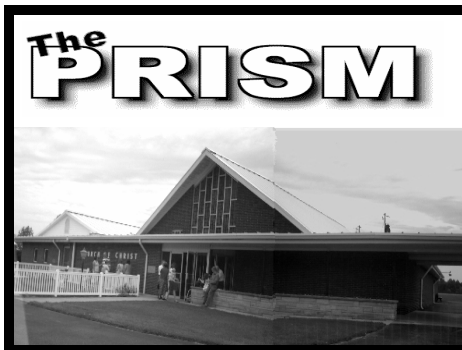




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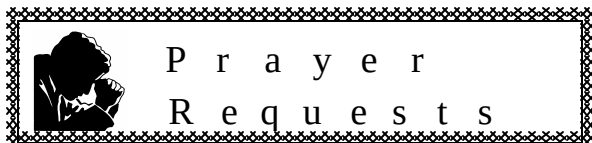
The Early Cow Gets The Chicken

We dressed up like cows and in a herd of twelve headed off to *Chick-fil-A*. No, we weren't demonstrating against anyone, it was an opportunity for free food. The week before we had seen a small sign that proclaimed, "Chicken Eating Day at Chick-fil-A," which stated anyone who dressed as a cow would receive a free value meal on that day. Travis and I saw it as an opportunity to get the teens to work on a project and feed them for free--what could be better? The teens were up for it, so after completing our project and tweaking our outfits, off we went. We didn't pay much notice to the odd looks we got from the folks in the drive-thru while walking in, *"We were the smart ones because they were paying for their food and we weren't."* The looks from the inside were a little more troubling, especially since no one in this very crowded restaurant was dressed as cows. *"Obviously these customers had no sense of adventure,"* or at least that's what we thought until we walked up to the registers, dressed as cows...A DAY EARLY!

The staff at Chick-fil-A was incredible, they applauded us and said, *"You know what, it doesn't matter we're giving you free meals anyway."* As we were standing in line, waiting to order Travis turns to me and says, *"Well, the early cow, gets the chicken."*

Some may say, "If you took the effort to dress up like cows, they should feed you!" The fact is, we didn't deserve it! We, or more specifically I, messed up, but Chick-fil-A offered us grace. Too often we mess up the idea of God's grace as well. Anytime you get humans involved you run that danger. We *get* the idea of messing up--that is a continuous occurrence in our lives. However, we regularly

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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.

Gwen Skaggs is at home with breathing problems related to rheumatoid arthritis. For the time being she is on supplemental oxygen.

Jessica Bulina (Minford resident, early 20's) was in a serious car accident last week which broke both arms and legs and caused considerable internal damage. She is in critical condition in a Columbus hospital.

Mary Collins is having tests to determine the cause of her blood-sugar problems. So far the tests have been inconclusive.

Mike Bouts (son-in-law to Dick and Rosie Havens) is home now after a heart attack and two bypasses for his heart. The doctors say no damage to the heart. Praise the Lord.

Manfred Elkins (Andy Graff's father-in-law) is scheduled for tests in Huntington on Tuesday, possible cancer of the lungs or spleen. Prayers for his health and soul are requested.

Ida Rogers (Sharon Rogers' mother-in-law) had hip repair surgery at SOMC after a fall last week. She is still in the hospital.

Steve McGraw, Eric Copas' step-father, is scheduled for surgery on August 22nd at SOMC to have an abnormal lump on his thyroid removed.

Brian Holbrook (Nola Kelley's cousin) is facing brain surgery to alleviate extreme headache pain. Surgery is scheduled for September 20 in Columbus.

Newborn

Kendra and Matt had baby **Emily Grace Cram** on Thursday 8-11 at 9:50 pm. She weighed 6 # 14 ounces, 20 inches long. Mom and baby were to come home Saturday Both are doing well.



Fair Awards



Those of you who received some honor or award at the fair this week, please let us know so that we can print a complete listing in the bulletin. Give us your name, the project/class and the award received. Put the info on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Teen Devo

Katie Graff's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 8/26-27 Love, Sex & Marriage - Middletown
- 9/2-9/4 Summit - Columbus
- 9/9-11 Fall Teen Retreat - Fort Hill CYC
- 9/21 See You at the Pole - MHS, 7 pm
- 10/7-9 Rager Rd - Columbus

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	
8/14	Acts 20:3-38	8/17	Ex 21-22 Lv 24:10-16 Num 18-19
8/21	Acts 21-22	8/24	Ex 24-27, 28-31

Three Minute Rule

Do you remember what the 3 Minute Rule is? We have had many new faces in our crowd lately at all of our services. Please make it a point to observe the 3 Minute Rule.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

Thursday, August 22, 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation are meeting for prayer for this congregation. If you have requests that you would like to have included in that prayer, please give it to one of our shepherds. By the way, these things are kept out of the bulletin and confidential unless you specify otherwise.



Sunday PM Services

Scott Gampp is planning something for this evening.

The Early Cow Gets The Chicken

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attempt to give ourselves credit by trying to figure out a way to earn the salvation God freely gave us when we didn't deserve it. "We've been good people, we help the elderly across the street, come to Church every Sunday, etc."

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:4-9)

Don't confuse God's grace with human ideas of earning or deserving. We deserved death—God gave us life. Grace, not because we deserved it, but because He loves us! God tells us, "It doesn't matter what you've been—I sent my Son to save you anyway." Furthermore, the only thing He asks of us is that we love Him back. So, that's what we do, not to earn His grace—but because we recognize it.

Wade McKnight

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Centerville, Ohio

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text	Acts 20:3 - 38
Welcome & Prayer	Wayne Gampp
Song Director	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Steve Williams
Prayer	Wayne Gampp
Lord's Supper - Server 6	Matt Hoskins
Server 5	Jacob Miller
Server 4	Ryan Coriell
Wine	Gabe Coriell
Bread	Rich Book
Server 3	Terry Royster
Server 2	Lane Raiser
Server 1	Harold Gampp
Message	Jon Coriell
Closing Prayer	Jamie Riley

August 14

August 21

Acts 21 - 22
Jon Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie

Josh Coriell
Price Gammon
Dewey Cordle
Jamie Riley
Mike Coriell
Jack Jennings
Jerry Gampp
Steve Miller
John Berry

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Bud Coriell	Zach Coriell
Opening Prayer	Taylor Hoskins	Aaron Kallner
Lord's Supper	Gabe Coriell	Jacob Miller
Closing Prayer	Scott Gampp	Matt Cram

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Al Graff	Bud Coriell
Prayer	Shawn Gragg	Mike Coriell
Bible Class Text	See inside bulletin	See inside bulletin

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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