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Is That a Speck in Your Eye?

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to spot other people's faults? I can see so clearly when somebody else is wrong. And to be honest, it's not only easy, it's fun. There is a part of me that secretly (or not so secretly, sometimes) likes to see where others have gone wrong. I should add that not only is it easy and fun... it's often sinful.

The Bible has little good to say about the man who sits around looking for faults in others. In fact, Jesus called it hypocrisy. Listen to His words: ***"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."*** (Matthew 7:3-5)

It's easy and fun to point out the faults in others, but difficult and unpleasant to have to face our own shortcomings. Paul wrote: ***"Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things."*** (Romans 2:1) Each of us is called to evaluate his own work, not that of his brother (Galatians 6:4).

One of the saddest things that exists in Christianity today are the "finger-pointing" publications where brothers feel compelled to tell the world what other brothers are doing wrong. This practice is far from what the New Testament writers did. Look at the book of Galatians, a book that Paul wrote with much emotion as he confronted false teaching. Paul never once calls the false teachers by name. Not once! And Paul wrote to the Galatians about the problems in the Galatian church, not the problems in the Corinthian church. If Paul wrote to our congregation today, it would not be to warn us about what some church in San Antonio is doing; it would be to warn us about the problems that we have.

Now here's the kicker in all of this: even as I write these lines, I come close to falling under the temptation of doing the same thing. When I see certain authors' names, I groan inwardly. "Oh, no!" I think, "Another unloving diatribe against brothers in Christ." And do you see what I'm doing? I'm showing the same unloving, judgmental spirit that I'm condemning in them.

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Prayer Requests

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

For **national 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**.

Mary Bertram (Millie Lemon's sister-in-law) is hospitalized in Florence, KY with fluid build up and breathing problems. She is back on the ventilator and is not doing well.

Linda Smith (Mary Collin's mother) is still having breathing problems from exposure to chemical fumes.

Jeff Lemon (Millie's son in Maryland) had surgery on his leg Tuesday to remove a hematoma. He is home but there is some serious healing that has to take place.

Steve Mullins (friend of Terry Sullivan) loosing the battle with cancer. Prayers for his soul.

Ralph Clifford (known to Minford residents) had surgery this week and has been diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer. Chemotherapy is starting right away.

WinterFest Trip

About 35 who would normally be in attendance this morning are on their way back from WinterFest in Gatlinburg. We are looking for them to get in about 6 pm. Prayers for safe trip.

Teen Devo

Jeff and Teresa Hayward's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Ola Cunningham**, mother of Jim Cunningham and Janie Jennings. Ola passed away at home late Wednesday evening/ early Thursday morning. The viewing is this afternoon from 4-8 at the Swick Funeral Home in Wheelersburg. The funeral service is tomorrow at 11 at the mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral Dinner Arrangements

The Sunshine church is providing a meal after the burial of Ola Cunningham at the home of Jack and Janie Jennings. Sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who can prepare something. Deliver to the building Monday between 9 and 10 am or to the Jennings home from about 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Good News

On Wednesday evening **Keith Whitaker** confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized. Keith is a former student of Mike Coriell at SCJVS and has been talking with him about Christ for some time. Congratulations to Keith on this decision.

Junior Youth Devotional

We need homes in which the Junior Youth group can meet for their Thursday evening devotional time. If you would be willing to host the group in your home, sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Secret Sisters

The Ladies will meet next Saturday morning, Feb. 25th, at 9:00 at Bob Evan's in Wheelersburg to reveal Secret Sisters from last year and will draw for this year next Sunday the 26th. There will be forms to fill out in the foyer and a box to put them in. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hoskins or Paige Jacobs. All ladies are welcome!

Spirit Club Video Presentation

Normally we would have shown our Spirit Club video last Sunday, but we had to postpone due to the busy weekend. This Sunday most of our "tech" guys are in Gatlinburg at Winterfest, but we're going to give it a try. If we're not successful, we'll try again next Sunday. OK?

Youth Rally Approaching

Our annual youth rally is scheduled for April. The date is quickly approaching. If you would like to help out in any way, see Terry Sullivan.

Shepherd's Prayer

This Thursday, at 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation will be meeting for special prayer for the individuals and families of this church. If you have specific requests, please get with one of the elders right away and let them know.

Lord's Army

Anyone interested in being involved with The Lord's Army skit group, please attend a meeting next Sunday at 5 p.m., we will be deciding if there is enough interest to continue this ministry for another year.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight a singing devotional.

Bible Curriculum

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
2/19 Eph 1-6	2/22 Judges 3
2/26 Phlp 1-4	3/1 Judges 4-5
3/5 Colo 1-4	3/8 Judges 6-8
3/12 1 & 2 Thess	3/15 Judges 9:1-11:11
3/19 I Tim 1-6	3/22 Judges 11:12-12:15
3/26 II Tim 1-4	3/29 Judges 13

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 3/12-4/9 Sunday PM Home Groups

Sunday PM Home Groups

The dates for the next round of Home Groups will be March 12 through April 9 (5 Sunday's). We have laid out a sign up sheet for those who would be willing to have the groups meet in their homes this time around. Please sign up right away. We have four different tracks this time for the home groups: teen, college age, parents, general congregation. More information about each group theme will be forthcoming. For now, we need the home locations.

Tutoring Program

The second meeting for our tutoring ministry will be this Thursday at 6 p.m. All teachers and students please be sure to attend.

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I think about the church in Ephesus that Jesus spoke to in Revelation 2. They were hard-working and zealous, defenders of sound doctrine and foes of false teachers. And they were about to lose their right to be called a church of our Lord. Why? Because they had lost their love. If they did not recover that love, Christ was going to disown them.

Admittedly, I am called to correct my brother when I see him in error. But I am to do so with love and humility, recognizing that I too am imperfectly following my Lord. We are called to speak the truth, but to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). **Our speech must have truth and it must have love, or it is not Christian.**

— Tim Archer
Stockdale Church of Christ
Stockdale, TX

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

February 19

Ephesians 1-6
Tom Kelley
Scott Gampp
Greg Coriell
John Berry
Josh Coriell
Gabe Coriell
Chuck Allison
Mike Coriell
Jamie Riley
Jack Jennings
John Gampp
Mark Risner
Steve Miller
Jason Coriell

February 26

Philippians 1-4
Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Terry Sullivan
Matt Cram
Jerry Gampp
Gary Glispie
Scott Gampp
Rich Book
Al Graff
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Eric McLaughlin
Jamie Riley
Aaron Kallner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Aaron McCray
Ira Coriell
Rich Book
Gary Glispie

Josh Coriell
Nick Davis
Mark Gampp
Tim Gampp

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Matt Hoskins
Judges 3

Zach Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Judges 4-5

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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