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FAITH THAT SPEAKS THE LOUDEST

Charles Blondin is credited with having crossed Niagara Falls several times – on a 1,100-foot tightrope, 160 dizzy feet above the thundering water. His high-wire feats often included theatrical variations, such as walking on stilts or pushing a wheelbarrow. He'd even pause to stand on his head, turn a backward somersault, balance on top of a chair, or cook an omelet!

One day in 1860, Blondin was again preparing to cross the famous falls. He turned to the huge crowd and asked if they believed he could cross without falling. They shouted their assent. He asked if they believed he could make the walk while carrying another person on his back. Again the crowd roared. But when Blondin turned to a man who was standing nearby and asked if he would be the volunteer, the man refused.

Had the man believed, I mean really believed, his faith would have prompted him to climb atop Blondin's back. True faith is more than just mental assent or verbal agreement. It involves action. The same is true, James writes, of those who profess to believe in Christ. Your faith is dead if it is not accompanied by action.

James 2:14-17 says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Put your faith to the test by getting actively involved in the lives of others. Don't just pray for those with needs; roll up your sleeves and help to meet their needs. Everyone can spout, "Praise the Lord!" But how many are willing to spend time with the unpopular whom others ignore? Your faith in and love for God ought to motivate you to love others – actively and in practical ways. It's that kind of faith that speaks loudest.

William Eudy
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Praise Report: All of our Honduras Team is back—safe and sound.

Carl Eckhart (lifelong friend of Wayne & Irmalee Gampp) had a 2nd emergency surgery this week in Columbus. He is in ICU but he is holding his own.

Sharon Gampp has been diagnosed with kidney disease and presently has only 32% of kidney function. The doctor is trying to stabilize things through medicine and diet so that she can avoid dialysis or transplant. Prayers for a healing and the peace of God to rule in her and her family.

Maggie Howard (18 month old daughter of Mary Collins coworker) had heart surgery in Cincinnati on Thursday. Two holes in her heart were repaired and a pacemaker was installed. For now things are stable.

Jason Hinze (Geneva and Homer Miller's grandson) had surgery on his eye on Monday at Cleveland Clinic. He suddenly lost vision in both eyes a few weeks ago due to systemic infection. Keep praying.

Allen Hargis (Etta Lewis's son-in-law in Chattanooga, TN) lost a good friend and coworker this past week in an accident at work. Allen does exactly the same job and is dealing with fear and grief at the same time.

Charlotte Brisker is having vision problems. Pray that the cause can be determined and treated.

Stan Peach (Joan Coriell's father) was taken to SOMC on Wednesday with chest pain.

Miles and Ashley Ferguson had their 5 week old daughter die on Thursday while they were on vacation in Myrtle Beach. An autopsy is being done to determine the cause. Prayers for this family.

Tally Hermann (10 month old daughter of Craig and Jamie Herrmann) was born with her lower organs outside her body. This has required much hospitalization, a respirator for breathing and around the clock nursing care. She is scheduled for a surgery to reinsert her organs in her body cavity on August 13. Pray for a successful surgery, please. Teresa Hayward has details. Let us pray regularly for this little girl in our meetings and in our private prayers.

Josh Adams (8 year old with terminal cancer from Stanford, Ky) is asking for prayers and a get-well card from each of us. Before he dies, he hopes to set the world record for most get-well cards. His days are numbered. Address is on the bulletin board and here: Josh Adams; 124 Englewood; Stanford, KY 40484.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Terry & Debbie's house.

Spirit Club Reports Due

Parents, next today Spirit Club Reports for July are due. Please fill out the form or send an e-mail to srmiller1522@yahoo.com by no later than Wednesday, August 8.

Cookbook Update

Today is the deadline to submit your recipes for the Sunshine Cookbook. Pick up a yellow sheet from the table in the foyer. See Noel Franke for details.

Area Events

(Flyers posted on bulletin board)

8/12-16 - **Ohio Valley Lectureship**

(Parkersburg)

9/7-9 - **Fort Hill Teen Retreat**

Spirit Club Verse of the Month

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Katrina Update

We have received an update on the rebuilding efforts along the Mississippi Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina hit there in 2005. John Gardner (Julie Miller's father) and Les Ferguson visited there recently and compiled this report. We have made 50 copies of the report (yellow sheets) and placed them on the table in the foyer. Please note that there is still a ton of work to be done there and volunteers are still needed to help. Read the report.

Building/Site Committee Formed

A few weeks ago the elders announced that a committee had been formed to study the needs of the congregation in regard to buildings, class rooms, parking, etc. The committee has been asked to look at possible solutions to our room problem and to prepare a report and recommendation to be given at the Men's Retreat in October and then to the congregation as a whole soon after. The basic question being

considered now is do we move or do we stay and what are the relative financial costs, benefits and drawbacks of both options. Other questions will be dealt with once the big one is decided. Committee members are Dale Kuhn, Jamie Veach, David Gampp and Mark Gampp. Your prayers for God's guidance and wisdom are requested. If you have comments, please relay them to a committee member.

Bible Curriculum

We have finally come into the part of our Bible Curriculum that has been revised from the old curriculum. Just a word or two about what we are doing with the Old Testament part of the curriculum. Currently on Wednesday evening we are in the Psalms. We are not studying all of the Psalms, but we have selected Psalms that are representative of the various kinds of Psalms. Three weeks ago, we did the **Messianic Psalms** (2, 16, 22, 45 and 110). The next week we did the **Penitential Psalms** (32, 38 and 51). This past week we looked at Psalms which **Extol the Word of God** (19 and 119). Over the next few weeks we will be looking at **Psalms of Praise** (8, 95, 103 and 148); **Wisdom Psalms** (1, 15, and 37) and **Devotional Psalms** (23, 121 and 139). Look for the common thread that runs in these groupings.

Women's Fitness Class

Resumes

On Tuesday, September 4, the Ladies Fitness class will resume and will meet on a regular basis Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6-7:30 pm. Come about 10 minutes early with your prayer requests so we can have a prayer time and also bring your mat, weights, exercise ball and walking shoes.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to baby-sit during this hour and a half period of time, please contact me. If childcare was provided free of charge, I'm sure more mothers would be able to come and benefit from this time of fellowship and prayer while transforming their bodies. This is a ministry for the women in our congregation as well as our community. If you are unable to be part of the fitness class, please consider serving the Lord by giving of your time in the way of childcare. Bless you for considering this wonderful thing!

COMING EVENTS

10/5-6 - Men's Planning Retreat @ FHCYC

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/5 Matthew 26:17-30
Mark 14:12-26
Luke 22:1-38
John 13-17
8/12 Mark 14:32-52
8/19 Matthew 26:57-75
8/26 Luke 22:1-25
Matthew 27:3-10

Wednesday

8/8 Psalm 8, 95, 103, 148
8/15 Psalm 1, 15, 37
8/22 Psalm 23, 121, 139
8/29 Proverbs 1-9

In the few months I have been a part of this fitness class, I have witnessed women becoming closer to one another as well as the Lord. This class has become more than just sweating. It has enabled moms to have a set time together and have adult conversations. It has enabled us to get our bodies back in shape when we thought it couldn't be done. It has been a wonderful reminder of what it's like to play again. I've gotten to pray with women as tears run down our faces before the Lord.

Dads, this 3 hours a week is a great time for you to spend with the kids. Take your kids out for a walk or an evening picnic. You could watch a movie or play a game with them. Take a bike ride or read your kid's favorite books to them. This will prove to be valuable time with your kids that you can look back on years from now and treasure. It's a beautiful gift to your wife and gives your kids something to look forward to. Jennifer Gampp.

Deceptive Petition Being Circulated

In June of 2007, the Ohio Legislature passed the **Community Defense Act** which requires strip clubs and porn shops to be closed from midnight to 6 am and prohibits "lap dances". This act was approved by more than 75% of the state senate and house. The owners of the strip clubs and porn shops in Ohio have started an effort to derail the implementation of this new law

scheduled for September 4, 2007, by hiring their own people to collect signatures on a petition for a referendum on the November ballot. They want to rewrite the law to suit their own interests and undo the law which has just been passed. The petition is deceptive. It is supposedly designed to control and regulate sex-related businesses. In reality their petition would simply undo the law that was passed in June. On the table in the foyer is a hand out from Citizens for Community Values which gives details. Please educate yourself and do not be deceived.

Welcome Home Honduras Mission Team!!

Yes, they are back and with the exception of some sinus infections and scratchy throats, all are well.

I have not talked with all of them, but the ones I have spoken with are full of stories and excitement and talk of "next year." The notes of encouragement were a big hit with all of them. They appreciated and felt the blessing that God was giving in response to our continual prayers. And in a short time we will set aside time for the Team to tell us and show us by means of pictures what the trip was all about. And in all things, let God receive the glory.

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

Sunday Evening

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

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

August 5
 Jon Coriell
 Scott Gampp
 Gary Glispie
 Aaron Kallner
 Don Ramey
 Terry Sullivan
 Ed McLaughlin
 Jack Jennings
 David Gampp
 Tim Coriell
 John Gampp
 Josh Coriell
 Steve Miller
 Zack Sims

Shawn Gragg
 Steve Williams
 Jacob Miller
 Jeff Hayward
See inside bulletin

August 8
 Rich Book
 Don Coriell
Psalm 8, 95, 103, 148

August 12
 Wayne Gampp
 Shaun McCray
 Matt Cram
 Dewey Cordle
 Eric McLaughlin
 Troy Gahm
 Sean Higbee
 Dale Kuhn
 Andrew O'Dell
 Mark Gampp
 Mark Risner
 Lane Raiser
 Steve Miller
 Jamie Riley

Aaron McCray
 Gabe Coriell
 Jason Coriell
 Zach Coriell
Mark 14:32-52

August 15
 Matthew Hoskins
 Ira Coriell
Psalm 1, 15, 37

Children's Bible Time

August 3/5 : Jill Williams, Steve Williams, Jenny Williams
 August 6/8: Julie Miller, Renee Higbee, Jacob Miller
 September 3/5: Brandy Gampp, Teresa Hayward, Kathy Glispie, Regina Kuhn
 September 6/8: Stephanie Copas, Judy Meyers, Debbie Sullivan

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

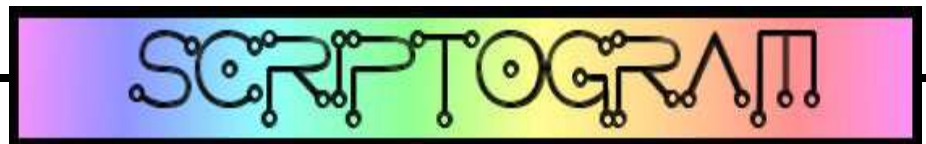
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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This week's Scriptogram is the Spirit Club memory verse for August, so it should be simple for you to decipher the code. Each letter in the scripture is replaced by a different letter. To decode these puzzles, try starting with the short one or two letter words. For example, a one letter word below is "E." Most of the time that would probably represent "A" or "I" or possibly "O" since these are scriptures. Another thing to try is double letters. One of the words below contains "TT." Double letters are most often E, L or O although other letters sometimes occur. Once you figure out a couple words the others start to get easier to decipher. Hint: Z=T

ZMV SQJR KG E UEPC WYZQ PV HTTP

EYR E UKDMZ WYZQ PV CEZM