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Happiness Is

While driving his car through the streets, a successful musician was contemplating the bitterly cold weather outside and thinking how happy he was to be inside his nice warm vehicle. Stopping at a red light, he glanced over and noticed two men who were obviously down on their luck. Dressed in rags, they were talking to one another on the windy cold street corner. The musician thought about how unhappy they must be to be out in the bitter cold with nowhere to keep warm. Then both of the men laughed and it became obvious to him that one of them had just told the other a joke. They were happy. Standing outside on the coldest day of the year they were happy.

Recently I recalled an old Bobby Sherman song titled "Happiness Is." It's one of those songs with some pretty lousy lyrics but a catchy tune that gets stuck in your head and you sing it over and over to yourself until it almost drives you insane. That's probably why Kent cigarettes picked up the tune for their TV jingle, and yes, I remember when they used to advertise cigarettes on TV. Anyway, the song talks about what happiness means to different sorts of people. If you haven't heard it, don't bother looking up the lyrics, they're not that great. Example: "To the Beatles, it's a yeah, yeah, yeah." But the song brought up the question, "What IS happiness?"

We sometimes tend to tie happiness to material things. We think "If only I had this or that thing I would be happy." Yet upon acquiring the desired thing we experience only a brief period of happiness. Once the newness of the desired possession wears off, we see something else that's shinier and more desirable and once again think "If I only had that, THEN I would be happy." And the cycle continues.

Personal achievements can be seen as the source of happiness as well. "If I can only win this contest, if I can only lose this weight, if I can only [insert goal here] then I would be happy." Yet, once again, happiness is fleeting. Winning a contest or an award, achieving some other personal goal may bring a moment of happiness, but once it's over the happiness fades quickly.

Speaking about serving others, Jesus said "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" *John 13:17*. He had just washed the feet of his apostles, a menial task. I don't know about you, but washing stinky, dirty feet doesn't immediately conjure up images of happiness in my mind. Part of the point is that you can wash people's feet and not enjoy it, or you can decide to be happy about serving others. It's all in how you approach the task.

Happiness is not about obtaining possessions or personal glory. Happiness is a state of mind. You can decide to be happy or not. Like those men on the cold, windy street corner, we can choose to be happy no matter what our situation. Happiness is in the doing, not in the getting. Serving others can bring happiness or not. No matter where you are, no matter what you have, no matter how rich or poor you are, ultimately whether you are happy or not depends on you. Decide to be happy.

— Al Graff

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

Rick Richmond has completed his radiation therapy for now. He will be tested in a couple weeks to see if the therapy has been effective. He has also been told by his doctors in Columbus that the tumor he has may be of the aggressive type.

Sam Sievering (Sarah Gilliland's neighbor) is recuperating from heart surgery at home.

Betty Hopkins (Rick Book's aunt) had a biopsy of a spot on her lung. The biopsy showed no cancer. Now the way is clear for the surgery on her brain tumor.

Rita King (Minford resident known to many) is fighting pancreatic cancer.

Sarah Gilliland has an endoscopy on Tuesday this past week.

Jake Book (Bill Gammon's cousin in Dayton) had successful knee replacement surgery on Monday.

Vernon Coriell (Jon and Mike's father) was admitted to KDMC this week with kidney failure and diabetes problems.

Jamie Williams (Autumn Montgomery's 35 yr old aunt) started 16 weeks of chemotherapy this week as part of treatment for breast cancer. At the end of the chemo she will have surgery.

Carl Lemon (the late Don Lemon's brother) has been diagnosed with liver cancer and has been given only a few weeks to live.

Praise Reports!

Matt Cram got his MRI results this week and has been told he can discontinue the antibiotic therapy he has been having. This is a big step toward normal everyday living. Praise the Lord!

Bill and Goldie Slavens (Penny Ball's aunt and uncle in Columbus, in their mid-80's) disappeared on Monday in their car on their way to an eye appointment. They were located by authorities on Friday in North Carolina. They made it home on Saturday and are now with their son in Columbus. Praise the Lord!

World Bible School

Sunshine has been working with the WBS ministry for many years. They are in need of more teachers to help with courses by both mail and the Internet. If you are interested in getting involved see Rich Book for more details.

Congratulations, Abbigale!

Abbigale Ruggles has successfully said her 66 Books of the Bible in order. She is now officially a member of the 66 Club. Congratulations, Abbigale!

Sunshine in the TOSRV

Most are familiar with this biking event—Tour of the Scioto River Valley—which happens each year the Saturday before Mothers Day. We have four guys right now from our congregation who will be riding in this event: Jamie Riley, Sam Williams, Steve Williams, Shaun Higbee. The date for the ride is Saturday, May 12. See Jamie or Shaun if you would like to ride. Also, if you have a roadworthy bike that someone could use, let them know.

Fort Hill Camp News

The camping schedule for this year is posted on the bulletin board along with several copies of the camp application. The week that Sunshine helps with is July 15-21, Ages 10-18. We are looking forward to another great year of Christian Youth Camp at Fort Hill and especially the week of July 15-21.

Devo Hosts Needed

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

Girl Scout Project Ends Today

Our Daisy Troop has taken on a project with which we can help. They are collecting canned goods for a special food program that is conducted through the joint vocational school for students who are sometimes without enough food. Containers have been placed in the foyer today to receive your canned food donations for this project. The containers will be there until this evening. If you would rather give money, see Troop Leaders Melissa Gampp-Lauder or Brenda Boston. I am sure they would be happy to do the shopping for you. Thank you, Daisy Troop 1097, for caring about the people in our community.

Easter Egg Hunt/Picnic

On Saturday, April 7, we will be having an Easter Egg hunt starting @ 11 am. The egg hunt will start in the rear parking lot. We will be hunting for eggs in Wayne and Irmalee and Willis and Macie's back yards. Immediately after the hunt, all are invited to bring a picnic lunch & blanket and enjoy the day!

Donations Needed for the Easter Egg Hunt

We are going to need approximately 800 plastic eggs for our egg hunt. Donations of plastic eggs and candy will be greatly appreciated. There is a basket under the coat rack in which to place your donations. Thanks, Kristin Riley.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm, location to be announced.

COMING EVENTS

4/1	Teen Girl's Class Begins
4/7	Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic
4/27-29	Sunshine Youth Rally
May	Sunshine Services at Elbrooke
6/18-23	Impact
6/25-29	Vacation Bible School

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

3/18 Mark 7:1-9:1
3/25 Matthew 17-18
4/1 Matthew 19

Wednesday

3/21 2 Kings 16-20
3/28 2 Kings 21-24:20
4/4 2 Kings 25

In The News

At the Pinewood Derby last week held here in the fellowship hall of the Sunshine church, several young men of the congregation placed high enough to receive trophies and to move on to District Competition at Notre Dame in a few weeks. In one division, **Zach Higbee**, **Eli Cordle** and **Ryan Higbee** placed first, second and third, respectively. In another division of competition, **Tayte Pridemore** placed third. Congratulations to all of you and we hope you do well at the District Competition.

May Is Elbrooke Month

Starting Thursday, May 3, through Thursday, May 31, Sunshine is responsible for conducting worship services on Sunday's at Elbrooke Pavilion at 2 pm and also a Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. We need men to help with the worship services and with the class. Also, we need people generally to help with the singing. A sheet is posted on the bulletin board to allow you to sign up for various parts of the Bible study or Worship service.

Sunshine Youth Rally

The time for our youth rally is quickly approaching. This year, Wade McKnight from Centerville Church of Christ will be speaking to us again along with Don Ramey, Steve, and Jamie. And of course Terry, Scott and all of the other regulars will be up to their usual hijinx. Be planning your cabin skits, this year's theme is "Not Of This World." Mini-poster flyers for the rally are on the table in the foyer. Sign-up lists for chaperones and other jobs will be posted very soon, so keep watching the bulletin for more information!

Teen Girls Class Starting

Starting the first Sunday in April on Sunday nights in Room 9 there will be a special class for teen girls. In this class we will be discussing issues that are relevant to Today's teen girl. If you would like more information on topics to be discussed, see Kristin Riley.

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

March 18

Jon Coriell
Scott Gampp
Eric Copas
Gabe Coriell
Wayne Gampp
Mike Gampp
Paul Jacobs
Jack Jennings
Brent Frazee
Dale Gampp
John Gampp
Ed McLaughlin
Steve Miller
Rich Book

March 25

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Dewey Cordle
Bud Coriell
John Berry
Jason Coriell
Chuck Allison
Greg Coriell
Ira Coriell
Josh Coriell
Ryan Coriell
Tim Coriell
Steve Miller
Matt Cram

Sunday Evening

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

Shawn Gragg
Tim Gampp
Gary Glispie
Mark Risner
Mark 7:1-9:1

Zach Coriell
Troy Gahm
Mark Gampp
David Gampp
Matthew 17-18

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

March 21

Jacob Miller
Nick Gampp
2 Kings 16-20

March 28

Matthew Hoskins
Caleb Miller
2 Kings 21-24:20

Children's Bible Time

March - 3-5 Kim McCray, Derria Kelley, Meaghan Miller
March - 6-8 Kristi Cordle, Kendra Cram, Aaron McCray
April—3-5 Kristin Riley, Jessie Coriell, Renee Higbee
April—6-8 MaryBeth Coriell, Ira Coriell, Josh Coriell, Christian Coriell

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

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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KIDS CORNER

Noah's Ark

“And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark...”
Genesis 6:19a

It's going to rain!
Help the turtle find his way to the ark.

