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Dumpster Divers

Two years ago at Harding, some friends and I got into the business of collecting "coke points", which involved acquiring the bottle tops and cardboard box containers of any and every Coca Cola product we could find lying around. Now, when we would go on the hunt for these coke points, we meant business. We would scavenge the campus, plundering trash cans and scouring recycling bins, draining them all of every last coke point.

During one particular venture, we stayed after a basketball game and collected over 400 bottle tops from cokes that people had just thrown away!

Why would anybody go to such extremes for a few measly bottle tops? What would compel somebody to dig through trash cans for cardboard Coca Cola box containers? Well in our case, we were in it for the online rewards. We could cash in our points later on for a gift card to the Nike store, or a souvenir cup from Six Flags, or a gift certificate to Appleby's. We saw an easy opportunity to gain, what was for us, essentially free merchandise, and we took advantage of that opportunity.

How often do you take advantage of opportunities in your life? When you're presented with an opportunity that would make you more successful in school, at work, etc., many of us may pounce on this offer immediately and seize this opportunity to get ahead.

But how many of us take advantage of every opportunity we have to share the gospel? After Jesus rose from the dead, he gave a command to His Apostles. *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."* (Mark 16:15). That is a command that each of us who calls himself a Christian must carry out. What is the good news? Listen to the words of Paul: *"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* (1 Corinthians 15: 3,4)

It's very easy in this life for us to recognize opportunities that are beneficial to ourselves. We also must seek out and seize opportunities to further the work of the Kingdom of God. We have been given a Great Commission of evangelism that is meant to be shared with all of mankind. To what extremes will you go to ring out this awesome message of love and saving grace?

Preston Hammitt
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 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 Derek Miller, and **Steven McGraw** in Afghanistan.

Alex Cram scheduled for 3 days of testing and evaluation at National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD September 7-9. See note below.

Ed McLaughlin has a redo on his ankle surgery on Wednesday at Bethesda North in Cincinnati.

David Lemon is back at Heartland. His heart problem is being treated with meds. He has started radiation treatment for prostate cancer.

Brother of Phyllis Eckhart (friend of Irmalee Gampp) diagnosed with cancer.

Amy Graff has been having some chest pains and is scheduled for a stress test on Wednesday.

Louise Elkins (mother of Amy Graff) recently cracked three ribs which is causing her a lot of pain.

Tauby Bryant (Amy Graff's uncle) is undergoing treatment for kidney failure, it is currently only working at 30% capacity.

Dennis Mead (former superintendent of Minford Schools) now battling cancer.

Jean Ferrell saw the cardiologist on Monday at Riverside following a failed stress test. Riverside told her they thought the stress test was inaccurate. Another test coming soon.

Olivia (Emma Lauder's friend) hospitalized this week.

Dolly VanDyne hospitalized this past week while in Michigan with breathing problems. Some improvement.

Mary Kitchen (Clyde Ball's cousin) had a hip replacement at SOMC this week. Surgery went well, she is up and walking.

Thelma Raikes (Rushie Richmond's mother) having severe problems with her stomach.

Bob Havens was hospitalized in New Mexico for two days with pneumonia while on vacation.

PRAISE REPORTS:

Homer Miller now home and getting out and about.

Kara Jo McCray does not have a pseudo tumor. She is being treated now for a possible problem with her optic nerve. Time will tell if that is the problem. Pray that the headache issue can be resolved before school resumes.

Adam Lemon (Millie's grandson in Maryland, newborn twin) will probably be able to have the cyst removed from his tongue by laser surgery.

Cheryl Lemon has been transferred from OSU to Heartland after a successful feeding tube surgery on Monday.

Steve Miller had a very positive visit with the transplant doctor at OSU. His drug regimen for myeloma starts Monday. Better days are ahead.

4th Sunday PM Service

Sunday, August 22, for the evening service we will be having a report from the mission team that recently went to Honduras. This will be a combination of pictures and oral reports. Welcome back, Honduras Team.

Spirit Club & Sunshine Girls

There will be no more Spirit Club meetings this summer. We will resume our meetings after school starts backup around the first of September. We will have kick-off party to start Spirit Club back up in the fall, with all new Spirit Club activities and weekly meetings. Watch the bulletin for further details.

The Sunshine Girls are also taking a rest for the rest of the summer. Meetings will resume some time in September.

Newest 66 Club Member

Annie Coriell is our latest addition to the 66 Club. Congratulations, Annie, on memorizing the 66 books of the Bible in order.

Helping Local Students

As the first day of school approaches there are a few opportunities for us to be a light in our community:

For August 18, we will be delivering school supply boxes to Minford Elementary for needy students. If you wish to participate, please pack a plastic supply box with No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, Fiskars scissors, crayons (24 ct). The boxes can be left on the coat rack in the foyer. See Kristi Cordle for questions.

In October, the Secret Sisters will again be taking back packs filled with personal items (socks, underwear, light weight jackets, etc.) to students identified by Minford teachers. Look for more info in the bulletin as the time approaches. See Autumn or Mandi with questions.

Teen News

Saturday, August 21, the teens are headed to King's Island. See Tim for more details.

Farewell to Our Friends

- **Dennis and Toni Ruch** have been a part of our congregation for the last 2 years. We knew when they came the day would eventually come when Dennis' job would take them back to Memphis. Sometime around September 1, they are moving. Let's take advantage of these next few weeks to say our farewells. We love you, Dennis and Toni. How about a visit sometime in the future?
- A few weeks ago **Phyllis Stevens** moved to Alabama to live near her son, Todd, and his family. Phyllis is also someone we loved and will sorely miss. If you would like to write her, here is her new address: Phyllis Stevens; 116 Champines Glen Lane; Madison, Alabama 35758.

Shepherds Prayer

Thursday, August 19, 7:30 pm, our elders are meeting for a time of prayer. If you have requests that you would like to have included in that prayer, please give it to one of our elders right away.

Fair Awards

Two weeks ago was the Pike County Fair. This past week was the Scioto County Fair. We always have many in our congregation who win awards for their projects at the fair. We are posting two pads on the table in the foyer for the two fairs. If you or your child has won an award at either of the fairs, please write their name and award on the pads which have been posted. We will leave the pads out for a couple weeks before we compile and publish the information.

Directory Update

Chris and Morgan McCleese have moved to their new address in Athens. Please update your directory with this new information: McCleese, Chris & Morgan; 6300 Ervin Road, Apt 69; Athens, OH 45701. Phone # remains the same.

With Sympathy

Maggie Perry, secretary for Minford Schools, passed away Saturday. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and many friends.



Coming Events

8/19 Shepherd's Prayer Session
8/21 Teens King's Island Trip

In the Area:

- **9/01 Ladies Day**, Elm Grove Church of Christ. Maggie Goble speaking on "He's Still Working on Me." Flyer posted in foyer.

GAR-RON-TEE!

I know, they say you shouldn't do it, but the item was rather expensive and I ended up purchasing the, "Extended coverage" plan that I thought would save me should disaster strike. Imagine my surprise when a little over a month later, the item that we purchased went on the fritz. "No problem," thought I, "I'm glad I purchased the extended coverage." Imagine my greater surprise when the "Extended coverage" did not extend to our problem. So, after expressing my thoughts about the matter to the poor employee who got the short straw in helping me, walking out of the store in anger, then having to go back into the store and apologize the employee, I resigned myself to never purchase an extended warranty again. Besides, a good product comes with a lifetime guarantee...

This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

We live in a throw away society—if it breaks throw it away. Yet, our Father sees broken lives and longs for us to be reconciled to Him. God sent Christ as our guarantee. Oh, we can put our faith many things but unless our faith is based on God, then it is as empty as my "extended coverage." Christ gave His life in exchange for ours. Without Christ we are broken because of the ravages of sin. Broken and bound in our sin, Christ comes and repairs our hearts and lives, He makes them stronger and teaches us to love. Therefore, the verse is worth looking at once more with the eyes of someone who has been broken ***"For, there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone."*** GUARANTEED!

Wade McKnight
Southern Oaks Church of Christ
Chickasha, OK



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/15 Lk 2:41-52
8/22 Honduras Report
8/29 Mt 3:1-12, Lk 3:1-20

Wednesday

8/18 Nehemiah 3-4
8/25 Nehemiah 5-6

8:91
I have set the Lord always before me: because he
is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalms



THOSE WHO SERVE



Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L O R D S
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

August 15

Don Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Aaron McCray
Eric Copas
Derek Gampp
Troy Gahm
Tyler Masters
Greg Shepherd
Jason Coriell
Jerry Gampp
Terry Grashel
Jeff Hayward
Steve Miller
Luke Purpero

August 22

Jon Coriell
Scott Gampp
David Gampp
Aaron Kallner
Chuck Allison
Dale Kuhn
Dale Gampp
Caleb Miller
Dewey Cordle
Dave Coriell
Derrick Mooneyham
Eric Miller
Jamie Riley
Don Ramey

Sunday Evening

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

Matthew Hoskins
Rich Book
Jeff Vannatta
Steve Williams
Mike Gampp
Luke 2:41-52

Zach Coriell
Rick Coriell
John Berry
Jason Foster
Tim Gampp
Honduras Report

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Gabe Coriell
Jamie Veach
Nehemiah 3-4

Shawn Gragg
Spike Ferrell
Nehemiah 5-6

Children's Bible Time

Aug. Theme: The Word of God

3-5: Kerri Davis, Annie Davis, Kristin Riley
6-8: Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero, Adam Hall

Sept. Theme: Back to School with God

3-5: Kristine Coriell, Rebecca Dixon, Vanessa Dixon
6-8: Debbie Sullivan, Stephanie Copas, Nick Copas

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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PSALMS 16

A verse from Psalms 16 has been scrambled with a letter substitution code. Replace each letter with the correct one to solve the puzzle.

Hints: V=L, S=D

Solution is at the bottom of page 3.

T XRQC KCD DXC VBHS RVYRIK

LCWBHC GC: LCURFKC XC TK RD GI

HTZXD XRNS, T KXRVV NBD LC

GBQCS.