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Springtime in Autumn

The changing of the seasons has always fascinated people. They featured in Shakespeare's sonnets of life and love and Vivaldi wrote beautiful music about them. The seasons dictate the farmer's routine and rearrange our sporting fixtures. They are God's time-piece and calendar which guarantees for us the regularity of the universe. But what of the seasons of life? Perhaps we recognize in the year's changes a similar pattern to our own experience. We go from the spring of adolescence to the summer of adulthood and then to the autumn of the middle years and the winter of old age. We find ourselves in flux, in growth and in decay. But what is the end of it all? Does the drama of life end in meaninglessness and the grave? Is the last rose of summer really the last, or could life's winter be followed by another spring?

For some this process points to disillusionment and despair. For others it involves a desperate attempt, through pumping iron, and swallowing vitamins to stave off the inevitable end. H.G. Wells said, "Unless there is a more abundant life before mankind, this scheme of space and time is a bad joke - an empty laugh braying across the mysteries."

The Gospel of Christ challenges this sad picture. It assures us that for humanity, unlike nature, there can be springtime in autumn (or in summer and winter too). A man who turned to Christ when over 80 said, "I'm but a little child; my life has just begun." The outward person does indeed suffer wear and tear and eventually falls into death and decay. But in Christ there is a perpetual springtime, a constant rejuvenation of the spirit. In Christ the end of life is but the beginning of new life, the glorious dawn that comes after the shades of night have fallen. When the Gospel is offered and received, spring fever is in the air.

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Please Pray For:

Talia Scott (Nancy Taylor's granddaughter, Rachel's daughter) hoping to correct scoliosis through therapy rather than surgery.

Doris Wallace (Kandy Cooper's sister) still in Cincinnati hospital hoping to be stabilized and moved to Bristol Village in Piketon.

Garnet Lindeman taken to ER on Thursday, unresponsive. Severe kidney infection caused by a stone. Doing much better. Many thanks for your prayers.

Henry Mason (Gene and Esther Crisp's son) in between treatments. Mouth lesions better. Cards and prayers needed.

Tom Kallner taken to SOMC last Wednesday afternoon with chest pain. Had a heart attack while there. Stent placed on next day. Kidney stone removed early this week. Now home recuperating. More tests and treatment coming.

Ronnie Hardin had tests on his pancreas Wednesday. For now on a strict diet and monitoring situation.

Brenda Robbins has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers requested.

John Gampp has an appointment tomorrow at Cleveland Clinic for an MRI.

Angie Arnett (friend of Laryssa Grashel, mother of 2 children) fighting cancer.

Gayle Thompson (Dee Bradshaw's sister) having a heart catheterization at OSU on October 10.

James Young (Terri's husband) had his second round of chemo last week. Resting this week.

Pauline Gumbert (Debbie Raiser's mother) going into KDMC on Monday for tests.

Rusty Tucker, (relative of Megan Hickman, friend of Penny Ball) diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Prayers requested.

Debbie Davis (Nick's mother) hospitalized with severe kidney infection last week at Bellefonte. Now home.

Looking Ahead

9/29	Shower for Cricket
10/5	Girls Youth Rally—Columbus
10/6-27	Sunday PM Home Groups
10/11	Concession Stand Work
10/12	Baby Shower for Melissa, 2 pm
10/13	Congregational Potluck after AM
10/25-26	Sunshine Men's Retreat FHCYC
10/27	Dr. Lou Butterfield at Sunshine
11/3	Orphan Sunday
11/8-9	Sunshine Ladies Retreat
11/10	Veterans Honored

Congregational Potluck

Sunday, October 13, after the AM service the entire congregation is invited to participate in a potluck dinner here at the building and on the grounds. The church will be providing a four big hams, iced tea and cool aid, and all the cups and plates, etc. We are relying on the congregation to provide the rest of the food. Please sign up on the pad in the foyer and indicate what you will be bringing to the potluck: Desserts, bread/buns, salads, meats, vegetable dishes, casseroles. We will have a great time together. See Nick Davis for details.

Shower for Cricket Today

Today at 2:30 pm, all are invited to a baby shower for Cricket Cram (aka: An Meng He). She is scheduled to arrive at the Cram home sometime in November and/or early December. She now weighs 15 lbs and wears size 9-12 months. Everyone is invited to the Shower, so spread the word.

100 Wishes Quilt for Cricket

There is a wonderful tradition from northern China called a Bai Jia Bei, 100 Good Wishes Quilt, created to celebrate a new life. It is customary to invite 100 people to contribute a single patch of cloth to the family welcoming this new life. The 100 patches are sewn together into a quilt that contains the good wishes from all the family and friends who contributed a piece of fabric. The quilt is then passed down from generation to generation. To participate in **Cricket's 100 Wishes Quilt**, please bring a 9 inch square of any fabric to Karren Griffith or to Kendra's shower. You can bring it from your fabric scraps, cut from a piece of old/special clothing, or pick it from Wal-Mart or Hobby Lobby (fat quarters will work fine). You will need to get your photo taken with your fabric and a piece of paper that states your wish boldly written.

Food for the Weekend

We are again sending food home on the weekends for some needy students in our community. We would appreciate donations of single-serving, non-perishable food items that can be easily opened (and that does not need to be heated or refrigerated); Such items may include fruit cups, breakfast bars, Vienna sausages, pudding, juice pouches, etc. Any questions, see June Book. Thank you and God bless!

Good News!

On Thursday afternoon **Jim Young** (Terri's husband) confessed his faith in Jesus and was baptized into Christ here at the building. Cards of congratulations would be in order. He is unable to come to church but we are now his family. Let us pray hard for him and Terri.

Sunshine Helping at the Game

Friday, October 11, the Minford football parents have asked Sunshine to "man" the concession stands at the football game. We need to be there by 6 pm. Free admission for volunteers. If you are willing to help please sign the sheet in the foyer. FYI, this is the homecoming game.

Girls Youth Rally

Fishinger & Kenny Church of Christ in Columbus is having a girls youth rally, Saturday, October 5 at their location. Theme: Molding Girls of Integrity. Ages: 10-18. Speaker: Sue Darby. Details posted on the bulletin board.

Elizabeth's Hope Deadline

Today is the deadline for turning in your filled baby bottles. Turn in filled bottles to one of the deacons and they will keep them safe until they are picked up. We have until services this evening to finish this up.

Worship Leaders Class Update

Sunday's at 5 pm the worship leading class is meeting in the Annex. Class is open to any male Christian who wants to develop their song-leading skills for the Lord. During the month of October the class will not meet due to home groups but will resume in November.

Hosts for Sunday PM Home Groups

We are still needing 1 or 2 more host homes for the Sunday PM Home Groups in October. Let Steve Miller know today if your home could be available for those 4 Sunday nights. Please note that some groups are specifically designated for Teens or for Intermission or limited in number in some way.

Sign Up for Home Groups In Progress

On the table in the foyer the pads for specific home groups have been laid out. Go ahead and sign up for the home you would like to go to. If you sign up by family, please indicate the number in your family. Please be careful not to overcrowd a particular home. We'll be adding more pads this week. **Deacons/elders/ministers**, you are the group leaders for these groups. Pick a group without a leader and sign up for that group.

Home Group Materials Available

We will be using four sessions from a DVD by Francis Chan, "Crazy Love," as the basis of our Bible study/discussion in the groups. We have a basic information sheets (yellow) for hosts and leaders available on the table today. Also, for group leaders we have the DVD's and the discussion questions (blue sheets) for the four sessions on the same table. Leaders do not pick up the DVD until you have signed for a particular group. Please circle your name if you will lead the group.

PG Men in an X-Rated Society Update

October 25 and 26, all of the Sunshine men from age 14 on up are invited to be a part of our men's retreat at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Our guest speaker this year will be Dr. Lou Butterfield of the Center for Christian Broadcasting based in Searcy, Arkansas. There will be good food, great fellowship and thought-provoking presentations on how to be a PG man in our society. Cost is \$33 per person for 3 meals and one night stay. Pay at the camp; checks made out to Sunshine. Men sign up now on the pad in the foyer for the retreat. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 23. Also, on Sunday, October 27, Dr. Butterfield will be speaking to the whole congregation at the morning assembly.

Sunshine Ladies Retreat

The Sunshine Ladies Retreat is scheduled for November 8-9 at Scioto Hills. This year's theme is Having "Purse"onality! The cost is \$45 for the weekend. Please sign up on the list in the foyer by Sunday, October 6. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy a weekend of fun and worship with your sisters! See Cheryl Villingner or Mandi Coriell for details.

Orphan Sunday

November 3 has been designated as Orphan Sunday here at Sunshine. We have been observing the first Sunday of November in this way for the last few years. This year we are doing something different. We would like to dedicate all of our contribution on Orphan Sunday to helping in some form or fashion orphans in our world. Whatever the contribution is on that day we would like to divide it in equal parts between Hope for Haiti's Children which operates two or three orphanages in Haiti, Breaking Chains which operates an orphanage in Honduras, and the establishment of a fund here at Sunshine that would help families with the expenses of adoption. We are encouraging all of our members to be especially generous on that day. To God be the glory.

Veterans Honored

Sunday, November 10, we will be honoring all who have served in our nation's armed forces with a special music/picture presentation at the conclusion of the AM services. We are in the process of updating the pictures which we use. If we need to include someone or if someone's picture needs to be changed out, please get with **Al Graff** and take care of business with him no later than November 3.

Sweet Monday Returns!

October 7 at 7:30 we will kick off a new year of Sweet Monday! This year we will be crafting for those that are interested! Our first craft will be a wreath-check out the bulletin board for the supply list and a look at the finished product! Even if you aren't interested in completing a wreath please come join us for some Sweet Fellowship!

Baby Shower for Melissa

A baby shower for **Melissa Hayward** on Saturday, October 12, at 2 PM. It will be held at Minford High School. She is registered at Wal-Mart. Also for anyone who brings a package of diapers, their name will be entered in a raffle for a prize. For details see Ashley Parker.

Backpack Project

We have been given a list of 61 children from Minford schools that are in need of clothing, personal hygiene items, etc. This is our biggest list yet, so we need LOTS of help with our backpack project this year. Please see Autumn or Mandi if you are able to pack for a child or two. We will also gladly accept donations. Thank you!



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

September 29

Jon Coriell
Nick Davis
Zach Coriell
Tim Coriell
Steve Miller

October 6

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Ira Coriell
Jim Cunningham
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Jim Cunningham
Dale Kuhn
Caleb Miller
Dewey Cordle

Shawn Gragg
Josh Coriell
Don Ramey
Jacob Miller
Mark Villinger

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

Mark Gampp
Tim Gampp

Zach Coriell
Mike Coriell

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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brother of James
delivered
everlasting fire
Jude
Mercy
remember the words
sunken rocks
ungodly ones
wandering stars
archangel
common salvation
Egypt
fruitless autumn trees
judgment

blasphemy
darkness
everlasting chains
Jesus Christ
love feasts
peace
speak evil
unbridled lust
unspeakable joy
waves of the sea
Michael
Sodom and Gomorrah
there will be mockers
ungodly sinners
waterless clouds

WORD SEARCH

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Word Search Solution

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