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As the drought continues across Oklahoma, I believe the last count was 55 out of 77 counties are under a burn ban. Each day without water increases the risk of fire and it only takes the slightest spark to start an inferno. Each day our firefighters continue to be overworked because of negligence. While fire has many qualities, I would like to focus on two.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29)

To understand this verse you need to read Hebrews 12, and discover its context. Here, fire is a means to test the quality of something. If you have built your foundation on the right thing, then not even fire can consume it. God is the ultimate test as a consuming fire. Of course, you may say, "How can I stand against God?" The answer lies in His Son, who took our sins, nailed them to the cross, then overcame the cross. While on my own, when tested with fire, I will always fail. However, when I stand with Christ my place is secured. I want to encourage you to let your life be tested with fire. Put your priorities, your attitude, your service, your heart and your praise up against God's consuming fire and see if they stand. Negligence in this area can cause a lot of problems. I hope your life stands the test

Secondly, I want to look at a second aspect of fire, and that is how quickly it can spread. If you take to heart the idea of testing each area of your life to see if it has quality, then you will make a difference to everyone you come into contact with. When people see Christ working in your life, the fire you have for Him will quickly spread and you will effect your congregation and your school or work, which in turn will affect your community. With just the right spark the gospel will spread like fire on a dry and weary ground. Will you be the spark?

Wade McKnight
Southern Oaks Church of Christ
Chickasha, OK



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 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

For the people of Japan who are suffering from the effects of the earthquake, tsunami and radiation from damaged nuclear reactors

For the people of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, etc. who have been devastated by the tornadoes

Kelly Gampp is in chemo treatment now.

Henry Coriell continuing his battle with cancer.

DeeDee Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) has a recurrence of cancer affecting lymph nodes.

Adam Lemon (1 yr old grandson of Millie Lemon in Maryland) surgery on tongue on May 6.

Macie Shumway transferred to Heartland for continued IV treatment and rehab.

Reese Allison (grandson of Chuck & Judi Allison in Florida) in a golfing accident last week has lost the use of his eye.

Praise Report: Janie Hawkins (Sharon Gampp's sister-in-law in Texas who has been fighting liver cancer since last fall has been approved for a surgery. Her liver is regenerating and the tumors have been shrinking. Praise the Lord



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

5/1 Mt 13:24-53
5/8 Mt 8:18-22; Lk 8:22-39
5/15 Mt 9:10-34
5/22 Preaching
5/29 Mark 6
6/5 Mark 7
6/12 Mt 17-18
6/19 Mt 19
6/26 Preaching

Wednesday

5/4 Daniel 6
5/11 Daniel 7
5/18 Daniel 12
5/25 Hosea 1-14
6/1 Joel 1-3
6/8 Amos 1-6
6/15 Amos 7-9
6/22 Jonah 1-4
6/29 Micah 1-6

Spirit Club

We will meet tonight at 6 p.m. We will be singing our memory verse before services so make sure to be here on time to practice!

Wedding Reception

Saturday, May 14, 3 pm, the congregation is invited to a wedding reception given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Henry, better known to us now as Dusty Henry and Mary Lemon. **Location change:** The reception has been moved to South Webster High School. See the bulletin board for the official invitation and more details.

Coming Events

5/1 Fort Hill Sunday
5/1 Secret Sisters Revealing, 5 pm
5/2 May Sweet Monday Dinner
5/4 Court House Scripture Reading
5/5 National Day of Prayer
5/8 Deacon's Meeting
5/9 Mother-Daughter Banquet 6:30 pm
5/14 Graduates Party
5/14 Wedding Reception, 3 pm
6/20-24 VBS 2011 for Sunshine
6/25-7/1 Strawberry Point Trip
7/21 Mother-Son Fun Day

May Sweet Monday Dinner Update

May Sweet Monday theme will be honoring Mother's Day! We will be having a dinner and anyone who wants to bring their "little sweeties" will be welcome. **The location of the meeting has been moved from our annex (construction is scheduled) to the Madison Township Senior Center.** Sign up in the back so we can get a count! Dinner served at 6:30 pm. Questions, see Heather Gragg.

Mothers Day Tribute

Mothers Day is next Sunday. We are doing a special video-music tribute to mothers and their children on that day at the end of services. This is similar to what we have done in the past. If you have not had your picture with your children made, see Stephanie Copas right away. Also if you would like to update the picture that was used last year, see Stephanie Copas right away. She is our official church photographer. **Today is the deadline for getting a new or updated picture for the tribute.**

Sunshine Mothers Day Banquet

Honor that special woman in your life by inviting her to Sunshine's Mother Daughter Banquet, Monday, May 9, at 6:30 pm at the Minford High School Cafetorium (due to construction in our own building). A night off from cooking, fellowship with sisters in Christ, and a special devo from our own June Book... Sign up **today** in the foyer; we need to have a final number to caterer by Wednesday. Cost is \$12 per person. See Kim McCray for details.

Cookies Needed

Attention all bakers! Cookies are needed for the MHS after-prom. You can drop off your creations in the building annex any time this Saturday. More info, see Jamie. Thanks!

Graduates List

Graduation is fast approaching and we want to be sure to honor all of our graduates. At this time our list of graduating seniors reads as follows: **Kayla Coriell, Calli Cremeans, Jordan Jones, Haley Ruggles and Sam Williams.** If you know of others that should be added to the list, please give that information to Tim Gamp. A party honoring these graduates is being planned for Saturday, May 14. Details will follow at a later date.

Graduation Announcement

Jerrad Nickell will be graduating from the OU School of Osteopathic Medicine on Saturday, June 4, at 10 am. The church is invited to come; see the invitation posted on the bulletin board for details. Congratulations to Jerrad and his family upon reaching this milestone. Dr. Nickell will be starting his residency with SOMC later this summer.

Honduras Mission Trip Donations

Like last year we are taking along small items to give out to the people in Honduras during the trip. Things like crayons, flip-flops, coloring books, wrapped candy, deflated soccer balls, pumps, inflation needles, bubble wands and bubbles, etc. These items were very popular with the people. Bring your donations to the building between now and May 12. Questions, see Jamie Riley.

VBS

June 20-24 are the dates for our VBS this year. The theme is **RUNNING THE RACE**. On the south wall of the auditorium are posted the responsibilities that need to be covered right away in order to have a top-notch VBS. The jobs include everything from being responsible for teaching one of our classes one night of VBS to Decoration Supervisor to Recreation Supervisor to ...just check the wall. On the wall, there is a written description of the class or job and what's expected. We need to get these jobs covered soon. If you are willing to do some advance planning and organizing and recruiting, sign up for the job. **Note: There are copies of the information on the wall that you can take with you and read at your convenience. Check the packet on the wall.**

Court House Scripture Reading

We are participating in a Public Reading of Scripture from the Scioto County Court House in Portsmouth. Our time slot is Wednesday, **May 4**, from 3-5 pm. We are dividing the 2 hour slot into 4 periods of ½ hour. If you would like to be a "reader" in this event, sign up for the time slot you would like to cover.

Directory/Contact Updates/Additions

In an effort to keep our Directory/Contact list up to date we have placed some sheets on the board in the back. If you need to update your contact information, fill out a form and put it in one of the collection boxes. Also encourage new members should fill out one of these forms so we can add them.

Fort Hill Sunday Today

Today is Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp Sunday for the churches here in southern Ohio. Wear your Fort Hill shirts and hats proudly today. At the end of services Jack Jennings will give us a brief report on the camp.

Pardon the Dust

No doubt you have noticed the recent changes in our building. Phase One of our building program has begun with the placement of a double door leading into the Annex and with the construction of two large classrooms in that area. Pardon the dust, please. The next step will be enlarging and combining the smaller classrooms at the rear of the building.

Sunshine Text Reminders & Messages

To receive Sunshine reminders/messages on your cell phone, text the word "sunshine" to 292929. You should get a reply message when you do this. If you have trouble just ask a teen, I am sure they can help you!

Secret Sisters Revealing Today

The Secret Sisters are having their revealing party on Sunday, May 1st at 5:00 pm. in the annex. Please bring a snack or finger food. All Secret Sisters should attend if possible. This will be an important meeting where we will be revealing our Secret Sisters and discussing upcoming projects. If you are unable to attend, please notify Autumn or Mandi prior to May 1st. We will not be drawing new Secret Sisters at this event. Watch for announcements about new Secret Sisters later in the year.

A Big Thank You

We want to thank everyone who helped make **ENDURE** (our annual youth rally) a success. Many hours of planning and praying for that weekend, by so many people, was evident as we saw God moving throughout the entire event. Each person used their talents to create a wonderful time of learning and growing for our teens. We encourage each teen that attended this event to find one of our **ENDURE** speakers and tell them what you learned from them and thank them for taking time to teach you. —Tim and Jennifer Gamp

Baby Stuff Needed

Eric & Crystle (Price) Steffens are expecting twin boys in a few short months!!!! They need help with newborn baby clothes, car seats, swings, high chairs, even cribs....new or used, anything and everything would be greatly appreciated!!! If people can get stuff to me (Stephanie Copas) I can see that they get it in time. Note: Crystle now lives in Nashville but used to be a member of our youth group.

For Your Information

We provide regular support to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort based in Nashville, TN. Our funds are now part of the relief which is being sent to the communities in the South that have been affected by the tornadoes and storms of this past week. Sometimes we make special contributions to this fund to help; at this time, no decision has been made for or against such a contribution.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

May 1

Wayne Gampp
Scott Gampp
Shaun Gragg
Jason Foster
Steve Miller

April 24

Tom Kelley
Shawn McCray
Jacob Miller
Josh Coriell
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

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

Aaron McCray
Spike Ferrell
Gary Glispie
Ira Coriell
Jason Coriell
Matthew 13:24-53

Gabe Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Greg Coriell
Matthew Hoskins
Aaron Kallner
Mt 8:18-22; Lk 8:22-39

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Don Ramey
Rick Coriell
Daniel 6

Jamie Riley
Spike Ferrell
Daniel 7

Children's Bible Time

April Theme: *Respecting our Bodies*

3-5: Jill Williams Kathy Glispie, Steve Williams

6-8: Cathy Coriell, Christian Coriell, Sam Williams

May Theme: *Heroes of the Bible*

3-5: Kristin Riley, Autumn Risner, Kendall Riley

6-8: Kristine Coriell, Aurie 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.

This bulletin is a publication of the Sunshine Church of Christ. To learn more about the Church of Christ you may contact us at the telephone number or address on the front cover.

Deadline for each issue is 3 p.m. Saturday. News items may be called to **Al Graff** or **Steve Miller** or e-mailed to:

info@sunshine-church.org



DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

Each lion at the top of the puzzle matches a lion at the bottom. Draw a straight line from the lion's chin fur on the top row to the matching lion's right ear on the bottom row. Each line will cross through some of the letters between the lions. Starting with the lion at the top, left, write the crossed-through letters in order to see why the lions didn't eat Daniel. Then read Daniel 6 to learn why he was in the lions' den. Solution is at the bottom of page three.

