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Making Sunday Super

What makes Sunday SUPER? Is it a football game? Or is it something else? We live in a society that is obsessed with sports. More people watch TV on Super Bowl Sunday than on any other day. Yet we know that Sunday can be super for other reasons. And we should try to make each Sunday super. How? Here are some suggestions, based on Hebrews 10:19-25:

1) We have to prepare. Athletes don't just walk onto the field and play. They spend time getting ready for the game, both physically and mentally. How do we prepare ourselves for worship?
* By becoming a Christian. A non-Christian can praise God. But only a true child of God can truly come into his presence.

* By "warming up." Athletes take time for warm-up before each game. The Hebrews had a Day of Preparation before each Sabbath. We should prepare ourselves for Sunday. Spend some time on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to get ready to worship with your brothers.

2) We have to practice. Athletes spend months practicing for just a few hours of play. Each thing that they do on the playing field was rehearsed in practice.

* We must worship God every day. We can't spend every other day focused on other things and expect to be able to worship God on Sunday. We need to find ways to worship him in our everyday lives.

* We must think about how WE will make our services better. Don't look to the song leader or the preacher. What can you do? Notice what it says in Hebrews 10: "Consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." What are you going to do so that this assembly time will help your brothers live better?

3) We need the right equipment. A football player would never take the field without the right equipment.

* A Bible. You should bring a Bible to each assembly. Compare what is said with the Word of God.

* A sincere heart. We can't draw near to him unless we really WANT to draw near to him. If we come together out of habit or out of a sense of duty, we will never achieve that super Sunday. But if we come wanting to draw near to him and kneel at his feet, we will.

* Love for our brothers. We can't be right with God if we aren't right with our brothers. Love is essential to our worship.

4) We must work together as a body. Team sports are rarely won by individuals. They are won by teams. Our church works as a body, not as a group of individuals.

* There are no spectators. I must admit that I don't react well when someone says, "I don't get much out of services." Because the whole idea isn't getting, it's giving. What they're probably saying is, "I don't give much in services." If Christmas were up to three year olds, no one would get anything. Everyone would be sitting around waiting to see what they were going to get. Our assemblies are like that. If we all sit around waiting to see what we're going to get out of services, we're all going to go away disappointed. But if we come together to give, we will all receive.

* We are to consider how to help others love and serve better. Our job is to help our brothers be prepared to go out and live the Christian life.

5) We need to give it our all. Have you seen sports fans with their faces painted? With shirts off in freezing weather? Screaming and acting crazy?

Why can we be "fanatics" about the Steelers or Cardinals, but not about God? How can it be that we can make fools of ourselves over sports but don't dare step out on a limb for God? Why do we yell ourselves hoarse at football games and snore ourselves hoarse in church? How can we get so passionate over a bad call and be so passive about the death of our Lord? God needs more fans.

Doing these things, every Sunday will be a super Sunday. Hope you have a great week and a super Sunday!

Tim Archer
Herald of Truth
Abilene, TX

Please pray for...

For our nation as we are going through troubled times

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

Alex Cram was admitted to SOMC on Thursday with pneumonia. He came home Saturday but is still far from well.

Thelma Rakes (Rushie Richmond's mother)--knee replacement surgery postponed until stress tests on her heart are completed.

Rhonda Sorrell (Stephanie Miller's stepmother) had knee replacement surgery at SOMC on January 14. Recovery is expected to be particularly difficult due to stroke-like paralysis in the other leg.

Carol Thomas (friend of Lisa McCray) diagnosed with cancer.

Patty Colley (Eric McLaughlin's sister-in-law) lost her 4 year old son **Tatem** to cancer last week. Prayers for comfort and healing.



**LET US
KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalm 96:6



Coming Events

02/01 - No Debt-No Sweat Class Begins

Senior Appreciation Banquet

02/07 - Valentine Gala

02/08 - Boy Scout Sunday

Haiti Mission Team send-off (PM)

02/14-21 - Haiti Mission Team in Haiti

02/20-22 - Winterfest in Gatlinburg

3/8 - Girl Scout Sunday

Spirit Club Meeting

This evening at 6 pm.

Haiti Mission Donation

There is one item we are collecting for our trip to Haiti. We have been asked to come up with 300 boxes of crayons for Haiti school children. All must have 24 crayons--no more, no less. We are also requesting that you buy only CRAYOLA brand crayons. If you would like to buy some boxes and contribute to this need, there is a collection box in the foyer to receive your donation. **So far we have collected 170 boxes of crayons. We have until February 14 to meet our goal.**

Winterfest Registration in Progress

Winterfest 2009 is scheduled for February 20-22 in Gatlinburg. We always take a charter bus load to Winterfest and registration is now available on the church's website. Click on "Winterfest Sign Up." Cost is \$90.00 which is due upon departure. This does not include meals or miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, etc). A flyer is available on the table in the foyer. For more information see Shaun McCray or Jamie Riley.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14 & 16



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

2/01 Ephesians 4
2/08 Ephesians 5
2/15 Ephesians 6
2/22 Preaching Service
3/01 Philippians 1
3/08 Philippians 2
3/15 Philippians 3
3/22 Preaching Service
3/29 Philippians 4

Wednesday

2/04 Exodus 35-40
2/11 Leviticus 1-7, 10
2/18 Levi 16, Num 1-4, 26
2/25 Numbers 9-12
3/04 Numbers 13-14
3/11 Numbers 15-17
3/18 Numbers 20-21
3/25 Numbers 22-24

Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

FDVG is just 6 days away--Saturday, 7 pm, at the MHS Gymnasium. As usual we need lots of help with set up, and clean up and decorating, coat check, photography, cookies and a host of other details. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for you to use to sign up for Set Up, Clean Up or Cookies. We need your help to make it happen. See Ellen Lemon or Mark Gampp for details. Tickets are available at the Pharmacy in Minford. \$5/person. Brochures for the event are also available on the table in the foyer.

No Debt-No Sweat Details

Starting Sunday evening, February 1 and continuing on Sunday evening throughout the spring, we will be offering the No Debt-No Sweat money management DVD seminar in the Annex. Details of what will be covered is included in a flyer which is laid out on the table in the foyer. The seminar is open to any and all who wish to attend up to 50 people. That's about the maximum we can handle at one time. Please sign the pad in the foyer if you are planning on attending. We would like to have a good cross-section of people in the class from young adult to senior citizen. We'll be having about 20 minutes of a DVD presentation each night and about 20 minutes of discussion and Bible study to follow up. The whole seminar is about 5 hours long. It will take us 15-16-17 weeks to work our way through all the material. We'll be supplementing the No Debt-No Sweat materials with handouts from other Bible-based money management experts: Howard Dayton, Dave Ramsey, Ron Blue and others.

The **Seminar Workbooks** are free to every class participant. We also have 40 copies of Steve Digg's book, **No Debt-No Sweat** which normally sells for \$19.00 available for \$10.00 per copy. (When those 40 copies are gone, they're gone.) Books will be made available beginning the first class session on February 1. **Note: You do not have to have a book in order to take the class; however, it would be very helpful to have the book. Cost of the books has been underwritten by one of our members. That's how we are able to offer the book at half cost.**

Senior Appreciation Banquet Today

After services this morning, the teens will be serving a Senior Appreciation Meal to the Senior members of our congregation. This is a reminder for those who have RSVP'd already. Don't forget to stay for this special meal.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Evelyn Joyce Cisco** of Pikeville, KY (Clyde Ball's cousin) who passed away on January 14.

To the family of **Patty Jean Malone** of Portsmouth (cousin to Penny Ball) who passed away on January 13.

Haiti Mission Team Send Off

Sunday, February 8, we're inviting the church to stay a few extra minutes after our Bible Classes are dismissed to give our Haiti Mission Team a proper send off on their journey for the Lord. They will be leaving on Saturday, February 14 and getting back on Saturday, February 21.

In the News

Mark and Meaghan Coriell were in town yesterday for a baby shower for the little girl they are expecting to be born around March 12. Her name (unless mom or dad change their mind at the last minute: Elaina Marie Coriell. Prayers for Elaina's safe delivery and health and strength for the whole family.

Changes for Sunday Evening--One More Time

As we grow we sometimes have to rethink and revise how we do things. The short worship period and class time on Sunday evening has been needing some changes and here are the changes we need to make:

1. **We will make every effort to start exactly at 6:30 pm.** Please try to be here and in your seat **before** 6:30.
2. **Announcements on Sunday evening will be cut to a minimum.** Only those things which do not appear in the bulletin on Sunday morning will be mentioned. **Reminder:** On Sunday and Wednesday we are asking that last-minute announcements be given in writing to the announcement maker **before** service begins. It is very difficult to handle new information being given orally from the back of the auditorium after services begin.
3. **Men who are helping with prayer, passing the Lord's Supper, song-leading, scripture reading, etc.,** need to sit close by the podium so that the congregation does not have to wait for them to walk from far points of the auditorium to get to the podium.
4. **Our goal on Sunday evening is to dismiss children to their classes no later than 6:45 pm** so that they have a full 45 minute class period. We ask that all who are leading in that brief time of worship keep this in mind as they select songs, lead prayers, etc. Class time for our kids in December on two occasions was less than 30 minutes. This defeats the purpose of our gathering. Our first reason for assembling on Sunday evenings is for the Bible classes. Our
5. **On fourth Sunday's when we have preaching service in the auditorium, we will have no dismissal bells for the classes.** We will wait for the dismissal prayer in the auditorium and then parents will go to the classrooms and get their children. If preaching runs short, we'll be singing a few songs until 7:30 pm and then send parents to the classrooms. If preaching runs long (hopefully by no more than a few minutes) this will eliminate the bells sounding as the speaker finishes his lesson.

Directory Update

New phone number for **Ryan and Cindy Coriell**: 456-6029.

Boy Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910. Next Sunday we will be recognizing "Scout Sunday." The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.



Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 20:1

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
P
E
R Message
Closing Prayer

February 1

Tom Kelley
Ralph Gamp
Steve Williams
David Gamp
Lane Raiser
Spike Ferrell
Dewey Cordle
Zach Coriell
Barry Hayward
Price Gammon
Eric Copas
Mike Coriell
Steve Miller
Mark Risner

February 8

Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Gary Glispie
Rich Book
Jack Jennings
Troy Gahm
Dale Gamp
Aaron McCray
Eric McLaughlin
Barry Gamp
Josh Coriell
Bill Gammon
Steve Miller
Jason Coriell

Sunday Evening

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

Jacob Miller
Bob Havens
Don Ramey
Ira Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Ephesians 4

Shawn Gragg
Spike Ferrell
Jamie Riley
Ryan Coriell
Greg Coriell
Ephesians 5

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Matthew Hoskins
Jason Coriell
Exodus 35-40

Gabe Coriell
Jeff Hayward
Leviticus 1-7, 10

Children's Bible Time Schedule

February: *Loving Jesus Who Loves Us*
3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray, Derria Kelley
6/8: Pam Coriell, Meghan Miller, Kristin Riley

March: *Parables of Jesus*
3/5: Jessie Coriell, Zach Coriell, Renee Higbee
6/8: Christy Veach, Laryssa Grashel, Cindy Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

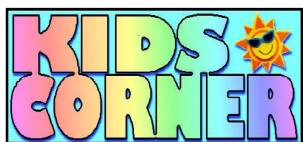
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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The odd phrases on the left are anagrams of some familiar hymns we sing in our assembly. Unscramble the letters to reveal the song titles. One word of each title has been shown to help you solve the riddles. Give up? Song titles are posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

Huge overtime ahead, jog thou. _____ **G R E A T** _____

Codger rustled hogs. **T H E** _____

Ohio protester beheld win. _____ **T H E** _____

Cheap seat tike. **E A C H** _____

Penny bag aphids. _____ **A N D** _____

Song Scramble Solution
Feb. 1, 2009

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
The Old Rugged Cross
There is Power in the Blood
Each Step I Take
Sing And Be Happy