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Life to the fullest

There is a recurring theme in my thinking about the many choices life presents. I can best express it with a parable of sorts:

A very hungry man enters a large cafeteria. The cafeteria is filled with many foods of numerous varieties. The man has limited resources, but enough to purchase a good meal for himself. He greatly desires to make the most of his funds, so he is anxious about making the right choices. He has a big problem. He is unfamiliar with all the foods he sees. To his eye, some foods look better than others, but he is in no way sure of what to choose. There is no opportunity to taste before he pays. The man needs a guide, someone who identifies with his dilemma and knows the food. One who would advise him with regards to the choices he must make.

Just as the man in this story, I carry with me a significant portion of anxiety. I struggle with decision-making. The hardest time of my life was the period approaching high school graduation. I felt overwhelmed by the magnitude and consequences of the choices before me.

I am inspired by people who began with little, yet accomplish much. I admire people who have the courage to take great chances in an effort to reach high goals. I, too easily, relate to a particular character in one of Jesus' parables. The man who took the one talent given him and went and buried it. He was afraid of loss. He was focused on what he might lose of his master's, rather than what he might gain for the master. I know that feeling--I am that guy.

I want to live by faith. I want to be at peace- all the time, knowing that my thinking is saturated with godly wisdom. I want to be at peace, knowing that the odds are with me, in that God is guarding my back. There will be pain and suffering. I want mine to serve some purpose, to accomplish some greater good. I want to be confident that my life is running exactly along the lines God intended when He knit me in my mother's womb.

The disciple of Christ is not simply an obedient rule-follower. The disciple should be different from all other people. It seems that knowing God should give us an edge, an inside track to unlocking our own potential (or having it unlocked for us). This difference should bare-out not just in matters such as church attendance and communion observance; but even more so in the pragmatic matters of life- in matters of finance, time, and planning.

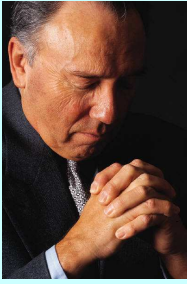
We ought to be the bravest of people, for we already know that all things are going to end well. We should be living life to the fullest. That is what Jesus said He came to give us.

Anxiety is closely linked to much of human limitation. To defeat anxiety's hold on us in one area of life is to make great strides towards its defeat in other areas as well. And conversely, to cower from anxiety in one area of life is to weaken one's position in others areas.

By God's grace, may we all live life to its fullest.

— Jason Coriell

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

Delores Gampp had her surgery on Monday and is home recuperating.

Stephanie Knipp (friend of Becky Butcher) is suffering with liver cancer. She is now enrolled in a clinical trial at Cleveland Clinic in order to receive cutting-edge treatment.

Kenny Hemphill (friend of Steve and Jill Williams) is hospitalized with leukemia and pneumonia.

Grace Thatcher (4 year old granddaughter of Tamera Green) definitely will be having a biopsy and possible removal of the spot on her rib.

Al Mattiuz (Meaghan Miller's uncle in Ontario) is the advanced stages of cancer in multiple locations.

Ashlea Allen (Aaron Kallner and Eric Miller's cousin) had surgery for breast cancer on Tuesday. She will soon begin 4-6 months of chemotherapy. Continued prayers requested.

Mike Evans (Rich Book's uncle) is in the hospital in Columbus with advanced leukemia.

Bonnie Wells (Sarah Gilliland's neighbor) had her kidney removed on Tuesday at KDMC.

Mark Ramey (Bonnie Well's son-in-law, 53 yrs old) has inoperable brain cancer.

Rick Richmond has been diagnosed with a level three cancerous brain tumor which cannot be surgically removed. He is starting radiation and chemotherapy right away.

Helen Walker (grandmother of one of Al Graff's students) is not doing well following triple bypass surgery and some diabetic problems.

Sam Miller finds out this week if he will be allowed to stay in the flight training program. Prayers for strength and guidance and peace about the outcome.

Emily Cram is at home with a respiratory virus.

Ladies Museum Trip

Ladies, mark your calendars for Monday, February 26th. Plans are underway for a trip to the Cincinnati Children's Museum. You do not have to have children to go on this trip...there will be plenty of little ones to go around :) Watch the bulletin for details!

Sign Up For Impact!

A signup sheet is now posted for this year's trip to Impact! Get your name on the list ASAP if you plan to go so we can get registered early! Please be sure you are going, make a firm commitment! If you've never attended Impact, talk with one of our teens that has. It's guaranteed to be a week you won't soon forget!

Spirit Club Handbooks Available

New copies of the Spirit Club Handbook are available in the library by the Spirit Club Box. Help yourself.

Not Of This World!

This year's youth rally will be here before you know it. Be planning your skits, costumes, etc. for a weekend of fun and excitement!

CBT Meeting

Today after morning services, the teachers or leaders of all CBT teams are invited to an important meeting in the annex. If you are a leader/teacher of your team, be sure to be there. See Julie or Kristin for details.

Scout Sunday Coming

Sunday, February 4, is Scout Sunday all across the United States of America. Sunshine is a sponsor of a Cub Scout Pack (Pack One) and a Boy Scout Troop (Troop 1) for the Minford community. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings each week these groups have their meetings in our building. The "point men" for the scouting program here at Sunshine are Steve Williams, Jack Jennings and Tom Kelley. On February 4, we will have parents and scouts visiting with us and we will take a few minutes to recognize the work that is being done with our young men through the scouting program.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Jenny & Sam Williams' house.

Junior Devo Hosts Needed

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for hosting a Junior Devo. Next Junior Devo is Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm at Jacob Book's house.

Help Needed for Gala

Sheets are laid out on the table in the foyer to sign up for various kinds of help needed for the Father-Daughter Valentine Gala. We need lots of cookies baked, set-up people for Saturday, clean up and take-down people for Saturday evening, food servers, etc. Find the jobs which you would be willing to do and sign up for that job.

Project 2010 at FHCYC

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp is currently engaged in a long-range plan to improve the facilities and operation of Fort Hill Camp. We have an information card in the tract rack in the back that tells the various ways that we can be part of this long-range improvement plan. One facet of the plan is designed to raise money for the camp: special engraved bricks are going to be laid in the flag circle in front of the dining hall at camp. For a donation of \$100.00 you can memorialize or honor a friend or loved one on one of these engraved bricks. Pick up the information card to get details or talk to our local FHCYC board member, Jack Jennings.

COMING EVENTS

2/3	Father-Daughter Gala
2/4	Scout Sunday
2/16-18	Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN
2/18	Church Breakfast
2/26	Ladies Museum Trip
3/4	Sunday PM Home Groups Begin
4/27-29	Sunshine Youth Rally
6/25-29	Vacation Bible School

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

1/28	Matthew 12:22-50
2/4	Luke 11:37-13:9
2/11	Mark 4:1-29
2/18	Matthew 13:24-53
2/25	Matthew 8:18-22 Luke 8:22-39

Wednesday

1/31	1 Kings 20, 2 Kings 2
2/7	2 Kings 3-4
2/14	2 Kings 5
2/21	2 Kings 6:1-23
2/28	2 Kings 6:24-7:20

What's New in the Library?

Several new DVD's for children all with a biblical message:

- Auto B Good: Taking the High Road
- Auto B Good: Where the Rubber Meets the Road
- The Last Chance Detectives #1: Mystery Lights of Navajo Mesa
- The Last Chance Detectives #2: Legend of Desert Bigfoot
- The Last Chance Detectives #3: Escape from Fire Lake.

Elders/Deacons, Look!

Be sure to check your mailboxes in the church office today. You will find copies of the latest ministry survey which may help you in recruiting new people to help.

Singing

5:30 this Sunday

Attention Teens and College Students!

Winterfest registration is now on line. To register go to the website innermissionssu.com. Click on the "Reserve a seat" button and fill out the form. If you do not have Internet access let us know so we can help you with this. For more info, see Shaun McCray or Jamie Riley. Winterfest is in Gatlinburg, TN, February 16-18.

Church Breakfast

Bud Coriell is hosting a covered dish breakfast in the annex on Sunday, Feb. 18th, 8 am. He's asking the men of the congregation to bring griddles and prepare pancakes and waffles for everyone. Juice, coffee and syrup will be supplied. Bacon, sausage and other breakfast foods would be welcomed. Everyone is invited.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper –Bread
Wine
Server 1
Server 2
Server 3
Server 4
Server 5
Server 6
Message
Closing Prayer

January 28

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Eric McLaughlin
Terry Sullivan
Mark Risner
Andrew O'Dell
Travis Scott
Ed McLaughlin
David Gampp
Sean Higbee
Barry Hayward
Jamie Riley
Bill Gammon

February 4

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Rich Book
Eric Copas
Dewey Cordle
Bud Coriell
Dale Kuhn
Jack Jennings
Paul Jacobs
Ike Hardin
Matt Gampp
John Gampp
Steve Miller
Gabe Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Matt Hoskins
Alan Graff
Shawn Gragg
Zack Sims
Matthew 12:22-50

Zach Coriell
Greg Coriell
Ira Coriell
Jason Coriell
Luke 11:37-13:9

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

January 24
Caleb Miller
Jacob Miller
1 Kings 20, 2 Kings 2

February 7
Mark Gampp
Nick Gampp
2 Kings 3-4

Children's Bible Time

January - 3-5: Jane Ruggles, Stephanie Copas, Jennifer Gampp
January - 6-8: Kristin Riley, Cindy Coriell, Becky Dixon
February - 3-5: Rich Book, June Book,, Rachel Jarvis
February - 6-8: Emerson Coriell, Chuck Jarvis, Cathy Coriell, Becky Jarvis

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.

KIDNERS

Find the
lost sheep.

