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One Thing

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. — Matthew 5:8

This verse is one of the most if not the most passion inspiring verses for me in the Bible. Just relax for a moment, close your eyes and block out everything that is going on around you and hear it again...

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

I said hear it, not read it again -- you're supposed to have your eyes closed! Anyway I think we get the point, this really is a very powerful, passion inspiring verse -- and I really do want to be pure in heart. But I'm not... not for the most part. Pure means to be one thing and one thing only. If there is anything else in the mix there is more than one thing and that's not pure, and scripture says *"the pure in heart will see God."* (I have the song "One Thing" by Rich Mullins running through my head as I write this)

So how do I become pure in heart? Well... I don't become it, there is only one way I will ever be pure in heart and that is to allow God to make me that way. David prays in Psalm 51... *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."* I know we like the comfort of trying to convince ourselves that we are going to try harder to be pure -- but our lives will NEVER EVER be pure as a result of our trying harder. When we try harder we are already failing -- that's the thing -- when I try harder it's me trying and not him doing, so now I'm tainted and not pure before I even get started on this thing. Only by allowing God to create a clean, pure heart in me will I ever be pure in heart.

How does that happen? That question is not easily answered...

We have all heard the illustrations of how we get pure gold or silver, or pure anything for that matter. It has to be separated, and sometimes this is a painful process. That's one of the reasons we can't do it on our own -- we like things painless -- but it can't always be that way.

To get pure metals such as gold it takes fire to melt away the impurities -- when that process is complete what's left is pure gold. In the same way if we want to be separated from the impurities that have taken root in our lives we have to give ourselves over to God and allow him to separate them or melt them away from us. In doing so he is making us pure in heart.

How God purifies is not always so obvious but one thing is sure, only God can purify, and he will if you allow it.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. — 1 John 1:7

Jamie Riley

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 “people in the box:” 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

Haitian Christian Families affected by Noel

Praise Reports!

Tim and Jennifer Gampp have received pictures of Zoe from the adoption agency. They are will flying to China just after Christmas or in early January to take possession of her. Pictures of Zoe can be seen at zoemeigampp1.blogspot.com.

Penny Ball is clear of cancer based on her test results from Thursday. She praise the Lord and thanks all those who were praying for her.

Mary Collins praises the Lord for tests that show she is cancer free.

Francis Hawkins (Sharon Gampp's mother) has been in SOMC Room 115 for over a week. No treatment. She is being kept comfortable.

Renee Bissell is scheduled for round 4 of her chemo.

Rick Richmond is scheduled for his “gamma knife” treatment November 21.

Dick Bonzo had a cancerous kidney removed this week but is suffering with other serious health problems.

Andy Bray (son of Tammy Coriell's friend and co-worker) received severe injury to his head from an auto accident Wednesday am. He is in critical condition in ICU at University of Cincinnati Hospital.

Larry Pringle (burned severely in a railroad accident) may have to have a leg amputated.

Wayne McCray (Aaron and Shaun's father) is hospitalized in Cincinnati with complications from a knee surgery.

Matthew Risner fell and broke his upper arm bone last Sunday. X-rays showed the fracture and a cyst at the same spot. He has an appointment at Children's in Columbus to see about removing the cyst.

Christmas Program Info

The Christmas Program will be Thursday, Dec 20th at 7:30 pm with a Christmas party to follow. There will be signup sheets in the foyer for those children ages 4 years old through 6th grade who wish to participate. Also a signup sheet for adults who wish to help with the program. We will have a meeting following this evening's Bible class in the annex for those adults wishing to help in the program.

The program will be the birth of Jesus story as told by two of the New Testament writers, Matthew and Luke.

We need volunteers for the following:

Two adult men to be “Matthew” and “Luke”

Help organize children for the program.

Make cookies, punch for the Christmas Party

Decorations for the Christmas Party

Lighting and stage props for the program

Sound and video for the program

I would like to have a group of adult singers make a recording of songs to be used in the program.

Joan Coriell would like volunteers to help make a few animal costumes for this year's program. See the article on page 3 about that.

Baby Shower

Tim & Jennifer Gampp's baby shower/celebratory dinner for Zoe is December 1, 2007 at 5pm in the annex. This is a **family** shower - including husbands and children. It is also a potluck dinner, so everyone needs to bring their favorite dish. Anyone wanting to help, talk to Stephanie Copas.

Veterans Photos

If you submitted a photo for the Veterans Day presentation last week and it has not been returned, you may pick it up in the window of the church office.

Community Thanksgiving Service

We are invited to participate in the Community Thanksgiving Service hosted by 2nd Presbyterian Church (801 Waller) on Saturday, November 18, 6 pm. Clark Hess will be speaking and Stan Workman will be directing the community choir.

Thanksgiving Service

The Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 25), we have a tradition where 4 or 5 men in the congregation take a few minutes to thank and praise the Lord before the congregation for the many ways that God has blessed them. In the past this has included specific examples of prayers answered, people through whom God has ministered to and blessed them, etc., or things of a more universal nature, such as the wonders of creation or a specific scripture or promise found in the Bible. Let's strive for 100% attendance on November 25. **Children's Bible Time will not meet on November 25.** We want our children to see and hear Dad or Grandpa or Uncle Bob praising the Lord. The men who will be praising and thanking the Lord before the congregation are Mark Villinger, Jamie Veach, Eric Miller and Spike Ferrell.

Teen Devo

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

Spirit Club News

Coming the first Sunday in January: A new way to participate in Spirit Club. We will be using a musical CD by Steve Green called "Hide 'Em in Your Heart" as the basis of our memorization program. We have selected verses off of that CD for each month of 2008. Given below is the list of months and the particular song/verse we will be doing each month. For the most part our list follows the order of the tracks on the CD. The beauty of this is that you can use the CD to teach your kids the song/verse as you ride in your car or while at home. We will be singing the basic tune at church like always before Bible Study on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Also, we may be having a Spirit Club meeting just before our evening Bible study on Sunday, say from 6:00-6:20 pm each Sunday evening to learn the verses and the songs that go with them and to do some review. The Spirit Club meeting would be open to all ages, anyone that would be interested in learning scripture this way. Here's the list of verses for 2008. Keep this list on your refrigerator for future reference.

Jan	Matthew 19:14
Feb	Matthew 7:12
Mar	I John 3:16
Apr	Romans 12:21
May	Psalms 56:3-4
Jun	Ephesians 6:1
Jul	Matthew 6:9-13
Aug	Matthew 6:9-13
Sep	Acts 16:31
Oct	Matthew 5:14-16
Nov	Psalms 34:13
Dec	Matthew 22:37 + 39

We have checked with Praises in Portsmouth and the CD is available for \$9.99. Kristi Cordle is getting ready to make a big order for us. See her to sign up for one of these CD's.

Lost Bibles and Other Things

On the table in the foyer this morning is a display of all the Bibles and other things that have been left in our building recently. Please stop by and get your things, especially your Bible.

COMING EVENTS

11/25 - Special Thanksgiving Service
12/1 - Baby Shower
12/7-8 - Youth Hunger Awareness Weekend
12/16 - Collection for Hunger Awareness Weekend
12/20 - Christmas Program
1/19-26 - Haiti Mission Trip

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/18 Acts 8
11/25 Acts 9
12/2 Acts 10

Wednesday

11/21 Jeremiah 25
11/28 Jeremiah 31
12/5 Lam 1-5

Haiti Mission Update

For the last several months 7 of our members have been preparing themselves for a short term mission trip to Haiti in January, 2008 (January 19-26). Those who are going are Jason Coriell, Mike Dixon, Scott Gampp, Matthew Gampp, Brandy Gampp, Karren Griffith and Aaron Kallner. Some of our members could use some financial help to make this trip. If you would like to help sponsor one of our people see Jason Coriell or Aaron Kallner. Over the next two months we will be collecting some specific items to take to Haiti. Watch the bulletin for more information on this. Also, we ask that all of you begin praying in earnest for this mission. This is a big step for this church and we want to make that step with the full blessing and direction of the Lord.

Seamstress/Sewers Needed

Help is needed to sew costumes for the Christmas Program. Please bring your sewing machine, etc. If we work together it should go quickly Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the annex. More info see Joan Coriell.

The Great Wall of Sunshine Is Up

The new movable wall in the annex is finally up. There are some finish type things yet to happen, but the major portion of the work is complete. Our thanks to the mighty host of workers who helped out.

Hunger Awareness

Friday, December 7, 6 am is the beginning of Hunger Awareness Weekend. Our youth will be participating in Hunger Awareness Weekend by fasting for 36 hours. The first 12 hours everyone is on the "honor system." **At 6 pm Friday evening**, all youth are invited to the building for a camp out in the annex and a number of activities and trips that will start from the building. **At 6 pm Saturday evening**, we "break" the fast. (For your information, this will not be a complete fast—fruit or vegetable juices will be allowed at the regular meal times. That's it.) **Sunday, December 16**, the congregation will be challenged by the Youth to do their part in Hunger Awareness Weekend. The congregation will be given the opportunity to contribute to a special collection on that Sunday which will be used to feed people who are going hungry. Some of the proceeds will be going to the Scioto County Homeless Shelter and some will be sent to Haiti to help the people there as they recover from the destruction of Noel. The Youth will be deciding how that contribution will be divided up. More information will be coming as we get closer to the event.

Spirit Club Verse of the Month

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always and again, I say, rejoice.

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

November 18

Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Troy Gahm
Jason Coriell
Don Ramey
Aaron Kallner
Tim Coriell
Eric McLaughlin
Barry Hayward
Dale Gampp
Michael Dixon
Jack Jennings
Steve Miller
Ira Coriell

November 25

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Aaron McCray
Shawn Gragg
Gabe Coriell
Rich Book
John Berry
Terry Sullivan
Spike Ferrell
Jeff Hayward
Mark Villinger
Thanksgiving Service
Wayne Gampp

Sunday Evening

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

Zach Coriell
Aaron Franke
Jeff Hayward
Matthew Gampp
Mike Gampp
Acts 8

Aaron McCray
Gary Glispie
Greg Coriell
Josh Coriell
Mark Gampp
Acts 9

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Caleb Miller
Bill Gammon
Jeremiah 25

Jamie Riley
David Gampp
Jeremiah 31

Children's Bible Time

November 3/5: Julie, Caleb & Meaghan Miller
November 6/8: Kristin Riley, Jacob Miller
December 3/5: Joan Coriell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
December 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

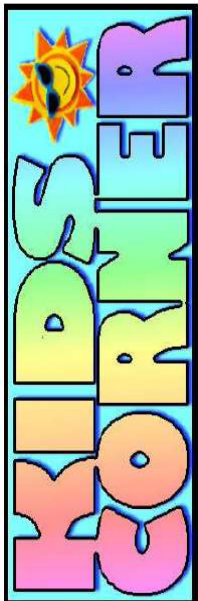
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sunshine-church.blogspot.com
innermissionssu.com

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



Paul wanted all Christians to be diligent in their work.

Unscramble the words that might be used to describe people who do not work as hard as they should. Then use the numbered letters to find what Paul said should happen to them. (L's and O's are done for you to give you a head start.)

RECKALS	L 1	2	3	4
DRUGSLAG	L 5			
FLOEAR	L O 6	7		
SONBLAYZE	L 8			9
THOLS	L O 10	11	12	
DRIEL	L 13	14		
LAWDDER	L 15	16	17	
OD-TONINGH	O 18	19	20	21
PHYDEEEALS	L 22	23	24	25
CHOORME	O O 26	27		
NODER	O 28	29		
FOGO-FOF	O O 30			

13 7 2 26 6 19 15 21 5 22
9 18 20 15 27 28 3 12 17
1 24 8 16 14 29 30 11 23 25 20