

The PRISM



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Wall Building

Yesterday as I read Nehemiah, these insights stuck with me:

First, he was a man on a mission — to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (about 445 B.C.) — and wasn't going to be deterred by opposition. Sanballat, the fly in his soup, sent him a letter through an aide that read:

"It is reported among the nations — and Geshem says it is true — that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together."

He sent this reply: *"Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head."* He knew they were just trying to discourage him so he wouldn't complete his task. So Nehemiah prayed, *"Now strengthen my hands."*

Second, he was angered by the way the people of privilege were ignoring the needs of the poorer members of the community. He challenged them: *"Let us stop charging interest! Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them — one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil."*

And third, when the law of God was interpreted and explained to the people and when they were filled with sorrow, Nehemiah told them not to weep. There's a time for repentant sorrow, but this was a time of joy. The word of God was being heard and they were being reformed as a community of trust. So he said: *"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."*

Mike Cope

Highland Church of Christ
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Prayer Requests

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 innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

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.

Coriel Rauch (cousin of Annette Coriell) has advanced bone cancer. .

Nathan Collins seriously injured his knee on Wednesday playing football.

Jim Havens (Dick's brother in New Mexico) has been hospitalized over the last week or so in ICU.

Christian students and teachers as they head back to school.

Matt Cram's grandmother is undergoing tests in regard to cancer.

Ron Taylor (Nancy Taylor's brother in law) had cancer surgery last Thursday.

Sam Miller is beginning pilot training at Laughlin AFB in Texas.

Nick Mattiuz (Meaghan Miller's brother) **and family** as he has become involved with drugs.



Looking Ahead at Sunshine

9/10	Spirit Club parents meeting
9/10	Ice Cream Social
9/12-14	Senior Retreat @ Fort Hill Campground
9/14	Jr. Devo
9/22-23	Roundlake Men's Retreat & Golf Outing
9/30	Spirit Club Big Bash
10/6-7	Sunshine Men's Retreat @ FHCYC
10/15	Sunday PM Home Groups Begin
10/20-21	24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm. At Terry and Debbie's house. Zack Sims will present.

Reminder: Teens will be helping with the Spirit Club Big Bash on Sept. 30th.

Marion Youth Rally

This Friday (Sept. 15) is the Marion Youth Rally. Teens wanting to go **MUST LET TERRY KNOW TODAY!** If enough want to go, they will leave Friday morning for the rally.

Next Junior Devo

Thursday, September 14, at Sagan Gampp's house.

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.

Ride Needed

One of our senior members now living at Elbrooke Pavilion would be able to attend our services except they have no transportation. Would anyone like to have a transportation ministry for Christ? See Steve for details.

Wheels Needed

Mary Collins car died this last week and she is needing to come up with a reliable, economical car. If you know of such a car that can be bought on payments, see Mary.

Bible Curriculum

Sunday

9/10 Luke 2:41-52
9/17 Matt 3:1-12
Luke 3:1-20
9/24 Matt 3:13-17
Luke 3:21-22

Wednesday

9/13 2 Sam. 5-6
9/20 2 Sam. 7-8
Psalm 23
9/27 2 Sam. 9-10

Abraham to Jesus

An exhibit of historical artifacts and sacred text from the Holy Land is coming to the Greater Columbus Convention Center in November. We are trying to get a group together to go up and see this once in a lifetime display. There are over 300 items including one of the Dead Sea Scrolls, multimedia presentations and some high-tech holographic displays in a self-guided tour that takes around 90 minutes. Tentative date for the trip will be Saturday, November 25th if we can get tickets. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer for anyone interested; get your name on the list ASAP so we can try to get a group rate! For more info see Rich Book or Al Graff. More information about this is also on the Internet at abrahamtojesus.com.

Thank You Received

From **Robin Church** for the prayers and concern shown by Sunshine over the last few months for her in her struggles. The good news is that the doctors have discovered she has a food allergy and she is responding well to the new diet. PTL. Her note is posted on the bulletin board.

Spirit Club Meeting Today

Today after the morning services, we would like to meet with the parents of all our Spirit Club students in the Annex. We need your input about how to handle the Big Bash party, about who qualifies to come and about other concerns or suggestions you may have about Spirit Club in general. Steve, Kristi, Kimmy, Kendra.

Ice Cream Social Tonight

Tonight after a short worship service here at the building, we will be going over to Wayne and Irmalee's back yard to have an ice cream social. Camp fire and hot dogs provided. Bring homemade ice cream, soft drinks, lawn chairs and corn hole boards.

Sunshine Men's Retreat

October 6 and 7 all of Sunshine's Christian males are invited to Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp for a time of planning, discussion, prayer and study to prepare ourselves for the new year which will soon be upon us. Cost is \$20.00 which covers meals and a place to sleep. Sign up on the bulletin board. We need a definite number no later than Sunday, October 1.

\$1 Glasses Needed

Derek Miller made it back to Afghanistan a few weeks ago. He took with him a sample of every power of Dollar Store eye glasses he could find for a young man with a severe vision problem. The glasses did not help, BUT the glasses were used by an Icelandic aid worker who was working in social services in Chagcharan. The aid worker knew several women with poor vision and used the glasses to test each woman's vision problems.

For one dollar someone can be helped with their vision problems. I have placed an e-mail on the table in the foyer giving the specific magnification power needed for each woman. We would like to package at least 206 pairs of the these dollar store glasses and send them back ASAP. Let's take two weeks and see what we can come up with from the stores around here. We will keep a running tally of how many of each power glasses we get.

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	

September 10

Luke 2:41-52
Wayne Gamp
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Jason Coriell
Aaron Franke
Andrew O'Dell
Ed McLaughlin
Shawn Gragg
John Berry
Dale Kuhn
John Gamp
Alan Graff
Steve Miller
Travis Scott

September 17

Matt 3:1-12, Luke 3:1-20
Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Ira Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Price Gammon
David Gamp
Matthew Gamp
Terry Sullivan
Jamie Riley
Barry Hayward
Jack Jennings
Jacob Miller
Steve Miller
Dewey Cordle

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Mark Gamp
Opening Prayer	Terry Sullivan
Lord's Supper	Matthew Hoskins
Closing Prayer	Gary Glispie

Zach Coriell
Gabe Coriell
Greg Coriell
Mike Gamp

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

September 13

Jamie Riley
Josh Coriell
2 Samuel 5-6

September 20

Bud Coriell
Aaron McCray
2 Samuel 7-8,
Psalms 23

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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