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Get Me Down...

In one of the classic Winnie the Pooh tales, Tigger finds himself stuck in a tree. "Bouncing," up was no problem, but "bouncing" down proved to be a little tricky. I found myself in the same predicament this week. My son's football had been kicked on the roof last Sunday after services and I had been asked daily to retrieve it. Although, it was windy, it was also a little warmer so I decided to pull out the ladder for the retrieval. I placed the ladder, climbed the ladder, walked across the roof and retrieved the football with little trouble. However, as I walked back I could no longer see the ladder sticking up. As I got to the edge and peered over, I realized the ladder was still there—it was just lying on the ground. Jumping was not an option as I didn't want to terrify people with another Oklahoma earthquake, so I had to opt for plan B. Luckily, I had my phone on me and while my first call inside failed in bearing fruit, my second call, this time to our dedicated secretary, was more productive and she and another good Samaritan was able replace the ladder and hold it in place as I came down.

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 (James 2:14-17).

It would have done me no good for my rescuers to say (even though they would have been completely accurate in their assessment), "Well, we wish you had called us to hold the ladder to begin with and you wouldn't be in this predicament." It would have done me no good for them to say, "I hope you will be able to get down." I needed an action to help me.

What's the point? We don't have to look for opportunities to present themselves for us to show our faith in God, we just need to take action when God presents them to us. **"Do not neglect to do good," Hebrews 13:16,** comes to mind. The loudest voice proclaiming God's love is the one that says nothing but helps someone in need. The second half of the verse says, **"For with such sacrifices God is pleased."** Show your faith and your love in what you do.

Wade McKnight
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For our nation as we are going through troubled times.
For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their 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 **Mark Ellis** in Afghanistan.

Cheryl Lemon is walking and eating and alert but remains in Heartland for now.

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

Dennis Mead (former superintendent of Minford Schools) battling cancer but has recently received good reports about his condition.

Steve Miller will be at OSU Nov 18 and 19 for preadmission testing and evaluation.

Wesalene Barker (Cheryl Villinger's mother) is being treated for a blood clot in her leg.

Frieda Gampp is now in rehab.

Kalynn Coriell is scheduled for tonsil surgery tomorrow.

Phyllis Eckhart recently moved to Heartland.

Dan Ruch (Dennis and Toni's son) starting chemo for his lymphoma this week in Boston.

Dolly Vandyne now in Best Care having rehab for her hip. Improving.

Janie Hawkins (Sharon Gampp's sister in law in Texas) diagnosed with liver cancer.

Valerie Lemaster is in chemotherapy for lymphoma.

Levi Coriell broke his arm last week.

Bob Blackburn had surgery for a brain aneurysm at Riverside on Thursday.

Penny Setty (47 years old, relative to Eric Copas) in ICU (SOMC) with no detectable brain function; family facing some difficult decisions.

Jessica Patrick (friend of Evan & Leslie Allison) readmitted to the hospital after a miscarriage with severe abdominal pain.

Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's grandmother, 88 yrs) being moved this week to a new nursing facility in Brandon, MS. Praying for a smooth transition.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Ruby Todd** (grandmother to Rick and Jeremy Lauder) who passed away on Tuesday.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child kicks off this month for the Shoe Box project. Anyone interested get in touch with **Candi Gampp**. She is making a list of items that can be shipped.

Coats for Kids and Joy of Giving

It's time for our annual "Coats for Kids" and "Joy of Giving" drive. The program is starting early this year given the need for fall coats for Minford students as well. We will be working along with the Secret Sister backpack program to provide the jackets/coats needed. We are asking for donations only once. Coats will be purchased first, then with any leftover money, Joy of Giving will take place. Please give money to Kristine Coriell, Eugene Risner, or drop it in an offering box in an envelope marked "Coats for Kids."

Annual Thanksgiving Service

The Sunday after Thanksgiving we traditionally have four of our men give their personal thanks and praise to the Lord before the congregation. Sunday, November 28 is Thanksgiving Sunday this year. Our four men who will be speaking are John Gampp, Caleb Miller, David Rice and Mike Gampp. Be ready for a great service of thanks and praise.

4th Sunday PM Preaching

Sunday evening, November 28 is our 4th Sunday Preaching Service. **Don Ramey** will be speaking for us. Teachers, make whatever adjustments you deem necessary for this service.

Children's Bible Time Commitment

Sunday, November 21, after morning services, all CBT teachers/leaders and helpers (current and prospective) will meet in the annex to commit for the month(s) and age group they would like to handle in 2011. Please make time for this important meeting. Questions, see Kristin Riley or Julie Miller.

Shepherds Prayer Session

Thursday, November 18, our shepherds will be meeting at 7:30 pm for a time of prayer for the congregation—families, individuals and any matter about which the members make request. If you have a request to be included in that prayer, please give it to one of the elders before Thursday Evening.

Veterans Service Bonus

The Ohio Attorney General notified us this week of service bonuses which are currently available to those service men and women from Ohio who have served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The bonus pays up to \$1000 for those who served in the above-named wars; up to \$500 to those who served in the US military anywhere in the world during those wars and provides a bonus of \$5000 to the families of those who gave their lives in these wars. Flyer posted.



Free International Adoption Seminar

Here at the Sunshine Church of Christ, November 20, 2010, 10AM to 12PM. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Jennifer Gampg if you require more information.

Adoption Sunday Today

Next Saturday is our Adoption Seminar. In order to prepare for and promote the seminar we are emphasizing the theme of adoption today. Our lesson this morning will be on the need for more Christian families to open up their homes to children without parents and at the end of our service, we will be showing a 3 minute video made by parents who made the adoption choice. We will have a closing prayer and then allow about 2 minutes before we begin the video. We hope you will stay for this short presentation.

Did You Know...?

The statistics show a great need for more families to adopt.

- In the world today there 143 million children who have lost one or more parents.
- Every year another 12-16 million children become orphans.
- 87.6 million orphans now live in Asia.
- 43.4 million orphans live in sub-Saharan Africa
- 12.4 million orphans live in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 1.5 million orphans live in Central and Eastern Europe.
- More than 800,000 children each year pass through foster care programs in the U.S.
- 500,000 children are in foster care programs on any given day each year in the U.S.
- About 129,000 of the children in foster care in the US are waiting for adoption right now.
- The State of Ohio has about 3200 children who are available for adoption right now.
- In 2007 there were 6 adoptions in Scioto County and 1661 adoptions for the entire state of Ohio.
- More than one third of Americans have seriously considered adopting in the past but no more than 2% have actually adopted.

James 1:27 *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

In the News

Piketon's Musical Dept. will be presenting Willy Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as it's K-6 musical this year. The performances will be Saturday, November 20th at 1:00 and 6:00, and Sunday, November 21 at 2:00. **Jace Foster** will be an Oompa Loompa in this production. Tickets are \$6.00 each and may be reserved or purchased at the door. If you have any questions, please see Tammy Foster.

Spirit Club Meeting

6 pm this evening.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. - Psalm 37:3



Trophy For Sale

One day last summer I was on my way to lunch when I drove by a house that was having a rummage sale. Even though I did not stop for the sale, I could not help but notice the display closest to the street -- what caught my eye was a table filled with old trophies that were now for sale on someone's driveway.

I had to wonder why anyone would be interested in purchasing a used trophy. What could they possibly do with it? The trophies for sale probably had the name of the recipient engraved on it, along with a brief description of their meritorious actions. Who would want to put someone else's trophy on their mantle?

Later, I began to wonder why the seller wanted to get rid of their old trophies in the first place. I am sure that at one time those trophies held a lot of value, or at least some emotional attachment. Trophies usually signify some accomplishment -- they serve to remind us of some success in our business or personal life. Maybe a bowling trophy loses its luster when one stops bowling. That trophy from a winning high school football season might not seem as important thirty years later when your own children are in college. What we value today might wind up in the trash or on a table at a rummage sale tomorrow.

The truth of the matter is that there is nothing in this life we can carry with us into the next. The trinkets and knick-knacks we treasure here on earth will be of no value in eternity. This being so, it makes one wonder why we spend so much time acquiring earthly possessions, but so little time preparing for the life which is to come.

Suppose you gained all that this world has to offer -- what would you really have? A handful of tinsel? Jesus told His disciples: "*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*" Matt. 16:24-26.

David Padfield
Zion, IL



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/14 Mk 1:21-45
11/21 Mk 21-22
11/28 Preaching Service
12/05 Jn 5:1-47

Wednesday

11/17 Ps 1, 15, 37
11/24 Ps 23, 121, 139
12/01 Proverbs 1-9
12/8 Proverbs 10-20



Coming Events

TODAY - Adoption Sunday
Spirit Club Meeting

11/18 - Shepherd's Prayer Session

11/20 - Adoption Seminar

11/21 - Children's Bible Time meeting

11/28 - Thanksgiving Service

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
E
R Message
Closing Prayer

November 14

Jon Coriell
Scott Gamp
Josh Coriell
Troy Gahm
David Gamp
Jason Henthorn
Terry Grashel
Gabe Coriell
Jason Coriell
Ryan Coriell
Dale Gamp
Jerry Gamp
Steve Miller
Gary Glispie

November 21

Wayne Gamp
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Jeff Hayward
Chuck Allison
Roger Cooper
Derek Gamp
Greg Coriell
Zach Coriell
John Gamp
Eric Miller
Shane Mougey
Steve Miller
Mark Gamp

Sunday Evening

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

Rich Book
Tim Gamp
Spike Ferrell
Jason Foster
Dewey Cordle
Mark 1:21-45

Tyler Jones
Dave Coriell
Caleb Miller
Ira Coriell
Rick Coriell
Mark 21-22

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jacob Miller
Tim Coriell
Ps 1, 15, 37

Shawn Gragg
Aaron Kallner
Ps 23, 121, 139

Children's Bible Time

Nov. Theme: Thankfulness

3-5: Mandi Coriell, Jessie Coriell,
Rebecca Dixon
6-8: Tammy Foster, Shellie Vanatta,
Jason Foster, Jeff Vanatta

Dec. Theme: The Birth of Jesus

3-5: Rebecca Dixon, Vanessa Dixon
6-8: Rikki Richmond, Vanessa Dixon

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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WORD SCRAMBLE

A verse from Psalm 37 is scrambled with a letter substitution code. Figure out which letters have been switched to reveal the scripture.

Solution to the puzzle is at the bottom of page 3

Hints: B=T, H=O

BQRZB SK BDW EHQU, MKU UH
JHHU; ZH ZDMEB BDHR UFWEE
SK BDW EMKU, MKU PWQSEA
BDHR ZDMEB VW LWU.