

The PRISM



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Is It Worth It?

Gas prices are high and we are told they may be going higher. Like many others, you may have become accustomed to getting in your car and driving here or there whenever you felt like it without too much consideration of the cost of the gasoline to get there. You had become accustomed to gasoline taking a certain portion of your budget, and it wasn't something you thought about very much. But now, with the cost of gasoline rising to nearly three dollars per gallon and beyond, many of us find ourselves giving more consideration to the cost of trips out of state or even trips across town. We find ourselves looking for ways to share rides, to combine several errands into one trip, or even to eliminate some trips altogether. The more it costs, the more likely we are to ask the question, "Is it worth it?"

Jesus encourages us all to ask "Is it worth it?" when it comes to the most valuable thing we have. He said in Mark 8:36-37, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" Often we fail to consider as we make choices about our actions what kind of price will be paid in our souls. There may be pleasure to be gained. There may be material wealth to be gained. There may be popularity to be gained. But it all comes with a price, and if it comes at the price of damage to our soul and our relationship with God, it is not worth what it costs. The one who loses his soul has lost everything, even if he gains the whole world.

At the same time, sacrifices that seem too costly to many people are actually worthwhile according to Jesus. Prior to the statement quoted above, He had just said, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it." The world's values are upside down! To lose it all is to gain everything! Some things are worth the price you pay!

Just as we give consideration to whether or not a trip is worth the cost of the gasoline, let us give even more careful consideration to the choices we make about our actions, our attitudes, and the use we make of our time. Some things are not worth the price we will pay. Others are. Let God and His word help you decide what is truly worth it.

Brent Missildine
Prattville Church of Christ
Prattville, AL



Prayer Requests

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

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.

Geneva Miller came home this week and is continuing her rehab on an outpatient basis.

Louise Bowling (sister to one of Travis Scott's coworkers) has had a stroke and is on life support. Prayers are requested.

Don Stiltner (friend of Penny Ball) has shown improvement since last week.

Louella Ridley (95 year old woman on Jim Jacob's meal route) was robbed and beaten in her home this past week. She is in SOMC in serious condition.

Shepherds' Prayer

This Thursday, October 20, 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation will be meeting for special prayer for the families and individuals of our congregation. If you have a request that should be included in that prayer, please give it to one of the elders.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight we are having a singing devotional.

Falling Back

Don't forget. The last Sunday in October we go back to regular time. We get an extra hour of sleep.

Christmas Program

If you are interested in helping with the Christmas program this year, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Indicate if there is a particular area with which you would like to help. We will need LOTS of adult help. Children ages K-6 will be angels, shepherds and animals and a few older ones will be other characters. If you have a child in this age range and want them to participate, please see Brandy Gampp. The program is December 16th with several rehearsals during that week and one the week before. Most of the children's rehearsals will be done during children's church.

• Singing Rehearsal Scheduled

If you want to be a singer in the Christmas program this year, please plan to be at the building at 5 pm this afternoon for the first practice. If you are willing to help out with the singing, come on and join in. This is open to anyone who wishes to sing for the Lord.

Zoe Gampp Adoption Update

Dr. Aaron Kallner has agreed to donate all the fees from eye exams, which he performs on Wednesday, October 26, to the adoption fund for Zoe Gampp. This does not include glasses or other procedures, but only the eye exam fees. If you need an eye exam, plan to schedule it at the Jackson Wal-Mart for Wednesday, October 26 and help bring Zoe to her new home. Telephone at the Eye Center is 740-288-2721.

Fall Costume Party

Saturday, October 29, 6:30 pm, in the annex. For all ages. Please bring finger foods and snacks. Drinks will be provided. When choosing your costume please keep in mind that small children will be present (nothing too scary or gory please). We want **everyone** to have a good time. Thanks, Kristin.

Spirit Club Information

Some of you have been confused about which verses to be working on with your child. Kendra has created a bulletin board in the Annex for the Spirit Club which should answer your questions and end your confusion. Go to the board for Spirit Club and pull out the sheet for your child's grade. That sheet should have the correct verses on it for this year.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 10/22 Teen Hayride @ The Miller's
- 10/23 Sunday PM Home Groups **Begin**
- 10/29 Fall Costume Party
- Nov. Sunshine's month at Elbrooke
- Nov. Senior Ambassador's Banquet
- 11/20 Sunday PM Home Groups **End**
- 11/27 Men's Thanksgiving Service

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	
10/16	Rom 3-4	10/19	Num 20-21
10/23	Rom 5-8	10/26	Num 22-24
10/30	Rom 9-10	11/2	Num 25-27, 31

Elbrooke in November

We are getting ready for Elbrooke Services in November. Our first date is Thursday, November 3, at 7 pm. We need teachers for the Bible Study on Thursday nights and speakers for the worship service on Sunday's at 2 pm. In addition we need song leaders and people to help with singing and prayer, etc. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the spots, which you can and will cover.

Fellowship Dinners Scheduled

Ladies, please mark November 27th and December 18th on your calendars and treat us to some of that wonderful food you're famous for! Fellowship dinners are scheduled after morning worship services on those dates. For more information, contact Scott Gamp.

Leading

Mary Carolyn Davies



*Forests are made for weary men,
That they may find their soul again.
And little leaves are hung on trees
To whisper of old memories.
And trails with cedar shadow black
Are placed there just to lead men back
Past all the pitfalls of success
To boyhood's faith and happiness.
Far from the city's craft and fraud
O Forest, lead me back to God.*

Sunday PM Home Groups

• **Sign Up Today!**

We have our homes lined up for the next round of Sunday PM Home Groups. Check the table in the foyer and sign up for the group that you would like to attend. Don't tarry on this. Next Sunday is the beginning of Home Groups. We do not have Leaders for each group assigned as yet but we should have all assignments made by Wednesday evening.

• **Home Group Leaders**

Home Group Discussion Leaders, Wednesday evening after Bible Study we will have your materials ready for you. We will need about 10 minutes of your time to explain what the plan is and to familiarize you with the program. Please make every effort to be present so that you will be ready on Sunday to lead your group.

• **Home Group Hosts**

Next Sunday after morning services home group hosts should pick up an information sheet and communion bread for the group meeting in their home. These things will be laid out on the counter by the kitchen with the host's name on it.

Lord's Army Skit Practice

Today, 4 pm, the Lord's Army and any other teen who is vaguely interested in being a part of the Lord's Army, is invited to meet for skit practice here at the building. Right now the only performance scheduled is for here at Sunshine in 3 weeks. But we definitely need to practice. Be there.

Teen Devo

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

Teen Hayride

Saturday, October 22, the teens will be hosting a hayride at the Miller's for themselves and for the youth groups from Woodsfield, Piketon and Waverly. **We are needing people who would provide housing for the group from Woodsfield on Saturday night.** We know of 30 teens who are signed up. Breakfast will be provided at the building. All we need is a place for some teens to sleep. See Terry or Debbie if you are willing to help or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Those Who Serve

Scheduled Services

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

October 16

Romans 3-4
Wayne Gampp
Ralph Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie
Price Gammon
Jack Jennings
Jerry Gampp
Jamie Riley
Shawn Gragg
Jacob Miller
Matt Cram
Tim Coriell
Steve Miller
Gabe Coriell

October 23

Romans 5-8
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Steve Miller
Ira Coriell
Josh Coriell
Terry Royster
John Berry
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Troy Gahm
Aaron Franke
Jamie Riley
Mark Gampp

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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Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Jon Coriell
Mike Coriell
Aaron Franke
Jason Coriell

Nick Davis
Wayne Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Terry Sullivan

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
John Berry
Numbers 20-21

Zach Coriell
Tim Gampp
Numbers 22-24

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8-12 M-F

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