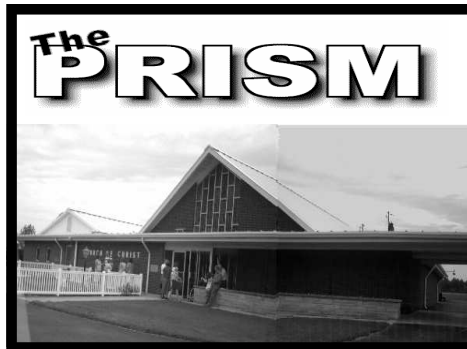




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Weed or Flower?

I came home one afternoon to eat my lunch. It was so beautiful outside that I sat on the back porch to eat. I looked over the back yard, which was covered in dandelions. Normally I would think of the fact that these were common weeds that needed to be exterminated. If not, they spread all over the place and take over. But this day I just sat and stared at them, remembering how I used to see them as a child. As a child, they were not weeds, but were flowers. The girls used to pick them and would put them in their hair. Sometimes we would make a bouquet of them and take them to our mothers. Our mothers always reacted with delight that we had brought them such cheerful and pretty flowers. And when they turned into those seed things, we used to love to pick them and blow them across the yard. Of course that would drive the neighbor nuts because we were blowing weed seeds onto his manicured lawn. But to us, we were blowing clouds across the yard that would peacefully float away. Somewhere along the way, I had lost the appreciation for the simple beauty of these little bits of sunshine throughout the yard. It takes the eyes of a child to appreciate them. I guess in some way we are like dandelions. There is a bright sunny beauty in us that comes from the light of the Son. But in order to see and appreciate that beauty, we must see with the eyes of a child. Reality looks different in the eyes of a child. That is what part of kingdom life is all about.

"And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, 'Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all. And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them (Mark 10:13-16).'"

Children don't see weeds, they see flowers. As believers, we don't see obstacles, we see challenges. We don't see problems, we see opportunities. We don't see road blocks, we see possibilities. With the Philippians 4:8 attitude coupled with the Gospel of Christ, we become like the little seeds that spread all over the place. A storm can try and blow us over and overcome us, but all that does is spread us out further. All it does is strengthen us.

The world may not like it. They may call us nothing more than weeds that need to be weeded out, but the gates of Hades will never prevail against the Kingdom of God. So don't be ashamed if the world calls us a weed. In God's eyes we are not weeds. We are his instrument to spread his good news all around our family and friends, in our neighborhoods, schools, on the job, and anywhere we happen to be.

John Telgren

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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

June Book is still waiting for her surgery to be scheduled.

Sam Miller starts Officer Candidates School in Knoxville, Tn on May 14.

Charlie Locher (relative of Sarah Gilliland) is home now after a farm accident but is not getting around well.

Jean Smith (friend of John & Delores Gampp) has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Janie Raspberry (Annie Rhinebolt's daughter) has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Brian Stevens, a 6th grade student at Bloom-Vernon Elementary (South Webster) had a seizure and was taken to Columbus on Saturday. Doctors suspect a stroke.

Praise Report: Matt Lloyd (son of Kevin Lloyd) was diagnosed a few months back with Hodgkin's disease. Hi last test reveals he is cancer free. PTL.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

5/4-5/28	Services at Elbrooke
5/20	Mandi Coriell Baby Shower, 4 pm
5/21	Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening
5/27	25 th Wedding Celebration for Crisp's
5/28	Austin Coriell's 90 th Birthday
6/3	50 th Wedding Celebration for Gampp's
6/9-10	Father-Son Camp Out at the Rase Farm
6/17	Derek Marion & Meaghan DeCamp Wedding
6/19-24	Impact
6/26-30	VBS at Sunshine
7/16-22	Camp Time at Fort Hill

Teen Devo

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

Next Junior Devo

June and Rich Book's house, Thursday, May 25, 6:30 pm

Sr. Devo Locations Needed

There is a sheet on the table in the foyer for those who would be willing to have the senior youth group in their homes for their devo. The senior group meets on Tuesday evenings. Sign up for the date or dates you can handle.

Health Ministry Screening

The Health Ministry Team will have a blood pressure/blood sugar screening in the Annex on May 21 from 9 am till class time and will resume after worship services.

Sunday PM Services

After a short period of worship we will have a Prayer and Share session tonight.

Elbrooke Services—HELP!!

In the past we have been responsible for services at Elbrooke during the month of November. This year we have shifted our month to May. We need men to help us with leading and teaching. We also need singers to show up and make a joyful noise to the Lord and to lift up the hearts of the residents at Elbrooke. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can help. Sunday services are at 2 pm and Bible studies are on Thursday at 7 pm. **Services to-day at 2 pm. Help.**

Father-Son Camp Out

On Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10, fathers and sons are invited to Ken Rase's farm for the annual Father-Son Camp Out. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to come. See Dewey or Rich for details.

Baby Shower x 2

Twice as much to celebrate! Baby shower for Mandi Coriell and the twin girls on Saturday, May 20, 4 pm at the building. See Autumn Risner for details.

Ministry Survey

Thank you to the 150 Christians who filled out the Ministry Survey last week. There are many who have not turned one in as yet. There are extra copies of the survey in the foyer. We would like to receive one from every Christian who attends Sunshine. This survey is a tool the elders can use to provide more people with opportunities to serve the Lord. Put your completed survey in the box in the foyer.

25th Anniversary Celebration

We have been invited to a 25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration in the Sunshine Annex on Saturday, May 27, 3-5 pm in honor of **Esther and Gene Crisp**. **The invitation is posted. An RSVP is needed by today. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.**

50th Anniversary Celebration

Wayne and Irmalee Gampp will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday June 3, at 6 pm, at their home. **All of us are invited but they need an RSVP by today. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer.**

Birthday Celebration

There will be a party to celebrate **Austin Coriell's 90th birthday** on Sunday, May 28, in the church fellowship hall from 4-6 pm. No gifts please. All invited.

Gospel Meeting

Jack Hall from Richmond, KY will be preaching a meeting for the **Lily Chapel church of Christ** on Turkey Foot Road, May 21-24. Monday & Tuesday nights are "Sunshine nights."

Gospel Meeting

Elm Grove church of Christ, Bill Morris speaking. May 21-24, 7 pm each evening. Flyer posted.

Graduates Open House

Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day) there will be an open house from 4-6 pm at 1522 Allen Road, Minford (Miller's house) for **Zach Sims and Jacob Miller**. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some food and fellowship in honor of these two graduates. Map to the Miller's house is posted on the bulletin board.

Spirit Club Meeting Today

Parents, we are in the "Home Stretch" of the first year of Spirit Club. There will be a short meeting in the annex immediately following services for parents of the congregation. If you have been doing Spirit Club at home, or if you would like to start, this meeting is for you. It will be focused on "what can we do to help you?"

Spirit Club Party

There will be a "**Home Stretch**" **Spirit Club Party** here at the church building and on church grounds, **Monday, May 29, from 12-2 pm**. Come prepared to get wet—**water balloons, squirt guns, wading pools**, slides, etc. All Spirit Club and 66 Club members and their parents are invited!! If you have not yet participated in Spirit Club, now is your chance...dust off your handbook, memorized this month's verse and party with us!! This will be fun, and a hint at what lies ahead for the Spirit Club Big Bash this fall.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9.

Bible Curriculum

Sunday	Wednesday
5/14 James 4	5/17 Ruth 3-4
5/21 James 5	5/24 I Samuel 1:1-2:11
5/28 I Peter 1-5	5/31 I Samuel 2:12-3:21

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

May 14

James 4
Jon Coriell
Scott Gamp
Jerry Gamp
Jason Coriell
Rick Coriell
Barry Gamp
Dale Gamp
Jamie Riley
Terry Sullivan
Harold Gamp
Jack Jennings
John Gamp
Steve Miller
Wayne Gamp

May 21

James 5
Wayne Gamp
Shawn McCray
Dewey Cordle
Bud Coriell
Ike Hardin
David Gamp
Matt Cram
Mark Gamp
Gabe Coriell
Tim Coriell
Ira Coriell
Matt Hoskins
Steve Miller
Mike Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Nick Davis
Greg Coriell
Josh Coriell
Tim Gamp

Aaron McCray
Terry Sullivan
Eric McLaughlin
Mark Risner

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

May 17

Shawn McCray
Nick Gamp
Ruth 3-4

May 24

Jamie Riley
Aaron McCray
1 Samuel 2:12-3:21

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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