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Just Kill Me Now, Lord...

"If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now -- if I have found favor in your eyes -- and do not let me face my own ruin." Numbers 11:15

"...while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, Lord,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.'" 1 Kings 19:4

"Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." Jonah 4:3

What kind of a person feels like this? Maybe you, or people you know...surely not the heroes of the Old Testament!

Well, truth is, even God's greatest leaders and prophets got to the point in their respective stories where, even after witnessing indescribable miracles and blessings, their circumstances were so overwhelming, impossible and undesirable their attitude was, "Just kill me now, Lord!" Exhausted in body, soul, and spirit, they cried out that they had had enough. They could go no longer in their own power.

The first quote above is from Moses, who had a people problem. The wandering Israelites were hungry, and as usual, it fell to Moses to solve the problem. He cried out to the Lord, "Was it I who conceived these people? Was it I who brought them forth?" He looked around and couldn't figure out how to satisfy everyone.

The second quote is from Elijah, who had a pity problem. This was a prophet who had just called down fire from heaven, destroyed the prophets of Baal, and witnessed the end of a long drought. But just a few verses later, one vow from one wicked queen has him in such despair that he fears he can't go on like this.

The third quote is from Jonah, who had a pouting problem. He'd finally obeyed to the point of going to Nineveh and preaching repentance, but when the Lord relented and stayed his hand rather than destroying the city, Jonah wasn't happy. He folded his hands and "became angry" that the destruction he forecast never arrived.

Consider who these men were and what they had seen, what the Lord had done through them. Moses parted the Red Sea and led a people out of slavery. Elijah stood strong for Israel during a time of tremendous pagan influence, prayed down fire and rain, and actually never died (so chalk up at least one unanswered prayer!). Jonah is one of the first stories we tell our children, about how God provided a great fish to swallow him for such a period as he could learn about obedience and repentance.

Not only that, but these guys all show up in the Gospels, in one way or another. Moses and Elijah are present at Jesus' transfiguration (Mark 9). In Matthew 12:38-41, Jesus tells the Pharisees they won't get any sign from him other than the sign of Jonah, foreshadowing the three days He Himself would spend in the belly of the Earth.

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Please Pray For:

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

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.

Ashley Hayward Parker continues on bed rest due to premature contractions. She is at 36 weeks.

Angi Brenton (wife of Jamie Riley's friend in North Carolina) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Prayers for the family, too.

Praise Report: Jon Coriell doing better each day and may be able to go back to work soon.

Maggie Goble (Canal church of Christ) is facing cancer surgery in March.

Bentley Wood (newborn son of Bob & Dawn Wood, friends of Cindy Coriell) home from Children's after a heart surgery. Doing well, but will have to have a series of surgeries over the next few years.

Sa'eed Abedin (Christian preacher in Iran) was recently arrested and sentenced to 8 years in prison for preaching Christ in Iran. The prison is notorious for horrible conditions.

Jim Miller (Donnie Miller's brother in Titusville, FL) Open heart surgery cancelled due to discovery of serious liver problems.

Eric Cole (17 year old known to Cheryl Villinger) diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer, multiple sites.

Chris Blume now home but on IV. Feeding tube has been surgically placed.

Estelle Coriell is under hospice care at home.

Roger Gahm (cousin to Troy) was life-flighted last week to Dayton for more intensive treatment of pneumonia that was not responding to antibiotics.

Praise Report: Gavin Rupp completed 1st round of chemo at Baylor. No tumors detected! PTL.

Mike Cason (Cathy Coriell's brother in Springfield) scheduled for removal of cancerous tumor end of March.

Megan Coriell (Cathy Coriell's daughter-in-law) having an appointment with specialist in Chicago for connective tissue disorder.

Vanessa Dixon is having tests for irregularities in her heart.

Penny Ball scheduled for cataract removal April 3.

Mary Alice Young (wife of Jim Young, former superintendent at Valley HS) is on ventilator at SOMC.

Mary Singer (friend of Kerri Davis) cancer discovered in multiple locations.

The Cram Family has been at the NIH this week for further testing and treatment.

Bible Curriculum

3/10	Singing	3/13	Family 101
3/17	Prayer	3/20	Family 101
3/24	Singing	3/27	Family 101
3/31	TBA	4/3	Family 101
4/7	Home Groups	4/10	Family 101
4/14	Home Groups	4/17	Family 101
4/21	Home Groups	4/24	Family 101
4/28	Home Groups	5/1	Family 101

Looking Ahead

3/10	Time Change
3/16	Crop Program Breakfast
3/31	Easter
3/31	Sunrise Service
4/1	Sweet Monday
4/7-28	Home Groups
4/19-21	Youth Rally—Fort Hill
5/6	Mothers Day Dinner
6/15-21	Strawberry Point Camp Trip
6/24-28	VBS at Sunshine

Our Sympathy is Extended

To the family of Violet Binder (mother-in-law to Paul Glauder, great grandmother to Isabella and Taylor Barney) who passed on Tuesday. Her funeral was Thursday in Minford.

Dishes Deadline

Today is the deadline for picking up dishes, pots, containers in the annex. All unlabeled containers will be donated to Goodwill after the deadline.

Sew You Care

Meeting on Mondays 9 am to 2pm at the church to sew, making quilts to take to the orphans in China. Everyone welcome to participate. See Karren Griffith for details.

Wedding and Reception

Beth Miller and Garin Everett are getting married here at the Sunshine building on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 2 pm. All of Sunshine congregation is invited to the wedding. There is a reception which follows at Valley High School. **If you plan to come to the reception, please sign the pad in the foyer no later than March 17.**

Class Ended

The Shepherding a Child's Heart class on Sunday nights has concluded. I would like to thank all the ladies that stuck this one out to the end, I know that the class was long. I hope that we were all able to take some things away from this class. If you missed a session or two and would like to catch up please let me know and I will try to arrange for you to borrow the DVD and get you the handouts. Thanks! Heather

Song Leaders Class Coming

Sunday, March 17, is the beginning of a short, basic class for song leaders. The class will meet 3 or 4 times on Sunday evenings at 5 pm. The class will cover how to use a pitch pipe and correctly pitch songs for the congregation. Time will be allotted for actual practice using the pitch pipe. Also, some attention will be given to how to promote a spirit of worship in the church through the song service. For details see Steve Miller or Judi Allison. If you are planning on being in the class, get a pitch pipe and/or a free app for your iPhone before the class starts.

Crop Program Breakfast

Saturday, March 16, 8:30 am, all those currently working in the Crop Program and all those who might be interested in becoming involved are invited to attend a breakfast in the Annex. See Mark or Eugene Risner for details.

Crop Program Total for 2012

Two Sunday's ago Donnie Coriell gave the final numbers for money raised by our Sunshine farmers in the Crop Program. Total for 2012 was a little over \$8000. This includes the crop sale, the gifts and the matching gift from John Deere Corporation. Thank you to all who have helped with this program.

Teachers

The new quarter started last Sunday. Teaching materials for the new quarter are available for pick up in the church office.

Children's Bible Time Reminder

This is just a reminder that we do have a special class for children age 6 months to 8 years called Children's Bible Time. After the serving of the Lord's Supper we use a song to dismiss the children to the class. Children 6 months thru 2 years go to the Cradle Roll Room just off the foyer. Children ages 3-8 go to the classrooms in the rear of the building. **Parents, please note: some of the children who have been coming recently to CBT are beyond the age range for this program. This contributes to overcrowding and some discipline problems. When your child turns 9, please keep them in the auditorium and start working with them on how to be attentive in the adult service. Thanks, your faithful CBT Workers.**

Easter Bundles for the Homeless

The ladies of the congregation are putting together Easter Bundles to be taken to the residents of the Homeless Shelter on Easter. If you would be willing to donate items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, or make a small candy treat bag to insert in the bundle, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer or contact Pam Coriell. Thanks

Born Again

Aurie Coriell confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized last Sunday morning at the conclusion of our services, a wonderful ending to our Friend Day. Jason, her father, baptized her. Congratulations to Aurie and to all of her family who are rejoicing with the angels.

Baby Shower-It's a Boy!!

Please join us here on Saturday, April 13th at 4:00pm in the annex to celebrate the upcoming arrival of Baby Elias Coriell! Josh and Christian are registered at Wal-Mart. Please help us with our planning by letting us know if you're planning to attend. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. Thanks! Contact Mary Beth, Cindy or Cathy Coriell for details.

Call Em All Update

It is time to update our Call Em All calling list. Call Em All is a calling service we use to remind all our members of upcoming events, special events and also to notify the members of our Emergency Prayer Team. Please look over your information on the sheets in the foyer and make any additions/corrections that need to be made. If you are not on this list and would like to be added just fill in the empty boxes. **If you would like to be included in the Emergency Prayer Team please check the appropriate box.**

Youth News

- There will be skit practice today at 4:30.
- The Sunshine Youth Rally is coming up April 19 - 21. The rally will be at Fort Hill. Any adults interested in helping out can sign up in the foyer. Teens who are planning to attend should sign up as well.

66 Club

Congratulations to Ethan Cordle for reciting all 66 books of the Bible in the correct order!

Home Group Host Homes Needed

The spring session of Sunday PM home groups is scheduled for April 7 through 28 (4 Sundays in a row). We will be using more video material from Ray Vanderlaan for the teaching aspect of the group meetings. At this time, we need to get about 12 or 13 homes committed as host homes for the groups. Please find the pad on the table in the foyer and sign up if you are willing to be a host. We cannot put the groups together until we have host homes for the groups.

Easter Coming

March 31 is Easter Sunday. Most people will be looking for a place to go to church. Now would be a good time to invite your friends to Sunshine for that service. We are making preparations now for a great service on that day.

Sunrise Service

For those who are interested, March 31, (weather permitting) just about sunrise (time to be announced) you are invited to the hill behind Steve and Serena's place for a sunrise service. We're going to spend about a half hour in prayer, singing, scripture and some devotional thoughts. There'll be a fire and places to sit (bring your canvass chairs if you want) and maybe even some hot coffee and cocoa. We'll wait for the weather report on the day before and make a final determination at that time. Hope to see you there.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

March 10

Wayne Gamp
Ralph Gamp
Ira Coriell
Jim Cunningham
Steve Miller

March 17

Tom Kelley
Shaun McCray
Aaron McCray
Caleb Miller
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

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

Shawn Gragg
Caleb Miller
Jacob Miller
Josh Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Singing

Gabe Coriell
Steve Williams
Dewey Cordle
Tim Coriell
David Bradshaw
Prayer

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Don Ramey
Mark Villinger
Family 101

Zach Coriell
Jason Coriell
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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April Sweet Monday

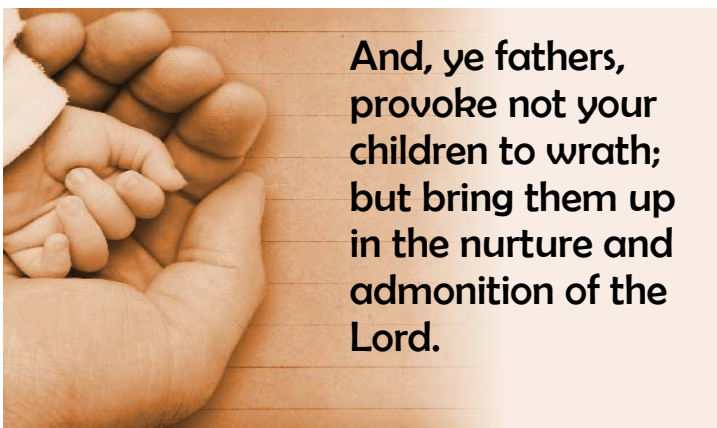
April Sweet Monday will be April 1 at 7:30 with a demonstration on candle making by Joan Coriell (since we missed this one in Feb.). Please plan to attend!

Mothers Day Dinner

Save the Date: May 6, 2013 at 6:30 PM we will be having our annual Mother's Day Dinner in place of Sweet Monday. Please plan to attend with moms and daughters of all ages! I will have the sign up sheet out soon so I can plan for the number of guests. This is a free event, so please plan to attend! More details to follow. Heather

In The News

Congratulations to **Sean Berry** and his family. Sean received word from Congressman Bill Johnson and Senator Rob Portman on Friday that his application for West Point had been approved. All that remains is for Sean to accept and we're pretty sure he will.



**And, ye fathers,
provoke not your
children to wrath;
but bring them up
in the nurture and
admonition of the
Lord.**

Just Kill Me Now, Lord...

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But interestingly enough, Christ apparently never felt this way. He knew His destiny was to die, but even so prayed that such a cup might *pass* from Him. And let's not forget that He is our example, not Moses, not Elijah, and not Jonah, great as they were.

When we feel the way that these guys did, we need to realize that anyone wanting to die is under attack. And our enemy can bring that attack through people, pity, and pouting. It comes when our body is not healthy, our soul is not happy, and our spirit is not holy.

But conveniently enough, Paul shows us a prayer that covers all these bases. He writes in 1 Thessalonians 5, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass." (23-24).

You aren't *alone* when you feel like you can't go on, or like you would be better off dead than standing strong in the face of the overwhelming task God has given you, especially when you are weak in body, soul, and spirit, and the enemy is on the attack. And truly, it is comforting to know that some of the Bible's greatest faith warriors and miracle workers shared these feelings. But it doesn't mean they were right. Let us not indulge hopelessness, for it may always be found. Instead, let us remember that we serve a God of hope and of miracles and we follow the One who never copped to people, pity, or pouting, but willingly laid His life down for others, not for Himself.

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