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Tiptoe Through The Treetops



Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees. As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

2 Samuel 5:22-25

Here are four verses which recount an awesome display—God's army marching across the treetops. At this point I don't want you to just read this account, I want you to experience it. Place yourself in the battle. Find yourself crouching in wait as you view a vast army of the enemy spread out in the valley beneath you. Weapons ready, you listen. However, you are not listening for a battle cry or horns signaling you to attack. Instead, you are waiting for the sound of marching in the tops of the trees underneath which you have taken refuge. Imagine first, the doubt you feel at the probability of this actually happening, and then the wonder, and quite likely fear when suddenly you hear marching in the balsam trees above. You then have just enough time to realize that the army assembled below you is paltry when compared to the God's army fighting in front of you. The signal is given and you set out for the battle that is already won because no one can stand against the LORD!

Understand, our battles are different now because our most difficult war is not of flesh and blood. Instead, it is a spiritual contest and our enemy, Satan, is wily and deadly. I admit though, there are times when I wish that we could still experience God in this way. Yet know this—while I have never heard God's army marching through the trees, I have felt His power! We can be assured that the power our Father wields today is just as awesome as anything that David experienced in his lifetime! The key for us is to remember we have an army marching out ahead of us just as David did. I wonder how that would change the way we live. Our lives would be conspicuous with a show of faith in an unstoppable God. Our love and our willingness to share would be deeper because of this knowledge. All around would see the truth of Paul's statement in Romans 8:31, "*What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?*"

Wade McKnight, Centerville Church of Christ

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 those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

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

For the success of the mission trips to Haiti and Honduras

Minford School District as they are making hard decisions about how to handle their financial problems. Several people in our own congregation could be affected by their decisions.

Pete Chamberlin (Barb Gampp's uncle) had his heart bypass on Wednesday at Riverside. He has come through the operation well.

John Lewis has been released from Cabell-Huntington Hospital after being seriously injured in a construction accident.

Betty Jo Hopkins (Bill Gammon's cousin in Dayton area) has been going through radiation and chemotherapy the last few weeks. Her last report shows the spot in the lung is shrinking and the spot in her brain has not grown.

Rose Alvis (Mike Dixon's grandmother) is suffering with an infection in her leg caused by a spider bite.

Dick Havens will be having a heart catheterization procedure possibly as early as Wednesday.

Bob Moore (neighbor to John Gampp) had a heart attack on Tuesday.

Paul Jacobs had his second carpal tunnel surgery at Riverside on Thursday. All went well.

MHS Baccalaureate

The MHS Baccalaureate is this Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Cafetorium. In the past we have moved our service/class times so that there would be no conflict between our services and the baccalaureate. This year we are not making any adjustments. We are leaving it up to each person to make the decision. We did not want to disrupt the momentum of our new class schedule.

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.

Next Junior Youth Group

Next Jr. Youth Group Devo is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 5 pm here at the building. At this point we have no assigned host. Check to the sheet in the foyer to volunteer.

CBT Project/Appeal

This month in Children's Bible Time for the older age group (6-8) we are studying what it means to be an hero. We wanted to make a real-life application of heroic action for the kids and they came up with these ideas for shining God's light in our community: Helping to feed people who are poor, helping animals and making cards for sick children. During the entire month of May, the children in CBT will be collecting canned food that will go to the Scioto County Homeless Shelter and dog collars and chew toys that will go to Sierra Haven. Also they will be making cards for kids who are sick and shut-in. At the end of May all of these things will be delivered to the appropriate places. There will be boxes in the Annex to collect the items. Everyone is welcome to contribute, but we especially encourage those who have children in CBT to make sure your children have something to put in the boxes. We hope are boxes are too small and we have to get more. Thanks, Kerri Davis and Candi Gampp.

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.

Metal Roofing at FHCYC



On Saturday, May 26, we will be completing the metal roofing on the Dining Hall at Fort Hill Camp.

The project was started a couple years ago but was not completed. We need to finish the roof before camp season starts. See Terry or Jack if you plan to come.

Memorial Day Parade Update

Sunshine's participation in the Minford Memorial Day Parade on May 28 has been approved by our elders. As of now the plan is to invite all of our youngsters from age 3 on up to ride on the hay wagon or in the bed of a pick-up truck (with adult supervision) and be our representatives in the parade. We will need to be in the area of Shoemakers Gas Station about 10:30 am in order to get ourselves organized and ready. We still need a couple pick-up trucks to be available if the hay wagon won't hold everybody. We also need someone to take over the decoration and signs that will be needed on the hay wagon and trucks. Get with Steve Miller and let him know what you are willing to do. The parade starts at 11 pm in beautiful downtown Minford and goes about ½ mile out S.R. 139 to the Bennett Cemetery where there will be some kind of ceremony. Probably by noon the parade and activities will be finished.

Placing Membership

Two Christian men are indicating today their desire to work and worship with the Sunshine church of Christ.

- **Gregg Ferrell**
- **Alfred Wells**

We all join together in welcoming Gregg and Alfred to our number.

Note to online viewers:

Addresses and other personal information has been deleted from this online document to protect the privacy of the individuals.

COMING EVENTS

May	Sunshine Services at Elbrooke
5/7-24	Work days at FHCYC
5/26	Roof the Dining Hall at FHCYC
6/11-13	Work days at Midwestern
6/15	Father-Son Campout
6/18-23	Impact
6/25-29	Vacation Bible School
7/29	Depart for Honduras

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

5/20 John 11
5/27 Luke 17:11-37
6/3 Luke 18:1-14

Wednesday

5/23 Nehemiah 7-10
5/30 Nehemiah 11-13
6/6 Esther

Other Area Activities

5/20 MHS Baccalaureate, 7 pm
5/28 Memorial Day Parade, 11 am

In the News

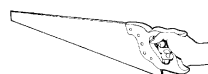
Our **Jenny Williams** will be representing Minford High School in the River Days Queen competition this Labor Day weekend. We congratulate Jenny on receiving this honor. There is quite a bit of work and expense involved in being in the competition for River Days Queen. If you would like to help her as a volunteer or in a financial way, check in with her soon. Between now and Labor Day she will be taking orders for a special T-shirt as a fundraiser.

Teen Devo

This week's devo will be at Jenny & Sam William's house on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. unless announced otherwise.

Midwestern Meeting

There will be a final meeting after morning services on Sunday, June 3rd for everyone planning to join in on the Midwestern work trip. Also, there is a signup list in the foyer you need to sign so we have an accurate count of how many people are planning to go.



Honduras Trip Deadline

For those of you who intend to be part of the mission trip to Honduras at the end of July, the deadline has come for your passport application and plane ticket.

Those who are organizing the trip indicate that passport applications must be in the mail by Wednesday, May 23, and submitted on an expedited basis in order to get a valid passport in time for the trip. There is a meeting this Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the annex for all those who are going to Honduras. The group will certify who is ready and on Thursday, airplane tickets will be purchased. Check with Jamie or Aaron or Jason if you have questions.



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.

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

May 20

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Mark Gampp
John Berry
Dewey Cordle
Bud Coriell
Chuck Allison
Ryan Coriell
Michael Dixon
Bill Gammon
Jack Jennings
Dale Kuhn
Steve Miller
Jeff Hayward

May 27

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Matt Cram
Aaron McCray
Rich Book
Gary Glispie
Greg Coriell
Aaron Franke
Troy Gahm
Andrew O'Dell
Sean Higbee
Paul Jacobs
Steve Miller
David Gampp

Sunday Evening

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

Zach Coriell
Eric McLaughlin
Gabe Coriell
Ira Coriell
John 11

Caleb Miller
Jacob Miller
Jamie Riley
Shawn Gragg
Luke 17:11-37

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

May 23

Matt Hoskins
Aaron Kallner
Nehemiah 7-10

Jon Coriell
Tim Gampp
Nehemiah 11-13

Children's Bible Time

May 3/5: Stephanie Copas, Judy Meyers, Debbie Sullivan
May 6/8: Candi Gampp, Kerri Davis, Cindy Coriell
June 3/5: Kristine Coriell, Debbie Raiser, Derria Kelley
June 6/8: Joanne Miller, Beth Miller, Jennifer Gampp

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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SCRIPTO-CRAM!

Each letter in the Bible verse below has been replaced with another letter. Solve the code and discover the verse.

Hint: E = L

EFJUC EJZM BHA BKWDJUBIJWU IW IPA

EWHT: KLI IPAF IPBI TABE IHLEF BHA

PJM TAEJCPI.

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight. Proverbs 12:22