

The PRISM



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More than Prayer?

There was a span of about a month and a half between the time Jesus ascended into Heaven, leaving the disciples with the instructions to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit, and the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit actually came (Acts 1-2). We know the disciples spent that time together praying (Acts 1:14). We also know that when the Holy Spirit came, wonderful works were performed through those disciples. The gospel was spread throughout the known world in the span of one generation (Acts 2:28).

I heard a familiar sentiment the other day on a local Christian radio station. The host had just led a prayer for ministers in the listening area. At the conclusion of the prayer, another host commented about being sure to go beyond the prayer. He then proceeded to offer a couple practical suggestions of things to do in support our ministers. Respecting the good intent of the radio personalities, I am increasingly bothered by our language of going beyond prayer. If you listen, you will notice that we express such notions quite frequently.

Can you imagine some practically minded disciple, during the tense time prior to Pentecost, standing up amidst the others and saying, "All this praying is well and good but how about we get off our butts and do something?" No, they were all aware that they could do nothing on their own. With the Holy Spirit, there was nothing that they could not do. The book of Acts chronicles the awesome power of the Holy Spirit overcoming barriers of religion, race, and political forces. It is not as much a book of history as it is a message that we need to hear. God is still at work among his people. Prayer is still our primary tool to channel that power.

In my own walk with God, I have found great comfort in my growing appreciation of God's power available to me in prayer. I have also found my greatest challenge. Praying is not easy. Satan does not sit by idly while one decides, "I think I'll spend a little time in prayer." When I was working toward my degree in Bible and Religion, I did not feel Satan opposing me in any great way. When I was working toward a degree in counseling, I did not especially feel Satan's presence. When I read books and commentaries on the Bible, I do not feel opposed. But when I attempt to establish a pattern of prayer in my daily routine, I feel dogged at every turn. It is crystal clear to me that there is one thing I do that endangers the rule of Satan in this world. It is praying.

If you're reading this and you feel that prayer seems too passive, I suspect you are lacking either faith in or understanding of God. I say that humbly because I am lacking in both areas. But, by the grace of God, in decreasing measures. History suggests that nearly all of the Apostles as well as many of the early disciples gave their lives for the cause of Christ. If you start praying with an open mind to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your life, passivity will not be a concern for long. In our efforts to restore New Testament Christianity, may we restore the hunger, the thirst, the drive to be enveloped by the power of God in all that we do. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen (Matt 6:13b KJV).

Jason Coriell



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.

Jim (unknown last name), cousin of a friend of Jennifer Gampg just found out he has cancer and they're only giving him a few months.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampg's coworker) is scheduled for another surgery in the near future. Prognosis is not good for Chris.

Geneva Miller is still dealing with a lot of pain in her rehab.

Louella Ridley (95 year old woman on Jim Jacob's meal route) is recuperating. She has no memory of what happened but a witness has come forward to identify the perpetrator.

Albert Cunningham is in Best Care. His therapy has been discontinued.

Ola Cunningham is under hospice care at Jack and Janie Cunningham's home. Cards, prayers and maybe a visit requested. Call before you go.

Mary Collins has a tentative diagnosis of vertigo. She is seeking a second opinion.

Terry Knicely has been through a very trying 2 weeks and is now in a long-term hospitalization. Cards and notes of encouragement are requested. They can be sent to Gretchen who will deliver them.

Emily Graff (Al and Patsy's granddaughter in Kentucky) is in the hospital with congestion, she has been sick for several weeks. They are currently waiting on test results.

George McCain (Cheryl Sims' brother, 39 yrs of age) is in SOMC after a second heart attack.

Jill Milligan (36 yrs of age, mother of 3) diagnosed with cancer.

Manford Elkins (Amy Graff's father) diagnosed with advanced cancer.

Teen Devo

Colin and Zach Stimpert's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Christmas Program

If you are interested in helping in any way with our 3rd "annual" Christmas program, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. This year, although children will be involved, adults and teens will also be a part. So please sign up and indicate in what area your interest might be. If you have a child in k-6 class, there are parts for them so please also sign their name if you wish them to participate. The program will be on Dec 16th! If you want to help but don't have the time, you may wish to make a donation of money or fabric to help with costumes, etc. See Jason Coriell to do this.

Singers For The Christmas Program: There WILL be practice today TODAY at 4:30pm here at the building. We are meeting early during home groups so we can be finished in time for you to meet with your group. We still have room for more singers, so if you didn't get to come last week, come today!

Flu Shots Scheduled

Flu vaccines at Sunshine are tentatively scheduled for **Sunday November 20** starting at 9 a.m. Our supply of vaccine comes from SOMC, and is due to be delivered toward the end of November, so this date could change if there is a delay. There are two new providers of vaccines this year, and the FDA is checking every lot. (Kroger, Stakers, Wal-Mart & KMart stores will have theirs prior to this due to the bulk they are ordering nationwide, if someone is anxious to get theirs before this.) As far as we know, the vaccines will be open to all adults who want one. Cost will be \$15 with Medicare billing available.

Pneumonia vaccines will also be available, however, you only need a pneumonia shot every 5 years and only if you are a senior or at risk. Pneumonia shots are \$25 with Medicare billing available.

As always, the best defense against the flu is frequent handwashing, using disposable paper towels/tissues, and avoiding people who may sick.

NURSES---Watch the bulletin, we will need your help!! :)

Lord's Army Skit Practice

Today, 4 pm, the Lord's Army (and any other teen who is interested in being a part of the Lord's Army) is invited to meet for skit practice here at the building.

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 Gampg.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
10/23 Rom 5-8	10/26 Num 22-24
10/30 Rom 9-10	11/2 Num 25-27, 31

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 are needing an eye exam, plan to schedule it at the Jackson Walmart for Wednesday, October 26 and help bring Zoe to her new home. Telephone at the Eye Center is 740-288-2721.

Men's GYAT Class

Sunday, November 6, 7:30-8:30 am. Read Chapters 11 and 12. Underline the good stuff and be ready to talk about it.

Spirit Club Picture Day

Sunday, November 6, after morning services will be our time to make pictures of those who have completed their memory work for the month of October.

Teens Give Their Thanks

To all who helped with the hayride last night and with the housing for the group from Woodsfield.

Lunch for Woodsfield Group

Today after morning services the Sunshine Teens will be serving a lunch for the Woodsfield Teen group. You are invited to come over and visit with everybody while they eat. If it looks like we have plenty for our guests, you are also invited to help eat what's there.

Sunday PM Services

Home Groups begin tonight. There will be a group meeting here at the building.

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.

Home Groups Begin Tonight

We have our homes and group leaders 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. This evening is the first session of Home Groups. Groups should meet at 6:30 pm and be wrapping things up around 8:00 pm..

Home Group Hosts

Pick up an information sheet and communion bread for the group meeting in your home. These things will be laid out on the counter by the kitchen with the host's name on it.

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 songleaders 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.

Falling Back

Don't forget. Next Sunday we go back to regular time. We get an extra hour of sleep.

Sunshine Blog

For those of you that are interested in Internet Blogging, visit the new Sunshine-Church Blog. The address is **sunshine-church.blogspot.com**. Just read the comments or join the team and add to the content! See Jason Coriell or Al Graff for details.

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 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 Gamp

October 16

Romans 9-10
Wayne Gamp
Ralph Gamp
Steve Williams
Dewey Cordle
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Troy Gahm
Jerry Gamp
Mike Coriell
Bud Coriell
Eric McLaughlin
Matt Cram
Mike Gamp
Jamie Riley
Gabe Coriell

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

Nick Davis
Wayne Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Terry Sullivan

Shawn Gragg
Mike Coriell
Mark Risner
Jason Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Numbers 22-24

Jeff Hayward
Jacob Miller
Numbers 25-27, 31

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