to flood the entire earth at the time of Noah (Gen 6-9). God's first plague on Egypt at the time of Moses was changing the Nile's water into blood (Exo 7). When Moses lead the Israelites out of captivity, God parted the Red Sea (Exo 14). When Joshua lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, God parted the Jordan River (Jos 3). God ended a drought at the time of Ahab (1Ki 17-18). God rescued Jonah from the big fish (Jon 2).

God also used water for many other less prominent miracles. Baby Moses escaping death from Pharaoh through the Nile (Exo 2). Moses' bitter water made sweet (Exo 15). Water coming from a rock when Moses struck it (Exo 17). Gideon's fleece was/wasn't filled with dew (Jdg 6). Water for Samson to drink (Jdg 15). River parting for Elijah (2Ki 2). River parting for Elisha (2Ki 2). Water looking like blood to the Moabites (2Ki 3). Naaman cured of leprosy (2Ki 5). Axhead floating (2Ki 6).

From water the earth was born at the creation. At the time of Noah, the earth was reborn from water. Water was symbolic of life and death in the first plague. When crossing the Red Sea, water marked the departure of slavery into freedom. With Joshua, water was the bridge into the promise land. For many during the time of Ahab, rain was the escape from death. Jonah was saved from his watery tomb when he repented. For many, water to drink was a matter of life or death. Naaman was not cured of his leprosy until he obeyed in the water. Do you see how God used water to make a point; birth, rebirth, life death, freedom, promises, and cleansing?

During Jesus' ministry, His first miracle was turning water into wine (Joh 2). He also caused a great catch of fish (Luk 5), calmed the storm (Luk 8), and walked on water (Joh 6). Jesus used water to describe salvation. He told Nicodemus about being born of water (Joh 3), and the Samaritan woman of living water (Joh 4). Jesus' own ministry started with emersion into water (Mat 3). The last thing he told his disciples was to teach and baptize (Mat 28).

Some may ask is baptism really that important. All we have to do is look at the early church in Acts (2:37-41, 8:5-13, 8:35-38, 9:17-19, 22:14-16, 10:42-48, 16:14-16, 16:29-34, 18:7-8, 19:1-5). There are too many examples to ignore. Could it be the importance of water of the Old Testament continues into the New? Could it be baptism is a matter of life and death, a cleansing, freedom from sins, and entrance into our promised land?

Jay Crook

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Prayer Requests

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**.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampp's coworker) is suffering with thyroid cancer. There are postoperative complications. Chris has a wife and 2 young children.

Don Lemon did not have chemotherapy this week. The doctor is waiting for his system to build up before chemotherapy is resumed.

Abdul Saleemi (friend of Brandy Gampp) is having chemo and radiation therapy for lung cancer.

Jordan Book is undergoing tests to determine the cause of spells of hypoglycemia.

Donnie Miller is being treated with antibiotics for a persistent infection.

Sam Miller is scheduled for a 15-day deployment to Germany in July

John Charkowski (young soldier from Michigan known to the Millers) was burned over 80% of his body in a bombing in Iraq. He is being treated in Texas.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Helena Gragg** (grandmother to Shawn Gragg) who passed away this week. The funeral was Thursday in Waverly.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunshine Events

- 7/10-16 Sunshine's week at FHCYC

Other Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 8/6 Ladies Day (Circleville, OH)
- 9/2-9/4 Summit (Columbus, OH)

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
7/3 Acts 13	7/6 Exodus 9
7/10 Acts 14	7/13 Exodus 10
7/17 Acts 15:1-35	7/20 Ex 11-13
7/24 Acts 15:36-16:40	7/27 Ex14-15
7/31 Acts 17:1-18:22	

Quarterly Deacons Meeting

Originally scheduled for 6/19 has been postponed until Sunday, July 3, at 5 pm in the Annex. All deacons are expected to be in attendance.

Sunday PM Services

Jamie Riley in charge.

Teen Devo

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

**YOU HAVE BEEN
BOUGHT WITH
A PRICE. THEREFORE
GLORIFY GOD
IN YOUR BODY**



Highlights from VBS

Our 2005 VBS is now history. All that's left now is the clean-up and the follow-up. Some of you brought children from homes where parents are not going to church or only attending occasionally. Pray for these families and then go back and offer to bring those children to our regular Bible classes. Amazing things could happen. But now for some of the highlights of this year's VBS.

1. We had an attendance of 113 on Wednesday night, the highest ever for VBS.
2. **Tyler Gampp** won the Best Behavior Award for the Fifth Grade on Monday night. He was the only student in the class and he had Nola Kelly and Eric McLaughlin supervising him. Did he have a choice?
3. **Patsy Graff** made the most bodacious cream pies we have ever seen. The sheer bulk of the pies was frightening. Thanks to Patsy for her culinary efforts for VBS.
4. **Count VBS** brought his Father to the Program on Friday evening and recited a very touching poem to his father about parents. We did not know that the Count had been listening so closely to his Bible lessons at VBS.
5. **Eli Cordle** brought 16 visitors to VBS and then had the honor of pushing a huge cream pie in Steve Miller's face. He enjoyed it just a little too much. We are worried about Eli.
6. **Marissa Risner** brought 15 visitors to VBS and then had the honor of pushing a huge cream pie in Jamie Riley's face. She at least had the class not to enjoy it too much.
7. **Scott Gampp** actually had his video presentation for the VBS Program done before 7 pm, Friday night. We are used to delaying the beginning of the program just so he can finish. Thanks, Scott, for another great presentation. Maybe we can watch it this evening after the evening service.
8. **Brandy Gampp** and **Derria Kelly** decorated the wrong room for their class last Sunday evening. I promised not to tell but I can't help myself. Sorry, ladies.
9. The boys won the attendance contest but the

girls managed to eke out a win on Thursday night. Is this the beginning of a new trend?

10. **Cameron Royster** was really "getting down" during "Jesus Loves Me" at the Program Friday night.

11. **Aaron Kallner** trained **Tim Gampp** on how to push the button for the bell which begins and ends our classes. One more year and Tim will be ready. If we have to we'll bring in Austin Coriell. When all else fails, go with experience to get the job done.

12. **Derek and Jacob Miller** betrayed their father Friday night at the Program by making a bad cream pie situation even worse. There'll come a day....

13. The refreshment people were able to limit **Jason Coriell** to only two cookies each night. It wasn't easy.

14. Most of our kids in this year's VBS learned by heart four important verses from the Bible.

15. More than 300 parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends and children came to the Program Friday night.

A Big VBS Thank You

Thank you to every person who helped with the myriad of jobs that must be done to have our VBS each year. I do not have room in this bulletin to name and describe what you did. But God keeps perfect records and He's the one that matters the most. God bless you all. In a few weeks we'll have our evaluation meeting. Be thinking about ideas for next year. Steve

Help with Haiti Trip

Steve Miller is leaving for Haiti on Saturday, July 9, for a one week mission trip. He will be working in a youth conference which will involve about 175 Haitian orphans. The orphanage there has a school and the school is in need of basic educational supplies. Steve has set out a suitcase in the children's library to collect lead pencils, ball point pens, erasers and little hand pencil sharpeners. If you would like to contribute to the suitcase, put your contribution in between now and Wednesday, July 6.

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

July 3

Acts 13
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Jamie Riley
Jacob Miller
David Gampp
Ira Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Lane Raiser
Troy Gahm
Steve Miller
Josh Coriell

July 10

Acts 14
Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Steve Williams
Mike Gampp
Matt Cram
Ike Hardin
John Gampp
Bud Coriell
Mike Coriell
Ed McLaughlin
Chuck Allison
Mark Risner
Jamie Riley
John Berry

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Mark Gampp
Wayne Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Mark Gampp
Gary Glispie
Dewey Cordle
Terry Royster

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Tim Gampp
Exodus 9

Zach Coriell
Josh Coriell
Exodus 10

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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