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AN EMPTY HOUSE

We walked into the empty house and I do mean empty! Not only was there no furniture, there was also no flooring, no walls, no ceiling. All had been removed because of the water damage. The studs were bare and you could look through the house and see from one end to the other. From the outside the house looked perfectly normal—on the inside it was nothing but a skeleton.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness (Matthew 23:27-28)."

It is not often we see Christ administering such a barrage of harsh and scathing words. When he did he reserved it for those times when it was, no doubt, deserved. Christ was critical specifically when one's action was keeping them, or even worse, others around them, from a relationship with God. That is why he was so harsh on people who acted as if they had the keys to heaven and demanded others to follow their lead. Christ ached for those who were marching to their own destruction and like the Pied Piper, were leading a host of others with them. Christ cried out to those, "You look so good on the outside but on the inside you are empty!"

Two days later we walked out of that house in Louisiana, although it no longer looked like the same house. It was amazing what a difference sheetrock on those bare studs made to the inside of the house. It was no longer an empty shell; it was a home with walls and a new life.

That is what Christ offers also. That is what his life was all about, offering fullness where there was once only emptiness. No more appearances, no more illusions of righteousness. When we realize what Christ offers and let go of our own false conceptions all that is left is us kneeling at the cross and Christ filling the void that was once inside.

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them (John 17:13)."

— Wade McKnight
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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 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 the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

Mary Collins is scheduled for removal of more cysts in the near future.

Mary Ellen Kallner (Sarah Gilliland's sister in law with uncontrolled blood pressure problems) is to see a specialist in Columbus October 1.

Alex Cram is scheduled for surgery at Children's Hospital (Columbus) on Thursday.

Jack Thatcher (Tamera Green's ex) has terminal cancer. Prayers are requested for him and his family.

Renee Bissell had a port for her chemotherapy surgically inserted on Thursday. In about a week she begins chemotherapy.

Russ Gilliland had surgery on Tuesday, all went well.

Jackson Boyd (newborn cousin of Autumn Risner) was born premature with complications and is in ICU in Lexington, KY.

Jeanie Gilpin and Diane Vendara (sisters to Cheryl Sims) are both having significant health problems.

Gary King (Cheryl Sims uncle) is under hospice care and is expected to pass in a few days.

Nita Horsley (Bill Gammon's niece through marriage) is having severe and chronic abdominal problems which the doctors have been unable to diagnose.

Tallie Herman (10 month-old) with multiple problems is facing several major surgeries.

Jamie Trovillo (23 years in military, recently retired) diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, starting chemo.

Jean Allen (Aaron Kallner's grandmother) was taken to Holzer Gallipolis this week for blood clots.

Spirit Club Verse of the Month

Psalms 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Francis McGraw** (Cheryl Sims' step-mother's mother) who passed away on Tuesday.

Bible Curriculum Update

Last week's bulletin announced a special series called the Visualized Bible Study starting the first Sunday in October. We are holding off on that for awhile. See the Bible Curriculum schedule for the updated plan.

Annual Costume Party

Saturday, October 27, 6:30 pm, in the Annex. Everyone (all ages) invited. Bring finger foods, desserts and/or pop. See Kristin Riley for details.

Kids Night Coming

Sunday evening, September 30, is Kids Night. No classes for the kids. We're all in the auditorium. We'll have some fun together. Kids, please be ready to do your memory verses from June, July, August, and September. You'll be glad you did.

Gospel Meeting

Rio Grande church of Christ with Phil Gear speaking, September 23-27. Schedule and directions are posted.

Coriell Hayride

Saturday, October 13, 5 pm at Ira and Josh Coriell's home place. Bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Everyone is invited. Bring lawn chairs.

Teen Devo

This week's devo will be Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the church building.

Sunshine Men's Retreat at Fort Hill

This Wednesday, September 26, is the deadline for signing up for the Men's Retreat at Fort Hill. The schedule for the event is on the table in the foyer. Cost is \$20.00 per person payable at Camp.

Quick Reference

Telephone List Available

On the table in the foyer are the one-page copies of our Quick Reference Telephone List. Take as many as you need. We will make more.

Divider Wall Arrived

Thursday evening (rather than Friday morning) our divider wall was delivered to the building. Thanks to those who showed up on Friday morning anyway. In about one week we will be taking steps to get the wall installed.

Items for Christmas Shoe Boxes

Items listed in previous week: Crayons, Coloring Books, Flip Flops, soap, toothpaste, tooth brush and washcloths. **This week the items to pick up for your Christmas Boxes are:** small package of hard candy or gum (nothing that melts), a small toy (examples—balls, cars, dolls, yoyo, harmonica, mini-Frisbee, jacks, slinky, stuffed animal) books, an outfit, sewing kits, material (about 2 yards). Thanks, Candi.

Kitchen Cleaners Needed

The 1st Saturday of each month, we will need two people to volunteer to clean the kitchen. There will be a checklist provided to use as a guideline. Your efforts will not be judged, just appreciated! Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. The kitchen has been scrubbed and scoured. We want to maintain that. Rhonda Berry.

Ladies Back Restroom Closed

Due to the remodeling going on in the back ladies' restroom, it is closed today. Hopefully, by next Sunday everything will be back together.

Homeless Shelter Needs

June Book has been in touch with the director of the Homeless Shelter. Currently there are 31 people staying in the facility, 12 are children ranging in age from 2-12 years of age. The immediate needs are winter clothing and perishable foods such as milk, meats, bread, fruit, etc. See June for details.

COMING EVENTS

9/28-29 Roundlake Men's Retreat

9/30 - Kid's Night, 6:30 p.m.

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

10/13 - Hayride @ Ira & Josh Coriell's - 5 p.m.

10/27 - Annual Costume Party - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

9/23 John 20:26-31
John 21:1-25
Matthew 28:16-20
Luke 24:44-49
1 Cor. 15:7
9/30 Kids Night
10/7 Luke 24:50-53
Acts 1:9-12
Mark 16:19-20
10/14 Acts 1:1-8, 13-26

Wednesday

9/26 Eccl 5-8

10/3 Eccl 9-12
10/10 Isaiah 1

10/17 Isaiah 5-6

Women's Connection Project

The parents of the Minford HS football players are asking several area churches to help them staff the concession stand at the home games so that they can watch their sons play the game. They have asked Sunshine to do the game for Friday, October 5. We need 10-12 volunteers to handle the work. Arrival time is 6:45 pm. You will be allowed free admission. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. See Lisa McCray for details.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone that said a prayer, called, stopped to visit, or sent a card during my recent trip to the hospital. You brightened my day and your friendship is greatly appreciated!

— Al Graff

A Secret Of Life

A professional ice skater was asked how she achieved such skill. She smiled and said, "Why, I got up whenever I fell down."

A very wealthy business man was asked, "What is the secret of your success?" and his answer was, "Get up when you fall down."

A great actor who could bring cheers from the crowd and then just as quickly a flood of tears, was asked, "What is your secret?" and his answer was, "I got up when I fell down."

An individual who seemed to be the "salt of the earth" was asked a few days before his death, "What has been your secret?" His answer was, "I pray often and I got up when I fell down."

Charles Curtis said:

"You may be awkward at the start,
And act just like a clown,
But if you want to win life's race,
Get up when you fall down."

Life has a lot of ups and downs. But remember to "get up when you fall down" & life is much easier with faith in the Lord. The Apostle Paul says in 1 Cor. 16:13, "*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith.*"

Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Song Director	Ralph Gampp	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Matt Cram	Steve Williams
Prayer	Dewey Cordle	John Berry
Lord's Supper –Bread	Eric McLaughlin	Spike Ferrell
Wine	Troy Gahm	Bill Gammon
Server 1	Sean Higbee	Greg Coriell
Server 2	Dale Kuhn	Brent Frazee
Server 3	Andrew O'Dell	Jack Jennings
Server 4	Mark Gampp	Chuck Allison
Server 5	Mark Risner	Ed McLaughlin
Server 6	Lane Raiser	Ike Hardin
Message	Jamie Riley	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Steve Miller	Shawn Gragg

<u>Sunday Evening</u>		
Song Director	Aaron McCray	Matt Hoskins
Scripture Reading	Gabe Coriell	Jacob Miller
Lord's Supper	Jason Coriell	Gary Glispie
Prayer	Zach Coriell	Mike Gampp
Bible Class Text	<i>See Inside Bulletin</i>	KIDS NIGHT

<u>Wednesday Evening</u>		
Song Director	Caleb Miller	Rich Book
Prayer	Ira Coriell	Jamie Riley
Bible Class Text	<i>Ecclesiastes 5-8</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 9-12</i>

Children's Bible Time

September 3/5: Brandy Gampp, Teresa Hayward, Kathy Glispie, Regina Kuhn
 September 6/8: Stephanie Copas, Judy Meyers, Debbie Sullivan
 October 3/5: Jodi & Aaron Kallner, Pam Coriell
 October 6/8: Kristen & Jamie Riley, Don 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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Jeremiah said, "Listen to the cry of my people." He asked, "Is the Lord not in _____?"

Shade in all of the shapes with an odd number to complete the question.

