

Sunshine

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Your Story, God's Story

Why is Christmas such a magical time of year? I think its because everyone is expecting a miracle at Christmas. Consider all the popular movies. Each one has a miracle as it's central plot. Whether it's a boy hoping his parents get back together, a shop-owner hoping he can keep his business running, or a town who needs a new hero to help "save Christmas."

You might be reading this and wishing for your own miracle this Christmas. It's probably much smaller than what makes a holiday movie. But it no less important to you.

Maybe you're hoping our prodigal comes home. Maybe you're wishing for a job. Some are yearning for a special someone to sit next to you by the fire.

2,000 years ago, there was a couple who hoped for their own miracle. But like many, they had long given up on this dream. Zacharias and Elisabeth prayed for a child, but year after year, that prayer went unfulfilled. So, they gave up on the dream.

But this couple didn't give up on God. They stayed faithful. Then, one ordinary day, the extraordinary happened. Zacharias, a priest in Israel, was chosen to give the incense at the altar. This was a once-in-a-lifetime chance, a rare honor for such a common man. Then, as he performed this sacred duty, an angel of God appeared, breaking God's 400-year silence with Israel.

The angel told Zacharias that he and his wife, Elisabeth would have a son after all. He would have a special purpose an would prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus.

This all sounded impossible to Zacharias. Not the miracle itself—that Jesus would come, that John would be the forerunner. Zacharias, as a believing Jew, knew the Scriptures and believed this.

He just had a hard time thinking God could use silly old him. After all, he and his wife were well past the child-bearing age. But, true to His word, God performed this miracle in the lives of Zacharias and Elisabeth. You know the rest of the story. John the Baptist led revival in Israel and would later baptize Jesus Christ, the very son of God.

But let's focus on Zacharias and Elisabeth. They were faithful people in a time of unfaithfulness. And yet they had given up on the dream God had planted in their hearts—the dream of having a son. What's interesting is that Zacharias had no problem with the big miracle: God sending a Son to be born of a virgin and be the Savior. It was the little miracle he had trouble with, the miracle in his own life. Even though God had done a similar thing in Sarah and Hannah and Rebekah and Rachel, Zacharias refused to believe his wife, Elisabeth could bear a child.

He did something we often do. We believe in the big things of God—sending a son to be our Savior, Creation, Heaven—but when it comes to littler miracles, we limit Him. It's as if we say, Yes, God can create the earth in six days, be born of a baby, and send us to Heaven, but He can't possibly change me, fix a relationship, get me a job.

And God's answer is Yes I can. You see, the biggest miracle has already been done—Jesus. Everything else is small to God.

So maybe today, like Zacharias, you're letting God know that there is something too big for Him. Something even He can't fix.

And the story of Zacharias tells us that there is nothing too hard and that God is still in the business of doing miracles. Even in your own life.

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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 Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

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

For the families of those slain in the Connecticut school shooting

Ellen Lemon is doing well after surgery on Wednesday. Biopsy results are coming soon.

Boston Schwamberger (3 yr old son of Ashley Bennett Schwamberger) has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Radiation treatment is in progress. Prayers for child and family requested.

Steve Miller's immune system is back in acceptable range.

Chris Blume struggling for years with Crohn's Disease, had a feeding tube installed at SOMC, just hoping to get home for the holidays.

Pauline Jordan (mother of Kandi Cooper) is now back in Roger and Kandy's home.

Debbie Kyle (has attended here as our guest) is in rehab in Texas following a knee replacement. She also struggles with serious chronic medical problems. Send prayers to God and cards to Debbie Kyle; Herman Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital; Kingsland Ave; Katy TX 77449.

Ian Adams (Cathy Coriell's nephew in Columbus area, 18 yrs. old) is in chemotherapy for stage 2 cancer.

Charles Brown (classmate of Emily Bradshaw at Valley) in Children's in Columbus with some form of cancer.

Lonnie Williams (neighbor of Joan Coriell) is in OSU in critical condition.

Gavin Rupp (13 year old nephew of Don & JoAnn Miller) is not responding to treatment for a brain tumor; he has a chance of being admitted to a special program at Baylor University. Pray that he can get in.

John Gampp came home on Friday, doing as well as can be expected.

Amanda Nickell responded to the invitation last Sunday, asking for prayers to strengthen her relationship with the Lord.

Becky Dixon's Uncle Ken is in ICU with a brain tumor and heart problems.

Sam Miller needs prayer support for a difficult time in life.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Gladys Smith** (great grandmother to Autumn Risner and Aaron Montgomery). She was 98 at the time of her passing, the funeral was Tuesday.



Bible Study Curriculum

12/30	Rom 3	12/26	Ruth 1-2
1/6	Rom 4	1/9	Ruth 3-4
1/13	Rom 5	1/16	I Sam 1-2
1/20	Rom 6	1/23	I Sam 3
1/27	Rom 7	1/30	I Sam 4-7



Coming Events

12/31	NYE Party 8-12
1/7	Roller Skating 6-9
1/9	Family 101 Class Begins
2/4	Roller Skating 6-9
3/3	Friend Day at Sunshine
3/10	Time Change
3/31	Easter
4/7-28	Home Groups

Coats for Kids Update

This phase of Coats for Kids is complete. We have taken care of every request in the Minford School District. There may be others coming in January but for now everything is covered. A big thank you to all who have helped. Thank you to Kristine Coriell and Eugene Risner for coordinating this effort.

Poinsettias

Every Christmas the Lady Bug Greenhouse provides us with the display of poinsettias in the pulpit area. A big thank you to Merritt and Helen Hayward who are the owners of Lady Bug.

Free Smoking Cessation Program

January 7 through February 18, SOMC will be hosting a Smoking Cessation Program at the SOMC Cancer Center Conference Room each Monday night from 4:30 to 6 pm. Free gum and patches are available but you must attend the sessions in order to receive them. Details are posted on the bulletin board. Other sessions are scheduled later in the year.

Cards for Injured Vets Update

We have been informed that the Cards for Injured Vets project mentioned in last week's bulletin is not legitimate. For security reasons, Walter Reed Military Medical Center has a policy that does not allow anything to be delivered without the patient's name on it. We apologize for not checking this out beforehand.



January Sweet Monday

January Sweet Monday will be January 7 at 7:30 PM with a demonstration on juicing by Julie and Serena Miller! Please plan to attend!

Family 101 Starting

On Wednesday nights starting January 9 and continuing until we're done, we'll be covering some of the practical areas of family life. It will be a discussion type class covering topics like love, marriage, communication, in-laws, friends, finances, child-rearing, etc. We will try to bring scripture to bear on the issues of family life. Classes will be held in the auditorium and led by Steve Miller. During this period of time our textual study of the Old Testament will be suspended. Since this is a discussion type class, please help by seating yourself in the middle sections of the auditorium.

New Year's Eve at Sunshine



Monday, December 31, 8 pm to Midnight, Sunshine members, family and friends are invited to come to the building for a time of fellowship and celebration as we welcome in the New Year. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, dessert and/or chips to help out with the food. If you have a super idea that might make our time together special, see Jamie or

Steve. Besides the food, we plan to have something special up on the big screen, a sing along time, an opportunity for anyone and everyone to praise and thank the Lord for blessings received in 2012, maybe a special devotional at midnight.

Centennial T-Shirts

We have several Centennial T-Shirts that are available in the church office. Some have been spoken for but not picked up as yet. There are some extras that were ordered and available. See Aaron McCray to get yours. The price is \$10/shirt.

New Year's Lock-In for Teens



After the church's New Year's Eve party the teens are invited to stay for a lock-in at the church building. Teens will want to bring their Nerf guns, if you have extra Nerf guns please bring them. Teens will also want to bring snacks and drinks to share.

January Sign Up Month

January is sign up month for our members to reserve the use of the Sunshine church building for 2013. In February we open the reservation process to the rest of the community. If you anticipate needing the building for anything throughout the year, give Delores Gampp the dates now, before someone in the community asks for it.

Directory Update

We have 50 updated copies of our Fellowship Directory laid out on the table in the foyer for you to take. Here are a few reminders about our Fellowship Directory:

1. It is not a **membership** directory, i.e., a list of people who are Christians and have officially indicated to the elders their desire to have them as their spiritual overseers. This is a list of people who are members, regular visitors, and/or out of town people who have a connection to Sunshine. The purpose of this directory is to promote fellowship among those who attend our services.
2. If there is anything in this directory that is incorrect, we would appreciate your feedback so that we can get our information straight.

Friend Day Coming

We are planning for a big Friend Day here at Sunshine on the first Sunday of March (3/3). We don't do this very often, but when we do we want to do it right. Please start praying now about this day and about the friend or friends that you would like to have sitting beside you on Friend Day. More details will be coming in January, but for now save the date and get ready to reach out to your friends for Christ. We are especially interested in those friends who are not Christians or Christians who are not going to church anywhere.



Extra jewel in crown. Extra toe on camel. Tassel missing. Bottle stopper missing. Wider stripe on bottle. Extra rays on star. Beard color. Extra stripes on head cover. Camel's ear. Ball on crown. Camel's tail missing.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

December 23

Jon Coriell
Nick Davis
Jason Coriell
Terry Grashel
Jamie Riley

December 30

Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Troy Gahm
Shane Mougey
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

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

Zach Coriell
Steve Williams
Gary Glispie
Mike Coriell
Mark Villinger
Romans 3

Matthew Hoskins
Rick Coriell
Don Ramey
Dave Coriell
Caleb Miller
Romans 4

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

David Bradshaw
Mark Gampp
Ruth 1-2

Gabe Coriell
Tyler Jones
Ruth 3-4

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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