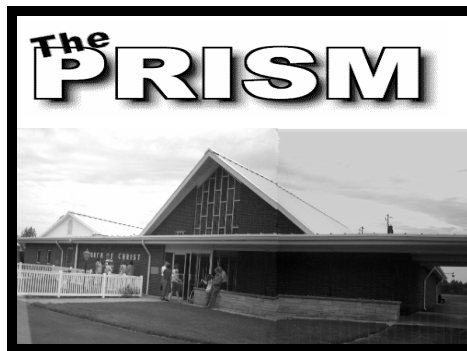




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T h e T r e a s u r e B o x

I have one. I know that Jack Exum has one, too. I would assume that God has His own version. Of what? let me explain...

Yesterday was a banner day for me at worship. For some reason, at different times, seven little children came running up to hug me. I got on my knees for each one, hugged them back, and thanked them. What a wonderful gift and honor! Then one little girl with the beautiful name "Fonda Lilly" came up, shyly, bearing a picture of Snow White and the Prince that she had colored and 'signed' for me. I promised her that I would have it forever. It would be placed in my treasure box.

In that box (really a series of files) are all the drawings and colored pictures and scribbled 'notes' that children have brought me over the year. My children's work is in there, too. For example, my son recently left me a note saying he was sorry to miss me since I'd been out of town, but he had to go to work. It said he was looking forward to seeing me in the morning. Coming from a sixteen year old, I thought that was wonderful. So it went into the box.

On dark days when things seem to be falling apart I get out my treasure box and go through it. Thank you cards from churches I visited (today, I put one from the Pitman Church of Christ in New Jersey in there. Thanks, ladies!), nice personal notes from people whose parents I helped in their last days, outlines of children's hands -- kids who now have their own kids -- along with hearts drawn with great effort all around the edges. and loving cards from my wife.... all in my treasure box.

I am a man who is painfully aware of his limitations and flaws. I live in a place where clouds and cold rule most of the year... and I get depressed in the cold and dark. The treasure box helps me survive and, yes, even thrive nonetheless. I have no storehouse of treasures on earth; we prefer giving to getting and even refuse to pile up a retirement account. My retirement plan is to die. In the meantime, when I need a hint of heaven, I open the box and remember the pure hearts and sincere hugs all this represents.

I am thankful for them all.

— **Patrick Meade**
Rochester Hills, MI



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.

Zach Sims had his knee surgery on Wednesday and all went well. He is recuperating at home.

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

Bill Reed came home last Sunday afternoon and is doing his rehab from home.

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

Marti Abrams (female guard at SOCF) was severely beaten by an inmate about her face and head and had to be taken to the trauma unit of Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

Sylvan McLaughlin had surgery for a spot on his kidney this week. The spot was malignant.

Macie Shumway has surgery for carpal tunnel on her right hand on December 21.

Teen Devo

No devo this week due to Christmas Program practice.

Teen Christmas Party

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

Christmas Program News

--**Rehearsal today at the building at 3 pm for everybody in the program.** Singers, please come at 2 pm for your practice.

--**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.

--**Cookies needed for the reception which will follow the Christmas Program.** Sign up is on the table in the foyer. Each volunteer cook should bring 5 dozen cookies. (Please don't bring cookies with peanut butter.)

Services on Sunday, Dec. 25

Our regular service schedule will be changed for Sunday, December 25. We will have one service for the day with Bible classes scheduled for 2:30 pm and our worship assembly scheduled for 3:15 pm. **We will not be having Children's Bible Time on this day.** This change is being made to allow families to spend the day celebrating Christmas together.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

Thursday, Dec. 22nd. 7:30 p.m. If you have a request that you would like for the elders to pray about, please see one of them.

Correction:

Last week's cover article was by Patrick Meade.

Teen Bring a Friend Devo

Tuesday, December 27, 6:30 pm at the Hayward's house (Melissa, Melinda & Ashley).

Caroling for Teens (and Adults)

Saturday, December 17, 6:30 pm, caroling group(s) will be leaving from the building to sing for shut-ins and the people at the homeless shelter. If you know someone who definitely would appreciate a group of carolers coming to their place, let Terry know. We also need adult drivers to get people around. See Terry or Debbie.

Sunday PM Services

Singing Devotional tonight.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- Dec. 11 Worship service at Elbrooke, 2 pm
- Dec. 11 Christmas Program Practice 3.pm
- Dec. 16 Christmas Program, 7 pm
- Dec. 17 Christmas Caroling 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Fellowship Dinner
- Dec. 20 Teen Christmas party
- Dec. 25 Special Service Times 2:30/3:15
- Feb. 11 Valentine Gala

Elbrooke Service Today

Today at 2 pm we are scheduled to conduct the worship service at Elbrooke Pavilion. Many of our singers will be tied up in the Christmas Program rehearsal so we really need some of you who don't usually come to be present and help with the singing. Aaron Kallner will be bringing the lesson.

Bible Study Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

December 11 2005	1 Corinthians 8 - 10	December 14, 2005	Joshua 7 - 8
December 18, 2005	1 Corinthians 11 - 14	December 21, 2005	Joshua 9
December 25, 2005	1 Corinthians 15 - 16	December 28, 2005	Joshua 10:1 - 27
Jan. 1, 2006	II Corinthians 1-4	Jan. 4, 2006	Joshua 10:28-12:24
Jan. 8, 2006	II Corinthians 5-6	Jan. 11, 2006	Joshua 13-19
Jan. 15, 2006	II Corinthians 7-9	Jan 18, 2006	Joshua 20-21
Jan. 22, 2006	II Corinthians 10-13	Jan. 25, 2006	Joshua 22
Jan. 27, 2006	Galatians 1-2	Feb. 1, 2006	Joshua 23
Feb. 5, 2006	Galatians 3-4	Feb. 8, 2006	Joshua 24
Feb. 12, 2006	Galatians 5-6	Feb. 15, 2006	Judges 1-2
Feb. 19, 2006	Ephesians	Feb. 22, 2006	Judges 3
Feb. 26, 2006	Philippians 1-4	Mar. 1, 2006	Judges 4-5
Mar. 5, 2006	Colossians 1-4	Mar. 8, 2006	Judges 6-8
Mar. 12, 2006	I & II Thessalonians	Mar. 15, 2006	Judges 9:1:1-11:11
Mar. 19, 2006	I Timothy 1-4	Mar. 22, 2006	Judges 11:12-12:15

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning December 11

Bible Class Text	1 Corinthians 8-10
Welcome & Prayer	Don Coriell
Song Director	Ralph Gamp
Scripture Reading	Matt Hoskins
Prayer	Mike Coriell
Lord's Supper - Server 6	Greg Coriell
Server 5	Ed McLaughlin
Server 4	Josh Coriell
Wine	Jason Coriell
Bread	Jamie Riley
Server 3	Jerry Gamp
Server 2	David Gamp
Server 1	Chuck Allison
Message	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Mark Gamp

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Zach Coriell
Opening Prayer	Dewey Cordle
Lord's Supper	Jacob Miller
Closing Prayer	Tim Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Bud Coriell
Prayer	Wayne Gamp
Bible Class Text	Joshua 7-8

December 18

1 Corinthians 11-14
Jon Coriell
Scott Gamp
Steve Williams
Rich Book
Ryan Coriell
Ike Hardin
Eric McLaughlin
Gary Glispie
Terry Royster
Troy Gahm
Matt Cram
Travis Scott
Jamie Riley
Tom Kelley

Mark Gamp
Terry Sullivan
Dewey Cordle
John Berry

Zach Coriell
Don Coriell
Joshua 5-6

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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