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The Winter Blues

It seems to happen to all of us. One minute we're running here and there with Christmas parties at every turn, the frenzy of shopping sprees and the unending regalia of holiday cheer.

The next minute we're flipping over the New Year's calendar, dazed at the huge pile of bills, while old-man winter slowly crouches just outside our frosted window pane, sneering at us once again.

To quote a rather worn out statement: "Then depression set in."

We just can't seem to escape those long, gray days of Winter. The first months of the year always seem so dull in comparison to the jeweled lights, laughter and celebration of the previous weeks of December.

But you know what? Who says it always has to be that way? In fact, January represents a time of new beginnings. And there is nothing quite as exhilarating as starting from a clean slate. Did you know that God hands us a clean slate everyday? In the words of the prophet we hear:

His mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).

How wonderful and freeing those words are when daily applied to our mind, our will and our emotions. For we know only too well that our soul is in constant need of continual renewal and fresh restoring.

Every day God longs to minister the "still waters" of His un-surpassing peace whenever our soulish realm begins to stir and the restlessness of life tries to manifest itself with the gnawing voice of discontent.

God lovingly shushes that voice with His command to: **"Be still and know that I am God"** (Psalm 46:10).

In contemplating these words, we can finally exhale with a sigh of relief, recognizing His beautiful presence within, as we gladly resign ourselves to a sweet surrender. We become aware that He is there...and all will be well.

The once gray skies of our mind begin to break away as shades of a heavenly blue begin to emerge.

For the dawning of a new morning has arrived, and with that dawning comes the promise of those wonderful and blessed...new mercies.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimony (Psalm 25:10).

Via cbn.com



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

David Bradshaw is scheduled for a heart catheterization and possible other surgery at St Mary's in Huntington tomorrow.

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 are 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) in Children's in Cincinnati with Hodgkin's Disease, taking chemo now. Back in school.

Praise Report: Patsy Graff came through her surgery at KDMC well on Thursday and was able to come home Saturday.

June Fittler (Penny Ball's mother in Mansfield, OH) recently had surgery on her hip and is now in rehab.

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.

Ashley Hayward Parker was placed on bed rest this week due to contractions.

Looking Ahead

1/19 Winter Jam (Teens)
 1/25-26 Ohio Winter Lectureship
 1/27 Picture Deadline
 2/4 Roller Skating 6-9
 2/9 Valentine Gala 6-9
 2/15-16 Marriage Getaway
 2/15-17 Winterfest
 3/3 Friend Day at Sunshine
 3/10 Time Change
 4/7-28 Home Groups

2013 Budget Available

Copies of the 2013 Budget are on the table in the foyer.

Bible Curriculum

1/13	Rom 3	1/16	Family 101
1/20	Rom 4	1/23	Family 101
1/27	Rom 5	1/30	Family 101
2/3	Rom 6	2/6	Family 101
2/10	Rom 7	2/13	Family 101
2/17	Rom 8	2/20	Family 101
2/24	Rom 9	2/27	Family 101

Winterfest Information

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

Crop Program Matching Offer

There will be a big announcement this morning concerning the Crop Program. First of all, the soybeans have been sold and the amount of money produced this year may be announced. Secondly, our Sunshine farmers have been contacted by John Deere, Inc., (the national manufacturing company) and they have offered to match every dollar produced in the crop program so that the amount our Sunshine farmers send will be doubled. Thirdly, the John Deere Company has also agreed to match what others add to the amount of the soybean sale. Between now and the date set in the announcement this morning, any money which we add to the total will be matched by John Deere. Checks can be made out to the church (put in labeled envelope or write in memo section) and transferred to the Crop Program. The purpose of the Crop Program is to teach and financially support farmers in third-world countries so that they can produce enough food for themselves. We have been told that Haiti will be the destination of Sunshine's donation this year.

Pastors' Prayer Session

The elders will be meeting on Thursday evening this week at 7:30 pm to pray for the needs of the congregation. If you have something that needs to be included in that prayer, please get with one of our shepherds right away.

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. \$10/shirt.

Added to the Body of Christ

Last Sunday evening, **Mollyanna Grashel** confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized by her father, Terry. Congratulations to Molly and her whole family. Let us rejoice with this family and pray for spiritual strength and protection as Molly begins her new life in Christ.

Directory Updated

We have more updated copies of our Fellowship Directory laid out on the table in the foyer for you to take. This edition contains several changes from the first update a few weeks ago. When we run out, we'll make more.

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, inlaws, 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.

West Virginia Marriage Getaway

The church in Belle, WV is hosting a marriage getaway for couples in the Tri-state area on February 15-16. This getaway is designed to provide fellowship with other Christian couples, "alone" time for each couple and sessions of refreshing and enrichment from the Word of God. Information is posted on the bulletin board and is also available through the church's website: www.bellecoc.org.

Centennial Pictures Available

The Big Pictures that were made at our centennial can be ordered now. Samples of the pictures are posted in the foyer. The large 10 x 14 is \$4. The smaller 8x10 is \$2. If you want to order a copy of the picture, write your name on the list provided, indicate which picture, large or small and put your money or check (made out to church) in the envelope provided. We'll be taking orders till Sunday, January 27.

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.

66 Club News

The 66 Club has grown over the last few weeks. A few weeks ago, Maggie Risner received her Bible for learning the books of the Bible in order. This week or next, Jillian Forbes and Cali Miller will be receiving their Bibles for doing the same. The 66 Club is our way of encouraging students from preschool through 6th grade to memorize the books of the Bible in order. When they have said them for their parents and/or Bible class teacher, the congregation gives them a Bible of their own.

Friend Day Coming

The first Sunday in March (3/3) we are planning for a big Friend Day here at Sunshine. 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.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Ken Price** (Nancy Taylor's brother-in-law) who passed last Sunday, January 6.

To the family of **Mike Daniels** (son-in-law of Hayes and Eloise Hayward) who passed away on Thursday, January 10.

Youth Events

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.

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 be needing 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.

Directory Update

Britney Brigner's address and phone number are as follows: 262 Tick Ridge Road; Wheelersburg 45694. Cell phone: 981-7438.

Haiti Update

Sean Berry will be leaving January 25 for Haiti to be part of the Hope for Haiti's Children Ministry for one week. This trip is their medical check-up trip and Sean will be making pictures of the children who are being examined and treated in the ministry. Between now and January 23 please write a note of encouragement for Sean to open during his stay. A manila envelope will be placed in the foyer for these notes. Also after Bible Study on Wednesday, January 23, we will take a few minutes to surround Sean with our prayers for him on the trip and give him a proper send off.

Deacon's Meeting

Tonight following evening service

Large Print Supplement Available

It has come to our attention that some of our members with limited vision sometimes have difficulty reading the bulletin. Large print supplements are now available on the table in the foyer.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

January 13

Don Coriell
Shaun McCray
Shawn Gragg
Jason Foster
Steve Miller

January 20

Jon Coriell
Aaron McCray
Mike Gampp
Price Gammon
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

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

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

Zach Coriell
Shawn Gragg
Aaron Kallner
Jason Coriell
Jamie Riley
Romans 4

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Caleb Miller
Dewey Cordle
Family101

Don Ramey
Mike Gampp
Family 101

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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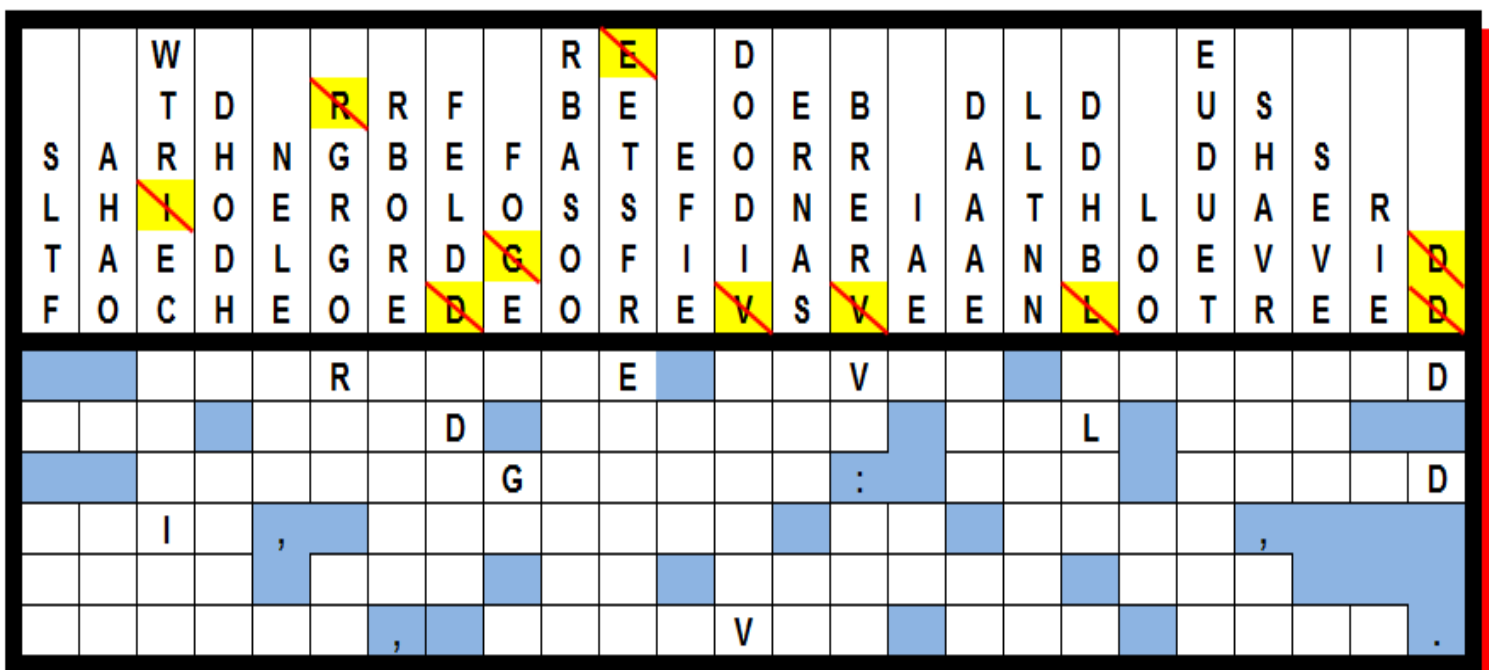
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www.syginfo.blogspot.com



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



A verse from 1 Chronicles 29 has been scrambled vertically below. Drop each letter from the columns at the top into it's correct position in the grid below to solve the puzzle. A few letters have already been done for you. The solution is posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.



Tumbleverse Solution

1 Chronicles 29

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1 Chronicles 29:10