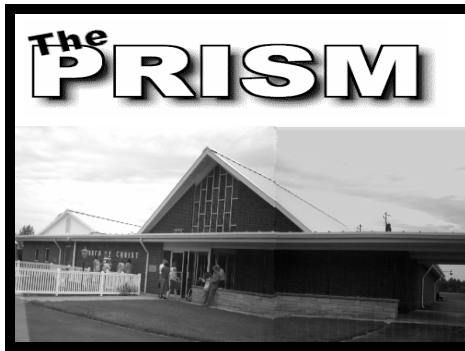




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God Bless The Teens

Yes, I've seen the papers. I know about the terrible things teens are up to...but I love them. For reasons that I've never understood, they love me, too. I do between 12 and 20 youth rallies a year and keep waiting for the day when they suddenly realize I'm a fossil and send me off the field of play. So far, so good.

So why do I love them and why am I an optimist when it comes to them? Here are a few reasons:

1. They know how to pray. When I was a kid we prayed British Commando prayers—get in, do your business, get out, no hanging about. Then there were the prayers the old guys prayed. We had those memorized by the 1st grade. Barely audible groans would go up when one or two of their names were called to lead in prayer. Long formulaic, and dry. Our lips would move along with them; we'd heard them so many times. But today? When I hear teens pray my heart swells. They pray much more passionately than I ever did. They have a relationship with God that gives them purpose and comfort; you can hear it in their voice. Every time I hear them pray, I thank God.
2. They invite Jesus into their lives. We went to church and went home, but these kids are different. They read Christian books, discuss them, trade them, and anxiously wait for the next one by their favorite authors. They have iPods and CD racks full of Christian music and never tire of talking about the songs and the artists. They wear Christian T-shirts and join Christian clubs at school. I look back on how isolated we felt when I was a teen and how we were almost embarrassed to admit that we were church people...and I thank God that He raised up this generation to show us the joy in Christ we somehow missed.
3. They are ministers. At rally after rally I find teens who have been on mission trips to Africa, Europe, Mexico, Central America—some of them many times. When I go down to one of our food or clothing distribution centers, I find teens enthusiastically helping out. They sit with the needy, love them, hug them, and make friends with them. No classism or racism. Just Christianity in action. Ask them to host a dinner for the seniors and they jump on it with alacrity. Very impressive.
4. They like church and love to worship. You always get slouchers and slackers, of course, but I see a steady growth of teens sitting up front, taking notes, following along in the Bible, and coming up to thank the speakers afterwards. Very classy and heartwarming. Our teens have taught us how to sing again. Us old guys can teach them some of the old majestic songs, but they teach us the songs that rejoice in relationship and salvation. Good stuff.
5. They are building a better church. Many of the arguments that filled our days, times and pulpits aren't interesting enough to get more than a shrug from the teens. They are all about worship, relationship, scripture, fellowship, and friendship in the Name of Christ. I think I should be jealous that they and their children will have a better church than I had...but I'm not. I'm just so, so happy for them.

Thank God for teens. They are truly a gift to us all.

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*If you know the author of this article, please let
Al Graff know so that proper recognition may be made.*



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**. **Manford Elkins** (Amy Graff's father) has been diagnosed with advanced cancer and is suffering with a lot of pain.

Ola Cunningham is back at Jack and Janie's house for the time being. No improvement.

Zach Sims injured his knee about 2 weeks ago and is scheduled for knee surgery December 7.

Praise Report: Gerald Davis (Kirstine Coriell's father) went to Georgia to have his burns checked by the doctor. Everything is healing wonderfully. PTL.

Abdul Saleemi (friend of Brandy Gampp), cancer has spread from lungs to spine. Prayers for comfort and his soul.

Bill Reed had successful hip replacement surgery at SOMC on Monday. He is now in the rehab section.

Carl Shepherd had stents placed in his heart arteries this week. All went well.

Ethan Lawson (4th grader at Minford) suffered a severe skull injury at school this week and had to be taken to Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Alex Cram went to Children's Hospital on Thursday and his tests showed no serious problems.

Bonnie Cram (Matt's mother in Kentucky) has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Jim Jacobs came home from SOMC after being treated 6 days for collapsed lung. PTL

Spirit Club Pictures Today

This morning at the conclusion of services, all students who have completed their memory work for November are invited to the Teen Room to have their pictures made. If we already have the student's picture and everyone is satisfied with it, all we need is the slip which details the memory work completed, signed by mom or dad. Turn the slips in to the photographer in the teen room. Slips are on the table in the foyer.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight Steve Miller will be showing pictures from his mission trip to Haiti this summer and talking about opportunities to help there.

Deacon's Meeting

The quarterly deacon's meeting will be held this afternoon at 5 p.m.

Teen Devo

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

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- Dec. 4 Quarterly Deacon's Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Singing at Elbrooke, 7 pm
- Dec. 11 Worship service at Elbrooke, 2 pm
- Dec. 16 Christmas Program, 7 pm
- Dec. 18 Fellowship Dinner
- Dec. 20 Teen Christmas party

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
12/4 I Cor 5-7	12/7 Joshua 5-6
12/11 I Cor 8-10	12/14 Joshua 7-8
12/18 I Cor 11-14	12/21 Joshua 9
12/25 I Cor 15-16	12/28 Joshua 10:1-27

Christmas Program News

--Rehearsal today at the building at 3 pm for everybody in the program. Practice will last about 2 hours. Any questions about the rehearsal, see Judi Allison or Scott Gampp.

--Next Rehearsal will be Thursday, December 8, 7 pm here at the building. **This one is only for the children (angels, animals and shepherds). Adult shepherds should come also.** If everyone is here by 7 pm, we should be done by 8 pm.

--Friday, December 9, starting at 7 pm. This is a scene by scene rehearsal. If you are in Scene 2 or 3 or 4 you can come later. Get the rehearsal schedule from Judi or Scott on Sunday.

--There are posters and individual invitation flyers on the table in the foyer. Feel free to take what you need and invite your friends and neighbors and family to the program. This program will definitely be focused on what God the Father did through the Son in sending Him to this world. Bring the lost.

Thank You's Received

From the **Wigley family in Petal, Mississippi** (a family we helped through the road-clearing team that went to Mississippi) Card is posted on the bulletin board.

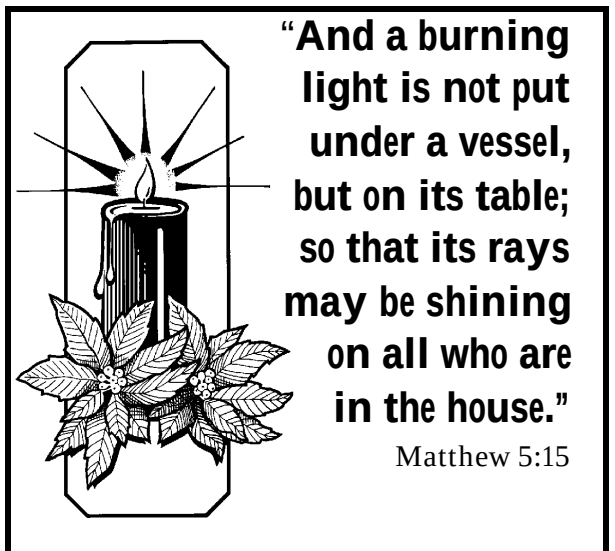
From **Jack and Janie Jennings**. (This is a lengthy thank you from the Jennings to the congregation. I have posted it on the bulletin board and have made copies on cherry colored paper. The copies are laid out on the table in the foyer.)

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Albert Cunningham** (Janie Jennings and Jim Cunningham's father) who passed away last weekend. The funeral was Thursday in Wheelersburg.

Teen Christmas Party

Tuesday December 20th at 6:30 at the Shawnee Campus Ministry Building in Portsmouth on the corner 4th and Gay Street.



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

December 4

1 Corinthians 5-7
Tom Kelley
Ralph Gamp
Steve Williams
Aaron Kallner
Caleb Miller
Eric McLaughlin
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
John Berry
Eugene Risner
Harold Gamp
Nick Davis
Dewey Cordle
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

December 11

1 Corinthians 8-10
Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Mike Coriell
Greg Coriell
Ed McLaughlin
Josh Coriell
Jason Coriell
Jamie Riley
Jerry Gamp
David Graff
Chuck Allison
Steve Miller
Mark Gamp

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Shaun McCray
Tim Gamp
Mark Risner
Terry Sullivan

Zach Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Caleb Miller
Tim Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Gabe Coriell
Mike Gamp
Joshua 5-6

Bud Coriell
Wayne Gamp
Joshua 7-8

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Home Groups - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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