

The PRISM



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LAWN CIRCLES

I woke up one morning to find a perfect circle of flattened brown grass in the middle of my lawn. The circle was about two feet across and in stark contrast to the green surrounding it. To top it off, this is not a one time occurrence. It has happened before. Now before you start humming the theme song of the "Twilight Zone," let me tell you why it is there. When we moved to this house, there were the remains of one of those half barrels that you plant flowers in. I was able to remove the wood; however, the dirt remained. Last year I planted some grass seed on the spot and it sprang up and did quite well in the spring, even outgrowing the grass around. However, when we got back from camp—brown circle. I did the same thing this year, but it didn't take nearly as long to turn brown. My suspicion is that it is just poor soil and if I ever want to have a yard without a lawn circle, I will have to dig up that spot and put in new fertile soil. Still I haven't done it yet and I am still talking about it, when my wife's response would be to hand me a shovel and say, "Stop talking about it and get busy!"

Growing and producing, or fertile soil, is not a new topic. The application in this story is not even close to being original. Christ used it to a much greater effect long before me. My lawn circle is just a modern day example of the necessity of fertile soil. The point is...while I can live with a desert area in my lawn, I can't live with a desert area in my heart. I need good soil.

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop (Luke 8:15).

As Christ relates his parable of the sower (recorded three times in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8), He is talking soil, but describing hearts. He reveals to His apostles how different hearts react, and urges them to have hearts that are fertile ground. Christ's parable tells us fertile hearts, "Hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." In my story, my lawn circle will continue to be a lawn circle until I take a meaningful action. In other words, a fertile heart is not based on what you see or hear. The true test of a fertile heart is seen in what you do with the Word.

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Prayer Requests

For those in the gulf area that are still suffering from 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.

Zane Sims has been referred to a specialist and is having an ultrasound June 21.

Arlene Knore is home now having her rehab from the shoulder repair surgery.

Praise Report: Mary Collins reveal no cancer. The problem has apparently been goiters.

Troy Gahm was admitted to SOMC this week with kidney stones.

Becky Wooten (friend of the Millers in Detroit) is being tested for leukemia.

Dick Havens was released Monday from SOMC.

Ronnie Hodge (friend of Jayma Rase) is suffering with brain cancer and is not expected to live.

Lillian Knore is now in Golden Years for a few weeks of rehab.

Jack Strickland (Minford resident) is having some serious health problems.

Angie Turner (employee of Minford Schools) in SOMC with heart irregularities.

Carolyn Dixon (dialysis patient of Amy Huffman) is seeking a donor for a kidney transplant. Her spirits are low and she needs encouragement.

Sunday PM Services

Josh Coriell and Shawn Gragg speaking for us tonight.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

6/19-24 Impact

6/24 VBS Decoration Day

6/26-30 VBS at Sunshine

7/8 Reception for Caleb & Meaghan Miller

7/16-22 Camp Time at Fort Hill

Stork Has Landed

This week two of our mothers have given birth. We congratulate parents and family on the new additions. **Maria Nicole Gragg** born to Heather and Shawn Gragg on Monday, 6/12/06 about 3:30 pm. She weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz and measured 20.75 inches. Heather and Maria came home on Thursday.

Cali Jade Miller born to Eric and Stephanie Miller on Friday, 6/16/06 at about 6:15 pm. She weighed 6 lbs, 3 oz and measured 20 inches. Mother and baby were scheduled to come home Saturday evening.

We have at least 2 other expectant mothers in the congregation right now. Please continue in prayer for Mandi Coriell and Noel Franke. Also, let us give thanks to the Father that Maria and Cali have arrived here safely and both mothers are doing well.

Born Again X 2

Sean and Renee Higbee confessed their faith in Jesus and were baptized in His name on Sunday a little while after morning services. They have been studying and praying and "counting the cost" for some time. Praise the Lord for a little more harvest!

Reception for Newly Weds

Since most of us cannot attend the wedding of **Caleb Miller and Meaghan Mattiuz** in Cornwall, Ontario, on June 24, we are having a reception for them here at Sunshine on Saturday, July 8, at 5 pm. Church, family and friends are invited to come and congratulate the newly weds. If you can come, **please** sign the sheet in the foyer. They are registered at Wal-Mart, but the gift that Caleb and Meaghan would appreciate the most are your prayers and any job leads you may know about. They are coming home on a "wing and prayer."

VBS Decoration Day.

Saturday, June 24. We will begin the day with prayer asking the Lord to bless our VBS. After prayer time and lunch, "projects" will be available for those who do not already have a room to decorate. You do not need anything prepared to participate, but if you have ideas please let Kerri Davis or Kendra Cram know. Please sign up in the foyer and mark this day on your calendar!

VBS Sign Up Time

We are signing up workers and students now for VBS. The pads for the students are laid out on the table in the foyer. The worker sign up place is on the big chart on the wall. The theme for this year's VBS is **SUPER POWERS OF THE KINGDOM**. Flyers for VBS are laid out for you to use to invite students to VBS.

Cookies for VBS

It takes lots of cookies to have a VBS. If you are willing to supply some for our VBS this year, please sign up in the foyer for the days and the numbers of cookies you can bring.

Teen Devo

No devo this week due to Impact. No devo next week due to VBS.

Junior Devo Hosts Needed

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for hosting a Junior Devo. Many dates are open at this point.

Next Junior Devo

At Sean and Kiley Berry's house, June 22, 6:30 pm

Impact!

We will be leaving the building for Impact tomorrow at 7:30 am. Be sure to bring \$20.00 for your key deposit (returned at the end of the week) and money for meals on the way down and back. Bring bedding, toiletries and a light jacket in case it turns cold. We should be back around 7 pm on Saturday.

Bible Curriculum

Sunday	Wednesday
6/18 1 Jn 3-4	6/21 1 Sam 12-13
6/25 1 Jn 5	6/28 1 Sam 14-15
7/2 2 & 3 John	7/5 1 Sam 16
7/9 Jude	7/12 1 Sam 17
7/16 Rev (Intro)	7/19 1 Sam 18-20
7/23 Rev 21-22	7/26 1 Sam 21-23
7/30 Luke 1:1-25	8/2 1 Sam 24-25
8/6 Luke 1:26-56	8/9 1 Sam 26-27
8/13 Luke 3:23-38	8/16 1 Sam 28-29
Matt 1:1-17	

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Mike Scott** (father to Travis Scott and grandfather to Talia Scott) who passed away on Friday in his home. Arrangements are pending.

Spirit Club Big Bash Coming

The Spirit Club Big Bash is a year-end reward party for any student who has memorized their verses for the year. If you are just joining up with the Spirit Club, you can still be included by jumping in where you are with 6 verses for the year. If you have missed a month or two, just review those months and make them up any time between now and September. Questions? Pull out your Spirit Club Handbook, see the church web site, or ask Kristi or Kendra. There is an **idea table in the foyer** with teaching aids for the Spirit Club. Please add any that you have so that we can share ideas. Soon there will be some teaching aides added to the website as well. **Tentative plans for the Spirit Club Big Bash:** Saturday, September 30 with a carnival theme, games and 'jumpy' inflatables, picnic style dinner and scripture recital/video presentation. Ideas? Let us know!!

Fitness Class Reminder

Every Tuesday and Thursday

- 6-6:30 p.m. - Low-Impact.
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. - Cardio Mix

Both classes are held in the annex.

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

June 18

1 John 3-4
Wayne Gamp
Scott Gamp
Tim Coriell
David Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Jack Jennings
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Mark Gamp
Gary Glispie
John Gamp
Ed McLaughlin
Jerry Gamp
Steve Miller
Aaron Kallner

June 25

1 John 5
Tom Kelley
Shawn McCray
Josh Coriell
Rich Book
Barry Hayward
Troy Gahm
Dewey Cordle
John Berry
Jason Coriell
Ira Coriell
Matt Cram
Greg Coriell
Jamie Riley
Shawn Gragg

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Aaron McCray
Mike Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Don Coriell

Gabe Coriell
Eric McLaughlin
Zach Coriell
Mark Risner

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

June 21

Jeff Hayward
Tim Gamp
1 Samuel 12-13

June 28

VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL

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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