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Breathing God

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." *Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:1-6).*

Knowing the end of the story it is easy to say, "Of course Abram believed God!" However, place yourself in the shoes of Abram. While things had been going pretty well since God told Abram to pack up and move—this is a little different from an extraordinary increase in cattle, sheep, donkeys, camels, and servants. We are talking about God giving a child to a couple which, because of age, is a physical impossibility. Of course, God doesn't stop there, He goes on to talk about Abram's offspring and countless stars. While this in itself is interesting enough, my main fascination lies in Abram's response, "*Abram believed the Lord.*" (Genesis 15:16) How is this possible? How could he believe something like this? You see God negates the impossible. While the world may consider it foolish, a wise person will place their faith in God and believe His promises every time.

Just today I heard once again about the supposed "bones of Jesus" that is flooding the media. Satan would like to plant the idea in our minds that this is possible—undermining the whole foundation of Christianity. What is shocking to me is that someone could believe, at best, a very questionable box of bones over fact. Here are facts: If gravity were any more our hearts would be unable to pump, any less and we would float off this water covered ball. If the earth were a fraction closer or further away from the sun, (which just happens to be the exact type and size to support life), life could not exist. If water did not have the ability to convert into three different forms, with the solid form having the ability to float, life could not exist. How about oxygen—any tweaking and all life is destroyed. All of these things and countless others are examples of what is called the "Anthropic Principal," a fancy way of saying the earth was designed for man. I think I would rather take this as proof of God than anything Satan can throw at me.

Here is the point. Without being able to ask him, I do not know why Abram believed God. I can give you my suspicions. I think Abram experienced too much of God to not believe. Because of this belief it was, "*Credited to him as righteousness.*" (Genesis 15:16) God credits belief. In my life I too have experienced God, and do so with every breath I take, therefore, I also choose to believe. Furthermore, I acknowledge Him as, "*My shield and my very great reward.*" Breathing God—there's nothing like it!

Wade McKnight
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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

Praise Report: Ellen Lemon's biopsy report came back clear.

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

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) is in Children's in Cincinnati with Hodgkin's disease, currently taking chemo.

Patsy Graff is scheduled for bariatric surgery at KDMC on January 10th.

Jean Fittler (Penny Ball's mother in Mansfield, OH) broke her hip in a fall and had surgery last week. She is now in rehab.

Chuck Jarvis is scheduled for back surgery on January 7th.

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

2013 Budget Available

Copies of the 2013 Budget for the church are available on the table in the foyer.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Pauline Jordan** (Kandy Cooper's mother) who passed on January 1. Funeral was Saturday in Waverly.

To the family of **Marzelle Gardner** (Julie Miller's grandmother) passed away on December 30. Funeral was Tuesday in Westpoint, Mississippi.

Bible Curriculum

1/6	Rom 2	1/9	Family 101
1/13	Rom 3	1/16	Family 101
1/20	Rom 4	1/23	Family 101
1/27	Rom 5	1/30	Family 101

Looking Ahead

1/7	Roller Skating 6-9
1/7	Sweet Monday
1/9	Family 101 Class Begins
1/13	Monthly deacons meeting
1/25-26	Ohio Winter Lectureship
2/4	Roller Skating 6-9
2/9	Valentine Gala 6-9
2/15-17	Winterfest
3/3	Friend Day at Sunshine
3/10	Time Change
3/31	Easter
4/7-28	Home Groups
6/24-28	VBS at Sunshine

Winterfest Information

It's time for Winterfest again! The date is 2/15-17. Flyers are laid out on the table in the foyer. Registration is available on the church's website.

Directory Update

Tim and Jessica Wolfe and family moved recently to a new address:

8828 SR 125

West Portsmouth, OH 45663.

Phone: 876-9176

Cell: 285-5833.

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.

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 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 in the auditorium, led by Steve Miller. During this class our regular study of the Old Testament will be suspended. Since this is a discussion class, please help by sitting in the middle sections of the auditorium.

Valentine Gala

The Father-Daughter Valentine Gala will be held Saturday, February 9, at the MHS gym. Doors open at 6 pm, with the Grand March starting at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5/person and are available at the Pharmacy in Minford as well as other locations to be mentioned later. As usual, we will need lots of cookies and lots of helpers to make the Gala happen. When the sheets go out, please commit to the jobs by signing up.

Centennial T-Shirts

We still have Centennial T-Shirts available in the church office. Some were ordered have not been picked up. There are also extras available. See Aaron McCray to get one. Price is \$10/shirt.

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!

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks for the prayers, visits, cards and food I received after having triple bypass surgery.—John Gampp

Fellowship Directory Update

We have 50 updated copies of our Fellowship Directory laid out on the table in the foyer for you to take.

- It is **not** a **membership** directory, i.e., a list of Christians that 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, or out-of-towners who have a connection to Sunshine. The directory is to promote fellowship among those who attend our services.
- If there is anything in this directory that is in error, let us know so we can make corrections.

Friend Day Coming

We are planning for a big Friend Day here at Sunshine on the first Sunday in 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.

Youth Events

• **Skit Practice:** There will be skit practice today at 4:30

• **Winter Jam:** The senior youth group will be going to the Winter Jam Christian concert in Columbus on January 19. The cost is \$10.00 at the door, doors open at 5:00. We will be leaving the church at 1:00. We will be eating twice on the trip both fast food style meals. Please sign up in the foyer. For more information visit the winter jam website at <http://www.jamtour.com/>, you can also ask Tim.

• **Fort Hill Winter Camp:** For any teen interested Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp is hosting a winter teen retreat this year. Anyone planning on attending can find more information and can register on the Fort Hill website. www.forthillcamp.org the contact person listed for the retreat is Rick Gampp.

• **Junior Youth Group Parent Meeting:** Parents of students grades 4 - 12 are invited to attend a youth group planning meeting before church tonight at 5:00. We will be discussing upcoming events and ideas for the future. Please plan to attend this meeting if at all possible.

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 will 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.

Large Print Supplement Available

It has come to our attention that some folks with limited vision often have difficulty reading the bulletin. Beginning this week a large print supplement containing non-recurring items on the prayer list, coming events and any obituaries will be available on the table in the foyer.



Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

January 6

Rich Book
Aaron McCray
Mike Gamp
Price Gammon
Steve Miller

January 13

Don Coriell
Shaun McCray
Shawn Gragg
Jason Foster
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

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

Zach Coriell
Jason Coriell
Mike Coriell
Greg Coriell
Tyler Jones
Romans 2

Gabe Coriell
Steve Williams
Don Ramey
Mark Gamp
Tim Coriell
Romans 3

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
Aaron Kallner
FAMILY 101

Caleb Miller
Dewey Cordle
FAMILY 101

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sunshine-church.blogspot.com
www.syginfo.blogspot.com



Many of our members also keep in contact via Facebook. Ask about joining one of our church related groups there.



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- A GREAT WIND
- CAST LOTS
- EXCEEDINGLY AFRAID
- GREAT FISH
- INNOCENT BLOOD
- JOPPA
- MIGHTY TEMPEST
- SACRIFICE
- TARSHISH
- CALL UPON THY GOD
- CAST ME FORTH
- FAST ASLEEP
- HEBREW
- JONAH
- MARINERS
- NINEVEH
- SHIPMASTER
- WICKEDNESS

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Word Search Solution

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