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Good Luck Charm

'Good Luck' is a phrase that we used in our everyday talk. Like good luck to you, or are you having any good luck? In my Electronic Bible I have at the office I did a study to see if the word luck was in the bible and I found out what I knew was true, that the word 'luck' is not mentioned in the bible.

Most people like the idea of having "good luck," a force at work making things go well. Sometimes, though, it is "bad luck" that gets the blame for an undesirable turn in circumstances.

If it was that way, then perhaps carrying a rabbit's foot would help. You do not have to look far to find examples of things people carry, things they do or don't do, or rituals they follow. All in the hope of nudging luck to be good fortune.

This is what Israel tried to do in a battle with the Philistines. They took the ark of God and treated it like a good luck charm. After a defeat they decided to "'bring the ark of the Lord's covenant from Shiloh, so that it may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies'" (4:3).

At first, Israel was encouraged and the Philistines discouraged by this act. When the Philistines heard the cheering from Israel's camp they were afraid. "We're in trouble!" they said. "Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods?" (vv. 7-8)

In the battle that followed, Israel was defeated and the ark was captured. It didn't go as planned because God is not a good luck charm, something to help make things go well for us.

It was not luck that Jesus showed up in the storm when the disciples were afraid, it was not luck that God came and shut the lion's mouth for Daniel, it was not luck that he showed up in the fire with the three Hebrew children. It was not luck but it was the desire of God to show up.

Everything we receive or whatever God has done for us is not by chance of luck but it is the grace of God.

We hear people say it was by luck that I escaped from this or that, no it was not luck, it was the grace of God.

No luck is not found in the Bible, but grace is found on every page.

We should never regard God has a good luck charm, but as a friend who will help in time of need.

Frank Newbury



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 Derek Miller and Mark Ellis in Afghanistan; **Darren Shepherd** in Iraq

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

Cheryl Lemon is recuperating at home.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) is now in Four Winds Nursing Facility.

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

Corey Bender (friend of Laryssa Grashel, 42 yr old father) diagnosed with lymphoma (both kinds).

Frieda Gampp doing her rehab for her hip at home. She is walking now without a walker.

Chris Spinnati (3 yr old grandson of James & Judy Spinnati) abscesses in leg turned out to be infection from an animal scratch.

Mike Dixon diagnosed with a herniated disc, surgery recommended.

Dan Ruch (Dennis and Toni's son) has completed first round of chemo. Has 5 more to go. Doing well.

Dolly Vandyne is now home recuperating and continuing her rehab.

Kenny Gragg (Shawn Gragg's father) after testing at the ER, internal bleeding was cause of the problem.

Janie Hawkins (Sharon Gampp's sister in law in Texas) had to discontinue tumor embolization. She will be taking standard chemo.

Valerie Lemaster is in James Cancer Center since November 23, undergoing blood stem cell transplant.

Norm McGinnis had recent surgery to remove a cancer spot from his ear.

Larry Meredith (grandfather to Tyler and Kayla Meredith) fractured his spine in a fall.

Children's Services Gifts Update

David Coriell informs us that there is a further need for gifts for teens in the Children's Services Program;

We are looking for a single gift appropriate for a teen (such as a DVD player, hair curler, etc.) See David or Marsha for details.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/28 Preaching Service
12/5 Jn 5:1-47
12/12 Mk 2:23-3:12
12/19 Mk 3:13-19
12/26 Preaching Service
1/2 Matthew 5

Wednesday

12/1 Proverbs 1-9
12/8 Proverbs 10-20
12/15 Proverbs 21-31
12/22 Eccl 1-4
12/29 Eccl 5-8
1/5 Eccl 9-12

Coming Events

11/28 Thanksgiving Service
11/28 Operation Christmas Child Deadline
11/28 Deacon's Meeting
12/1 Fall Quarter Begins
12/2 Free Christmas Concert at Vern Riffe
12/5 Teens to Ashland Mall
12/6 Sweet Monday, 7:30 pm
12/17 Christmas Program
12/18 Teens to Clifton Mill
12/19 Teen Christmas Party

Sweet Monday in December

December Sweet Monday will be Dec. 6 at 7:30PM in the annex. We will be doing the white elephant gift exchange just like last year--bring something from home wrapped to be "gifted" to someone else! Also, we are going to put together a few care boxes to be sent to the troops overseas--keep watching for more details! Thanks! Heather

Strawberry Point Meeting Today

After services this morning, Caleb Miller would like to meet in the annex with all those who are interested in making the trip to Strawberry Point this June or July. The meeting is about setting a date for the trip.

All Teachers And Students

The new Bible class quarter begins Wednesday, December 1st. The materials for the next quarter are in the classrooms.

No Children's Bible Time Today

Because it is a special service and we want our little ones to see their fathers and grandfathers up in front of the church praising the Lord, there will be no CBT today. Next Sunday everything goes back to normal.

Children's Bible Time Need

There are still a few openings left for Children's Bible Time in 2011. The schedule is posted on the window in the foyer. If you are willing to teach or help, please sign up for the slot that works for you.

Operation Christmas Child Deadline

Today, at the end of morning services, is the deadline for getting your shoebox filled and wrapped for this project. Last minute reminders: No candy that will melt; no military toys like guns, bombers, etc.; everything else is fine. See Candi Gampp for details.

Spirit Club Meeting

6 pm this evening.

Annual Thanksgiving Service Today

Traditionally we have four of our men give their personal thanks and praise to the Lord before the congregation on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. 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. By the way, as usual we will not be having CBT for this service.

Christmas Program & Soup Fellowship

Our annual Christmas Program will be presented on Friday, December 17th @ 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer today if your child would like to participate this year. Our first practice will be Sunday, December 5th @ 4:30 p.m. We will be having a soup fellowship immediately following the program so start planning your favorite soup recipe to share with everyone. We have a great community response to this, it's a great outreach for the Sunshine Church. Please plan to help out if you possibly can!

Preaching Service Tonight

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

Rejoice Some More!

A week ago Friday, four of our young people were added to the body of Christ. This past Sunday evening three more were baptized into the body of Christ: **Nick Copas, Sean Berry and Kylie Berry**. Nick is the son of Eric and Stephanie Copas. Sean and Kylie are the son and daughter of Rhonda Berry. Congratulations to each of these young people and their families. Let us pray for each of them as they begin their walk with the Lord. Be sure to give them the Sunshine welcome this morning.



Men to Be Considered for Deacons

The shepherds of Sunshine have seen the need to increase the number of men serving as deacons here at Sunshine. They have prayerfully contacted and gained consent from the following men to put their names before the congregation as possible deacons for the church. They are **Dewey Cordle, Nick Davis, Shawn Gragg, Aaron McCray and Mark Risner**. The elders are asking each member of the church to consider each man and determine if they are qualified to serve as deacons by the standards of 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Whether you agree or disagree, the elders would like to hear from you by Sunday, December 12. Next Sunday our lesson will be on the subject of deacons and their qualifications and appointment. Questions and comments should be directed to the elders.

Save Labels for Mid-Western Children's Home



You can help Mid-Western purchase sporting equipment and more by clipping Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education coupons and sending them to

Mid-Western Children's Home
P.O. Box 48
Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Teen News and Events

December 5--After morning services we are going **shopping at the Ashland Mall** to buy gifts for 8 foster care teens in Scioto County. We will also be eating out for lunch. Let's plan on loading these 8 kids up to give them a dream Christmas! If everyone comes, we are planning to split up into groups and each group take one kid and buy for them. It's going to be great! Start praying!

December 18--We will be traveling to **Clifton Mill** to see the Christmas lights and then going shopping at the outlet mall and eating out. The kids will be shopping for a passing party gift for the teen Christmas party. (Contact Tim about cost of the gift.)

December 19--After evening services we will be having our annual **teen Christmas party**. This will include food, movie and a passing party.

Deacon's Meeting

There will be a meeting of the deacons today at 5:30 p.m.

We Need Your Help

We have had locks on both doors leading to the baptistery for a long time. The purpose of the locks high up on the corner of the doors is to prevent children from getting anywhere near the baptistery without adults around. I know of a couple cases where small children managed to get into a church baptistery and drowned before anyone discovered they were missing. Occasionally, we will find the locks on our baptistery doors undone. We are asking all of you to be very careful to keep those doors locked. If you are walking by and see the door locks undone, check inside to see what's going on and then lock the door if it is appropriate. Thanks for your help. Steve.

2011 Budget Deadline

Deacons and Ministry Leaders, the deadline for turning in budget requests for 2011 is December 5. Please get your requests back to Shaun McCray in a timely manner. Thanks.

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 Message
R Closing Prayer

November 28

Tom Kelly
Nick Davis
Josh Coriell
Mike Gamp
Ryan Coriell
David Gamp
Jerry Gamp
Jeff Vannatta
Mark Villinger
Terry Grashel
Jason Henthorn
Dale Kuhn
Steve Miller
Aaron McCray

December 5

Don Coriell
Ralph Gamp
Eric Copas
Greg Coriell
Chuck Allison
Derrick Mooneyham
John Gamp
Troy Gahm
Ira Coriell
Eric Miller
Shane Mougey
Mark Gamp
Steve Miller
Shawn Gragg

Sunday Evening

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

Rich Book
Gabe Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Spike Ferrell
Matthew Hoskins
Preaching Service

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Tyler Jones
Luke Purpero
Greg Shepherd
John 5:1-47

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Don Ramey
Gary Glispie
Proverbs 1-9

Caleb Miller
Tim Coriell
Proverbs 10-20

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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Psalm 30

A verse from Psalm 30 has been scrambled with a letter substitution code. Replace each letter with the correct one to reveal the verse.

Answer may be found at the bottom of page 3.

Hints: E=O, A=N

SCRIPT-O-GRAM

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