

The PRISM



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Better Than Angels

A few years ago the number one single on Billboard's hot 100 list was "Angel" by Sara McLachlan. It pushed out the previous number one "Angel" by Celine Dion and R. Kelly. Coming up fast was the number four son, "Angel of Mine" by Monica, which hit number one two weeks later. Interestingly enough, the number three song was "Believe" by Cher. Am I jumping to conclusions if the conclusion I make is that popular culture is intrigued (obsessed?) with angels?

"Touched by an Angel" was a top 10 television program. "City of Angels" was one of the top movies of 1996, and it's soundtrack, which featured the Sara McLachlan tune already mentioned, was the top selling album of the year. Books about angels have constantly been on the New York Times Bestseller list. More of us believe in angels (96%) than believe in God (91%)...explain that if you can. Along with our cable TV, our gourmet coffee, and our pro-wrestlers, we Americans love our angels.

The movie, "City of Angels" was about an angel, played by academy award winner Nicholas Cage, who falls in love with a human woman played by Meg Ryan. His dilemma is this: Does he give up his status as an angel in order to become human and have the women he loves.

There is much about the movie I appreciate. In it angels are men (as in the Bible), and they are everywhere, ministering to humanity (as in the Bible - Heb. 1:14, Matt 18:18). But as for the dilemma he suffers - it is the stuff of Hollywood - No angel would turn down the opportunity to be human, whether or not Meg Ryan was part of the bargain. An angel will never be God's child, but a Christian is. *"Beloved, look at the great love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the children of God - and indeed that is who we are."* 1 John 3:1 see also John 1:12-13. Hebrews chapter 1 and 2 makes this very point. Christ is superior to angels (1:4-13, 2:5-9). Angels are servant-spirits for our benefit (1:14). We are the very brothers and sisters of Christ, and the very children of God (2:10-18). Jesus died for us, not for angels. Jesus became us - not an angel.

In the 1949 movie "the Bishop's Wife" the Bishop, played by David Niven has to compete for his wife's (Loretta Young) affections with the angel Dudley, played by Cary Grant. He feels he's at a great disadvantage (of course he is, he's competing against Cary Grant) until his friend, played by Monty Wooley, reminds him the mere fact he is human means there is no contest. There is none. It is much better to be human, if one is God's child, than it is to be an angel

- Barry Bryson
- Manassas Church of Christ
- Manassas, VA



Prayer Requests

For those in the gulf area that are suffering through the effects of Katrina

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 scheduled for another surgery in the near future. Prognosis is not good for Chris.

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

Shaun McCray will be having hip surgery in Columbia, SC, September 7 at the Providence Northeast Hospital.

Colin Kelly (local friend of Jim Jacobs) is battling stomach cancer.

John Bivens (friend of Garnet Lindeman) from Vanceburg is suffering with cancer.

Mary Collins is scheduled for a stress test right away.

Rose Alvis (grandmother to Mike Dixon) had to be hospitalized with leukemia this week.

Vivian Woodworth is have surgery in Nashville on Thursday.

Mary Kallner (Sarah Gilliland's sister-in-law was taken to Riverside with irregular heartbeat.

Ruth Thomas (coworker of June Book) is in Columbus with a tumor on her brain.

Jack Jennings was in KDMC this week being treated and tested for gastro-intestinal problems.

Ola Cunningham was hospitalized at SOMC for low body weight.

Sunshine Hurricane Team in Mississippi.

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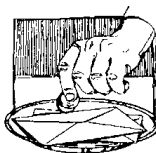
Friday morning 11 men left from Scioto County with heavy equipment (3 backhoes and a bobcat) and fuel for southern Mississippi to help clear roads and highways so that relief workers and supplies could get through to the people who needed them.



Saturday they started to work in Laurel, Mississippi and then moved into Hattiesburg, Mississippi area where we anticipate they will spend most of their time. They will be heading back home sometime Tuesday afternoon (at least that is the plan). Please be praying for these guys, that they will get a pile of work done, that they will be God's angels and our missionaries to the folks in Mississippi, and that they will make it home safe. Here's the list of guys who are working: Dale Kuhn, Mark Gampp, Mike Lemon, Derek Gampp, Travis Chamberlin, Mike Sissel, Scott Reiser, Jamie Veach, Don Tudor, Jim Lindeman and J.P. Lindeman. The Sunshine church of Christ is covering the cost of fuel and food for these guys in this mission. If you would like to see what Laurel and Hattiesburg, MS looked like on Thursday from a helicopter video, go to **www.wlbt.com** and scroll down to FEATURED VIDEOS: SKYCOPTER: Hattiesburg Area Damage.

Hurricane Relief Contribution

Next Sunday morning we are having a special contribution from the church for hurricane relief. At this time we are working diligently here and with the brethren in southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg and points south to the Gulf) to arrange a truck load of food, water and supplies from the Sunshine church of Christ to them. The anticipated cost of this endeavor is about \$8000.00 to fill the truck with pallets of water, toilet paper, bleach, cereal, canned foods, baby items, etc. We are able to get a semi-trailer delivered for the cost of the fuel and possibly a trailer rental (about \$1500.00) Total budget is \$9500.00. Let the elders know **today** how you feel about this plan. No final decision has been made, but if the verbal response from the congregation today is positive, the supplies may well be purchased and delivered before next Sunday. The alternative would probably be to send the contribution to Disaster Relief Ministry in Nashville, or some other church-related relief endeavor that the elders would select.



Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 10/1 Coriell Hayride
- 10/7-8 Leadership Retreat—FHCYC
- 10/9-12 Gary Bradley at Sunshine
- 10/23 Sunday PM Home Groups begin
- Nov. Sunshine's month at Elbrooke
- 11/20 Sunday PM Home Groups end

Other Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 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>	
9/4	Acts 24	9/7	Ex 35-40
9/11	Acts 25	9/14	Lv 1-7& 10
9/18	Acts 26	9/21	Lv 16
			Nu 1-4 & 26
9/25	Acts 27	9/28	Nu 9-12

Sunday AM Ladies Class Info

Ladies, no class today due to the holiday. We will be studying Chapter 35 next Sunday. We are almost finished with the Purpose Driven Life. So, ladies, please join us for the last few chapters. Plans are to continue with the ladies class but we will take a break after we finish PDL in October. Class will resume the first Sunday in January. We are going through "The Five Love Languages." Plan to be with us. Judi A.

FHCYC Golf Scramble

September 10, 2005. Shot-Gun Start at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$65.00 per person. Jamie Riley and Jason Coriell have the details. This golfing event is a fundraiser for the Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp in Hillsboro, Ohio.

October 1—Coriell Hayride

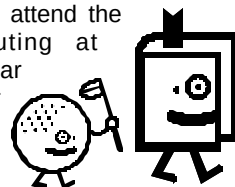
Every October the church is invited to Bud Coriell's place for "the hayride." Of course, this thing has gotten much bigger than "the hayride." But go ahead and mark the date and watch for more details.

Sunshine Leadership/Planning Retreat

October 7 and 8 our deacons, elders and preachers will be meeting at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp to do some planning and praying about 2006 and the direction that our congregation will take. Part of the Retreat is devoted to setting up our budget for the next year. If you have anything new that needs to be included in the 2006 budget, get with the deacon in charge of that area and start talking now. The deacons' areas of responsibility are listed on the back of the bulletin and in the new Program of Work publication.

Leadership Retreat at Roundlake

Every year some of our men attend the leadership retreat/golf outing at Roundlake Christian Camp near Loudonville, Ohio. this year the dates are September 23 and 24. Theme is **Real Men of Faith: Living What You Believe (based on the book of James)**. Details are posted. We will need a **firm number** for the golfers and the retreat by **September 9**. See Jamie or Steve for more details. Costs is \$28 for a round of golf and \$45 for the retreat.



Gary Bradley Coming

October 9-11, Gary Bradley of the Mayfair congregation in Huntsville, Alabama, will be with us for a special series of lessons: **The Two Families of God**. He will be speaking at our Leaders Planning Retreat on Friday evening (October 7) and then on Sunday through Tuesday he will be speaking to the congregation. Mark the dates, begin to pray for Brother Bradley and about who you could invite. There are many "in the box" who need to hear these messages. **Invitation Cards on the Table**.

Good News from India

We received word last week from Naresh Chetri and the congregation in Siliguri that 9 people confessed Christ and were baptized in His name. This is a huge step forward for this congregation. Pray for the faithfulness of the new converts.



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

September 4

Acts 24
Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Steve Williams
Mike Gampp
Jacob Miller
Dewey Cordle
Ike Hardin
Mike Coriell
Matt Cram
John Gampp
Ed McLaughlin
Chuck Allison
Steve Miller
Mark Risner

September 11

Acts 25
Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Aaron Franke
John Berry
Troy Gahm
Eric McLaughlin
Harold Gampp
Aaron Kallner
Tim Coriell
David Gampp
Lane Raiser
Barry Gampp
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Shaun Gragg
Gary Glispie
Zach Coriell
Dewey Cordle

Jeff Hayward
Terry Royster
Greg Coriell
Jason Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Mark Gampp
Josh Coriell
Exodus 35-40

Aaron McCray
Rich Book
Lev. 1, 7 & 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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