

Sunshine

100 Years And Still Shining!

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The Preacher

It's time for me to confess. I'm still not used to being "the preacher." In fifteen years in Argentina, I was able to avoid that stereotype pretty well. Most people there were accustomed to the Catholic system and since I obviously wasn't a priest or a monk, I wasn't usually treated as a "clergyman."

That changed when we came back to the States. Here I fit into a role that is known and accepted by society. But I find that even members of the church have trouble with knowing how to deal with a preacher. First off, what do you call him? I'm regularly called "Brother Tim," and I don't mind that, if the person that calls me that also uses "Brother" before the name of every other male member at church. But I become very uncomfortable when somebody calls me "Brother Tim" as if it were a title. I recently scolded one brother the other day because of how he greeted some of us. He walked in and said, "Brother Wayne, Brother Tim" then turned to another brother and called him by his first name. I asked the first man if this last brother was any less "brother" than Wayne or I.

I've also had to learn to live with the fact that people have set ideas as to what preachers can and can't do. Somehow the standards are different. You hear people say, "I can't believe the preacher did that," when others are doing the exact same thing. I think that preachers should be held to high standards, but I also think that everyone should be held to the same high standards. Before going to Argentina in 1989, I sat in the kitchen of the head of the mission committee of one of our supporting churches. It was a spacious, new home in a country club neighborhood, and the man mentioned that they were in the process of building a bigger home in an even nicer neighborhood. In a meeting soon after, this man remarked that he felt that missionaries were called to a sacrificial lifestyle. My mouth almost flew open. Who was this man to call me to a sacrificial lifestyle, when he was living a life of luxury? I agreed with his point, but felt that he had no right to be making it.

The religious world generally divides believers into "clergy" and "laity," clergy being the ministers and laity being the common members. I used to teach that we in the church had no clergy, but I was wrong. Biblically speaking, I was wrong. In fact, I think that it is a damaging teaching to teach that we have no clergy. Christ's church has a very large clergy. What the Lord's church does not have is laity. There are no common members. We are all ministers. We are all priests. A favorite verse of mine is 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." We're all clergy.

I now see that instead of wasting my efforts trying to get our members to view ministers as common Christians I should have been working on getting common Christians to see themselves as ministers. Instead of getting people to quit treating preachers in a special way, we need to get our people to treat all of our members in that same special way.

So if you're in the habit of acting in a certain way around the preacher, you'd better get used to it... because you're surrounded by preachers.

Tim Archer
Abilene, TX



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Concerns

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

Gene Madden home but in poor condition, having serious kidney problems.

Charlotte Jean Thompson (Pam Coriell's mother) in Heartland making some progress

Debbie Collins (Faye McGinnis' daughter) expected to come home soon following surgery at OSU.

Rosie Davis has concluded her radiation treatments, taking a series of shots to prevent blood clots.

Debbie Kyle struggling with major health problems, being evaluated for surgery at Cleveland Clinic.

Julie Ball (Cathy Coriell's friend and co-worker) in remission from leukemia but recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) in Holzer (Gallipolis) with congestive heart failure

John Holbrook life-flighted to Cincinnati following an ultra-light accident.

Don Ramey scheduled for throat procedure at VA in Huntington on Sept 13

Jim Jacobs admitted to ICU at SOMC on Sunday, moved to 4th floor on Friday.

Penny Ball's CT scan reveals no major problems with shoulder.

Marquita Rine (Penny Ball's sister) having surgery to remove a large cyst September 7

Tony Madden (Gene Madden's brother) now in hospice care at SOMC Hospice Center.

Sue Book (Rich's mother) stent placement went well.

Praise Report: Zack Taylor (Tim Wolfe's cousin who has been in NICU at Children's in Columbus for the past 2 and ½ months was able to sit up and eat a little bit of food for the first time. He starts therapy soon. Praise the Lord for His mighty work!

Senior Members Pancake Breakfast

The youth group would like to invite the members of the congregation ages 50 and older to a pancake breakfast before morning church on October 7. Please sign up if you plan to attend in the foyer.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

9/2 Acts 19
9/9 Acts 20
9/16 Acts 21
9/23 Acts 22
9/30 Mike Anderson

Wednesday

9/5 Nu 32-36
9/12 Dt 31-34
9/19 Josh 1-2
9/26 Josh 3-4
10/3 Josh 5-6



Coming Events

9/15 Youth Work Day
9/29-30 Centennial Celebration
10/1 Sweet Monday Resumes
10/7 Pancake Breakfast
10/7-28 Home Groups
11/4 Adoption Sunday
11/9-10 Ladies Retreat

Homes Needed for Home Groups

We will be having four sessions of home groups October 7-October 28. We need 13 homes to serve as locations for the groups to meet. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who would be willing to host a group. The study and discussion this time will be based on four video lessons from Ray Vander Laan's **In the Dust of the Rabbi**.

Area Events

- **September 8, Ladies Inspiration Day**, Rio Grande church of Christ, 10-2
- **September 8, 9 am to 4 pm**, Silencing of God Seminar with Dr. David Miller speaking. Sponsored by the Flatwoods church of Christ. Check the posted flyer for location.
- **September 8**, starting at 9:15 am, Ladies Day at the Elm Grove church of Christ. See the flyer.
- **September 9-12**, Foy Anderson speaking at the Elm Grove church of Christ
- **September 23-26**, Will Montgomery speaking at the Sunrush church of Christ
- **October 5**, Friday Night Singing at the Sunrush church of Christ

Promotion Sunday Today

Today will be our promotion day for bible class students. For the younger ones, parents may want to accompany them to their new class to make sure everyone gets where they are supposed to be. Classroom locations and assignments are on the wall displays in the foyer, annex and back hallway.

Community Service Opportunity

We have been asked again by the Minford Athletic Boosters to provide concession workers for one of the Minford home football games. We have done this several times in the past and have agreed to do it again. Our night is Friday, September 21, Minford vs Oak Hill. Be at the gate by 6:30, free admission for workers. Wear your Sunshine T-Shirt if you have one. We need 15-20 people to help. Sign up on the pad in the foyer. See Rhonda Berry for questions. **Pad is now laying out.**

Innermission Dinner "Rocks"

The back-school-dinner for Innermission students made a lot of people happy. First of all, it brought joy to the 68 students who came to partake of the delicious food. And secondly it made the people who organized and served the dinner for the students very happy to have the support of the congregation in supplying the food. Many thanks from Kristin & Jamie and Mark & Cheryl and Eric & Stephanie and probably some others we should mention but don't know about. If you brought food, your dishes are in the annex waiting for you. Also, many thanks to those who helped out with the fast food cards. We ended up with 90 cards to give out to our students.

Centennial Update

The flyers and invitations went out last week. If you know of people who should get a flyer/invitation, please take whatever sheets you need from the table in the foyer and see that it gets to them. The banners are up and the car window decals are available. Many thanks to Jason Foster for taking care of the banners and the decals for the Centennial. Window decals are on the table in the foyer. Take what you need to take care of your vehicles. Still needing some financial help with the expense of the Centennial. If you want to help out, make your check to Sunshine and put Centennial in the memo section.

100th Year Anniversary T-Shirts

If you would like to order a shirt for our 100 year anniversary there is an order sheet in the foyer. Deadline to order will be Sunday, September 2nd. Cost is \$10.00 for short sleeve, \$14.00 for long sleeve. Add \$2.00 for XXL & XXXL. See Aaron McCray with questions.

Sunshine Centennial Pictures

If you have any pictures that you would like to have included in a video presentation during our 100th Anniversary weekend please put them in one of the envelopes in the foyer and place them in the large yellow folder. These envelopes will be available beginning this evening. Place your name on the white envelope. These will be scanned in and then returned to you. We are looking for any pictures related to Sunshine over the years. See Aaron, Steve or Mike and Sharon Gampp.

Directory Update

Here is Kayla Coriell's address for this school year as she attends Marshall University. Notes are always appreciated.
Kayla Coriell: Wellman Hall, Room 201D, Box 28; Huntington, WV 25703-1410

Pictures for New Directory

This is a reminder and a plea for you to begin signing up for your appointment for pictures for the New Directory. Appointments are available for all dates, September 11-15. Go to the church's website and find the button that accesses the appointment calendar. Questions, see Gary Glispie.

Skit Practice Tonight

Skit practice today at 4:30.

Cookout Tonight

Members of the Jr and Sr youth group are invited tonight to a cookout at Annie Davis' house. Girls bring pop boys bring chips.

Youth Work Day

The youth group will have a work day on September 15. More details coming.

Centennial Challenge

As part of the celebration of the centennial of the Sunshine Church of Christ we would like to collect items to be donated to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. The donated items will be placed in the boxes being prepared to be delivered to children throughout the world. We would like to have 100 of each of the following items: 1) children's size toothbrushes, 2) tubes of toothpaste, and 3) wash clothes. These are the "necessary" items as it was reported that five members in one family might use the same toothbrush. This is a good opportunity for the children to get involved in our 100th Anniversary Celebration; perhaps each class could set a goal for these items. It's also possible that 2 or more classes may combine to meet the challenge. We will be placing boxes for you to drop the donations into in the foyer. If more information is needed, contact either Mike or Sharon Gampp.



Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28

