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Putting God in a Box

The Sunday before Easter is commonly known as “Palm Sunday,” the day of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. People laid down their coats and palm branches - the first century version of rolling out the red carpet - while praising him and the city was stirred up. The Pharisees exclaimed, “Look, the world has gone after him” (John 12:19).

But we know the story doesn’t end there. God had a much bigger ending planned. It’s hard to believe that within a week Jesus would be tried and crucified—the crowds would turn against him and demand a detestable criminal be released instead of Jesus. What happened? What made the crowds so fickle?

The man the crowds followed healed the sick and performed miracles. It seemed he had the favor of the world on him. But shortly after arriving in Jerusalem, Jesus became more and more a source of controversy. He overturned tables in the temple and drove people out with a whip; he spoke in confusing parables and talked about dying. The people began to doubt and the Pharisees fueled it with their own darkened hearts. Their promised one wasn’t supposed to die, he was supposed to conquer the Roman Empire and be a king. They had an idea of what God was going to do and how he was going to do it, and Jesus didn’t meet their expectations.

We all have the tendency to put God inside a box. We predict how he’s going to move in certain situations, and it can challenge the very core of our beliefs when he doesn’t meet our expectations. Our struggle might be confined to just one aspect of our faith, like finances or a troublesome relationship. We can believe God in some ways but not others. Robert Robinson wrote in his famous hymn *Come Thou Fount*, “Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.” The question is, will we be faithful when God doesn’t show up the way we want him to?



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 Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Wally Lambert remains in Heartland.

Gene Madden preparing for an aneurysm surgery in Cleveland.

Jim Devins (Marybeth Coriell's father) in Elbrooke under hospice care.

Jay Brogdon dealing with cancer. Had a CAT scan this week.

Nick Gampp remains in Heartland, showing improvement. Lithotripsy postponed till April 24.

Jason Hall (known to Penny Ball) in SOMC with liver problems.

Teresa Mooneyham being treated for an hemangioma on her spine.

Alatheia Wolfe (daughter of Tim and Jessica) in SOMC Thursday with high temp.

Stanley Peach was hospitalized last week with pneumonia. Home now and much better.

Gabriel Masters (Teresa's son) having abdominal problems, being treated at Children's in Columbus.

Kim Collier (Jeff Hayward's cousin) in OSU Hospital, condition worsening, has contracted MRSA.

Don Ramey has his cardiologist appointment on Tuesday.

James Forbes IV (newborn of Jimmy and Jamie) in Children's Hospital in Columbus with a hole in his lung and a heart murmur.

Kathy Hale (Troy Gahm's mother-in-law) had a catheterization of her carotid arteries in Lima on Friday.

Penny Ball was hospitalized the early part of the week with complications from the flu.

Charlie Locher (Sarah Gilliland's nephew) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

4/1 Acts 10
4/8 Acts 11
4/15 Acts 12
4/22 Acts 13
4/29 Acts 14

Wednesday

4/4 Ex 18-19
4/11 Ex 20
4/18 Ex 21-22
4/25 Ex 23-24
5/2 Ex 25-27



Coming Events

3/11-4/1 Home Groups
4/7 Fort Hill Regional Meeting
4/7 Sunshine Easter Egg Hunt
4/20-22 Sunshine Youth Rally
4/21 Jr. Youth Group Trip
4/29 Hope for Haiti's Children PM
5/17-24 Honduras Trip
6/16-22 Strawberry Point Trip
6/25-29 VBS
7/15-21 Fort Hill Camp
8/3-4 Women of Faith Trip
9/29-30 Centennial Celebration

Homeless Shelter Easter Baskets

The ladies of the congregation are putting together Easter Baskets to be taken to the Homeless Shelter on Easter. If you would be willing to donate baskets and/or contents for the baskets, sign the sheet on the table in the foyer or see Mandi Coriell or Autumn Risner.

Hope for Haiti's Children

Ken Bever, the executive director of Hope for Haiti's Children, will be with us Sunday, April 29, for the PM service to give us an update on the work in Haiti. There are some new and exciting ways that we can be involved. Students from Grade 4 on up are invited to remain in the auditorium for the presentation. Teachers of lower grades can use their own discretion about having their students in the auditorium.

Meeting for Fort Hill Camp

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp will be hosting from 6 – 8 pm, April 7, 2012, at Fred's Restaurant, 8228 Gallia Street in Wheelersburg. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information concerning the present and future camp developments, and seek information about how we may improve the camp. Adults and young people are encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings.

Rejoice!

On Thursday evening **Paul (better known as PJ) Glauder** confessed his faith in Christ and was added to the body of Christ in baptism. PJ is a coworker of Jon Coriell and has attended here at Sunshine off and on for about 3 years. Directory information is as follows: Glauder, PJ & Phyllis, 702 Oliver Road, Minford, 45653; phone number is 820-3305. Let's give PJ the Sunshine welcome this morning.

Women of Faith

Sunshine is taking a group again this year to the Women of Faith conference in Columbus on August 3rd-4th! The theme this year is "Celebrate What Matters" and has a great line up of speakers. Amy Grant and Mandisa will be performing! Tickets are \$99. We have 25 tickets on the floor - our best seats ever- so sign up today in order to get a seat with our group! It is a great time to get spiritually fed, revived and deepen our friendships with each other! Pray about coming to this faith building event!

Home Groups Conclude Tonight

This is our last session of home groups for this spring. Hosts, don't forget to record your attendance. Leaders, please spend on a few moments on feedback and evaluation of the home groups with your group.

Easter Is Coming

Easter Sunday is April 8. On this Sunday many people look for a place to go to church, people who don't ordinarily attend anywhere. Be sure to invite the unsaved in your circle of friends and family to come with you to Sunshine. It will be crowded, but we will make room for everybody. Members, please use the parking lot to the rear and save the paved spots for our guests. Also, help us fill every seat in every row by moving to the middle of the row when you sit down. **We are setting up for overflow in the Annex with a TV monitor. If this becomes necessary, I am asking members to please give up their auditorium seats and go to the Annex.** Pray for this service and the people who will be attending. The crucified and resurrected Jesus will be preached. It's going to be a great day!

Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, time to be announced later. We still need donations of individually wrapped candies for this event. See Kristin Riley for more information.

Sew You Care!

Our mission team is returning to Honduras in May and our goal is to clothe 100 children with dresses, shirts, and shorts. Come sew with us on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am - ? or sew at home. Please see Irmalee or Rhonda for more information.

Not So Sweet

April Sweet Monday has been canceled.

Spirit Club

Suspended till Home Groups are over.

Farmers Meeting

Saturday, April 7, 9:30 am, the Sunshine Farmers are having a breakfast meeting to organize for the farming project for this season. Breakfast will be served. Anyone interested in participating in the project is invited to attend. See Mark Risner for details.

Honduras Meeting

Meeting after this mornings service for anyone interested in the trip. This is an IMPORTANT meeting, don't miss it!

New Junior Youth Group Forming

Starting April 1st, Sunshine will have a new youth program for students in grades 4 - 6. The group will be known as the Jr. Youth Group. This group will be having devotionals on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the building at 5:00. We will also be making a trip on April 21 to the Central Church of Christ in Parkersburg, WV. The sign up sheet for this event is in the foyer. The deadline for signing up for the event is April 4. Adults willing to chaperone and possibly drive are also needed and can sign up in the foyer. For more information, please see Tim.

Youth Rally Coming

It's time to sign up for Sunshine's youth rally (Endure) coming up on April 20-22. The theme for the weekend is "Transformed" taken from Romans 12: 2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will". We need help with the event. We need you to sign up for slots in the back. We are going to need 3 people who will take care of the organization of meals on Friday night, Saturday midday, and snacks on Saturday. We are also going to need people willing to host students in their home for Friday night and Saturday night. Host families are responsible for providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, as well as transportation to and from the church building. For more information, see Tim.

New Arrival

James Edwin Forbes IV was born Thursday, March 29, weighing 8 lbs, 2 oz. in Chillicothe. He has been transferred to Children's Hospital in Columbus because of a hole in his lung and a heart murmur. Prayers are requested for him. Otherwise, he is doing fine. Congratulations to the family on James' arrival at the Forbes' home.

Thank You

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules to have a baby shower for us! Thank you to everyone who was involved, and everyone who came and all of the wonderful gifts! Our family is so blessed to be a part of such an awesome church! We thank God for all of you and cannot wait until Baby James gets to meet you as well!

Love, Jimmy, Jamie, Jillian, Jaylin and Baby James Forbes.
(Card is posted.)

**Sunday Morning**

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

April 1

Tom Kelley

April 8

Rich Book

Message

Sunday Evening

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

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

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 Lord Is...

The Lord is called many things in the Bible. Try to complete each of the phrases below with the correct description of the Lord. Some letters have been filled in to help you. Answers are posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

Exodus 9:27 - The LORD is __ **g** __ __ __ **u** __.

Exodus 15:2 - The LORD is my __ **r** __ __ __ **h** and __ __ __ **g**.

Exodus 15:3 - The LORD is a __ **a** __ of __ **a** __.

Joshua 22:34 - The LORD is __ **d** __.

1 Samuel 2:3 - The LORD is a God of __ **o** __ __ __ **d** __.

2 Samuel 22:2 - The LORD is my __ __ __ **k**.

Psalms 10:16 - The LORD is __ **i** __ for ever and ever.

Psalms 23:1 - The LORD is my __ __ __ **p** __ __ __ **d**.

Psalms 121:5 - The LORD is thy __ **e** __ __ __ **r**.

Isaiah 33:22 - For the LORD is our **j** __ __ __ **e**.

The Lord Is...

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Exodus 9:27 the LORD is righteous.

Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song.

Exodus 15:3 The LORD is a man of war.

Joshua 22:34 The LORD is God.

1Samuel 2:3 The LORD is a God of knowledge.

2Samuel 22:2 The LORD is my rock.

Psalms 10:16 The LORD is King for ever and ever.

Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd

Psalms 121:5 The LORD is thy keeper:

Isaiah 33:22 For the LORD is our judge