

The PRISM



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“Nothing” Is “Out”

Our world is a religious smorgasbord. If you don't have a religion you like very much there are tons of them out there just waiting to hear from you. Some of them are trendy and tend to rise and fall with their celebrity endorsers. Others are so esoteric that even celebrities can't make them popular (see: Madonna/Kabala or Travolta/Scientology). Religions tend to be clumped in together, like we arrange buffets and smorgasbords by salads, vegetables, meats, breads, desserts, we see the world's religions as Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Pagan, and Other/Schizoid/Bizarre (see: Madonna and Travolta above).

At the end of the day, as the worker bees at the Country Buffet or Golden Corral are cleaning out the bins of food, I imagine there are always one or two foods left over; foods so unpopular that, although they must be offered, they don't appeal to very many people. In the world of religions, it seems that the leftover food that no one really wants anymore is atheism. I never thought I would see it in my lifetime, but atheism is in a serious tailspin. When I was a teenager in Scotland I ran across more atheists than kilts but even in "we're too sophisticated for religion" Europe, atheism is so rare that one sociologist recently said there weren't enough of them for a viable study.

It seems that belief in "nothing" is "out." A stampede of scientists are leaving Darwinism just as National Geographic and the usual suspects are hilariously proclaiming its vindication. Philosophers who railed against the existence of God are now saying "It" is there. Scientists are forming groups to teach Intelligent Design (but our academics -- always the last to realize when they've backed the wrong horse [see: communism/socialism/anarchism] will be decades catching up).

None of this means that people are fighting their way through the crowds to get to the baptistery, of course. Many are replacing belief in nothing with a "something" that is so vague as to be, well, functionally, nothing. God has given us this window of opportunity to tell people the story of Jesus. Christianity stands in stark contrast with Islam and Judaism in its character and teachings. It also stands in starker contrast with paganism and nothing-ism. We cannot sit idly by and watch people replace one "just so" story with another "just so" story. We need to give them, at this moment of receptivity, the rest of the story -- the truth: there is a God. He is Creator of all, Judge of all, and Savior of those who come to Him through Christ.

This is not a time to pitch our tents. Pull up the pegs and get moving. The fields are white unto harvest....

Patrick Meade



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' was released from the VA Hospital last week and is now home but his condition is continuing to get worse.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) has undergone further testing at Grant this week. A blood clot was discovered by the pacemaker recently placed in her heart. She has been treated and is now in the Four Winds Nursing Home between Jackson and Wellston on US 32.

The Crams (Matt, Kendra & Alex) are facing some difficult decisions about how to handle Alex's lung/breathing/allergy condition. They are asking for God's guidance and wisdom.

Robert Walton (friend and coworker of Jim Jacobs) has stage 4 lung cancer.

Rose Brennan (friend and coworker of Jim Jacobs) had recent open heart surgery but is not recuperating like she should.

Praise Report: Jill Milligan (friend of Rhonda Berry and recently in our prayer list with Stage 4 stomach cancer) has had a recent CT scan and is now cancer free. Praise the Lord!

Thank You

Received from Clark and Teresa Cook for the cards, prayers, food and flowers sent in their loss of their son, Greg.

Bible Curriculum

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
1/15 II Co 7-9	1/18 Josh 20-21
1/22 II Co 10-13	1/25 Josh 22
1/29 Gal 1-2	2/1 Josh 23
2/5 Gal 3-4	2/8 Josh 24

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 2/4 Scout Sunday
- 2/11 Valentine Gala
- 2/17-19 Winterfest in Gatlinburg
- 3/12-4/9 Sunday PM Home Groups

Picture Directory Update

Gary Glispie is getting ready to update our pictorial directories. If you want an updated picture, give Gary a recent picture of your family that you like or have him retake your picture here the last two weeks of January. If your address or phone number has changed, he needs that information.

Got Any DVD's?

Derek Miller is in Afghanistan and has asked for our old DVD's. The men use them as diversion and entertainment in their free time. See Steve or Julie if you have some to donate

Sunday PM Services

We continue with Revelation 20 this evening, looking at the third vision of the chapter (20:7-10): The Release of the Devil at the End of the 1000 Years.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

Thursday, January 19, the shepherds of the congregation will be meeting for special prayer for the individuals and families in this congregation. If you have something that needs to be included in the prayer, please see one of the elders before Thursday.

Special Teen Activity Monday

Since there is no school on Monday, the teens are invited to Terry and Debbie's for a game called the Newlywed Game. Show up about 1 pm. Food will be served some time thru the afternoon. Bring a friend of the opposite sex so that you can participate in the game.

Teen Devo

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

Be A Devo Host

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for hosting teen devos for the next couple of months. If you would be willing to open your home for them to meet, please put your name on the list. Thanks!

Meeting for Jr. Youth Program

Next Sunday, January 22, 5 pm, there will be a meeting here at the building giving details about the new junior youth program here at Sunshine.

Meeting for Tutoring Program

Sunday, January 29, 5 pm, there will be a meeting here at the building giving details about the new tutoring program through which our young people can minister to the community.

Impact Sign-up

There is a signup list for Jr. & Sr. Impact in the foyer. Put your name on the list ASAP if you're planning to go.

Spirit Club News

A handout that answers Frequently Asked Questions about the Spirit Club is available today in the foyer. Copies are on the table. Hopefully this FAQ will clear up some of the points of confusion. Get your copy and read it over.

Youth Announcements This AM

Terry Sullivan will be making announcements this morning about new programs for our youth.

Elbrooke Communion Service

For the past 2-3 years communion has been carried on a weekly basis to members of the church who reside at Elbrooke Pavilion and Minford Retirement Center. Christian men volunteer to cover one month at a time and then rotate with other volunteers. We need a few more men to be involved with this ministry. Time slot for serving communion is from 34:30 pm. It usually takes about one hour to make the rounds. See Steve Miller if you are willing.

Winterfest Sign Up

Winterfest is scheduled for February 17-19 in Gatlinburg, TN. This is a fun-filled, spiritual weekend for junior high through college age. Sign up sheets and information are on the table in the foyer. The cost is \$75 per person which covers lodging, registration and transportation. Deadline for the money is February 17 before we leave from the church parking lot. See Shaun McCray or Jamie Riley for details.

Winterjam Columbus

On Friday, Feb 6th Terry and Scott will be taking a group of teens to Winterjam 2006 at the Schottenstein Ctr. in Columbus. Featuring Newsboys, TobyMac, ZoeGirls and the Sphere of Fear Motorcycle Stunts. Please see one of them if you are interested in going.

Valentine Gala Coming

Saturday, February 11, 7 pm, the Grand March for the annual Father-Daughter Valentine Gala will just be starting. Tickets for the event will be available soon. If you are called upon to help, please be ready to jump in and do your part.

Screening Scheduled

The Sunshine Health Ministry will have a blood pressure and blood sugar screening on Sunday, January 29th starting at 9 a. m.

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

January 15

II Corinthians 7-9
Jon Coriell
Ralph Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Terry Sullivan
Dale Gamp
Ryan Coriell
Ike Hardin
Dewey Cordle
Gary Glispie
Matt Cram
Chuck Allison
Terry Royster
Steve Miller
John Berry

January 22

II Corinthians 10-13
Wayne Gamp
Scott Gamp
Steve Williams
Aaron Kallner
John Gamp
Tim Coriell
Jacob Miller
Mike Gamp
Shawn Gragg
Kevin Stimpert
Jerry Gamp
Aaron Franke
Jamie Riley
Mike Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Aaron McCray
Wayne Gamp
Josh Coriell
Mark Risner

Bud Coriell
Jon Coriell
Greg Coriell
Jason Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Mark Gamp
Joshua 20-21

Gabe Coriell
Mark Risner
Joshua 22

Scheduled Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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