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Everything You Think

There it was... and I was left speechless (which is a big deal for me.) Just any other car traveling down the road, with a telling bumper sticker - I read, "Don't believe everything you think". Stopped me in my tracks, it did. Just because we think something doesn't make it God's truth.

"Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world." 1 John 4:1

You have my permission and my blessing in 2014... to reject and to ask others to refuse whatever I say or share that doesn't *"seek first His kingdom and His righteousness"* Matthew 6:33. I really mean this - because my prayer is that these words have absolutely less to do with me and more and more to do with God's will and work. If I am truly doing God's work, I won't be offended by a rebuke and 'go off' on those who disagree because of the truth of God's word, but I will embrace and welcome the discipline inspired by God. This is my promise to you. I want to speak by the Spirit, not by my own agenda. God's word comes with authority, but also responsibility.

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16

"In a gentle and respectful way..." There have been a lot of recent moments when the word of God has been called into question because of the believability of the messenger. Phil Robertson shares 1 Corinthians 6 and everyone is up in arms because of his subjective viewpoint. A similar encounter happened to Kirk Cameron some time ago. It seems when Christians don't 'fall in line' and speak with permissive eloquence, their hall pass is revoked in worldly fear. It's true, I seek to be more concerned about offending God than everyone else, but may I be gentle, may I be respectful. The world encourages and awards fearlessness in all areas... all areas seemingly but faith.

This isn't primarily about Phil Robertson, it's primarily about when the mic is put in your own face and the interviewer says, "Tell me about your faith? Who is your God? What does the Bible teach?" And at that moment, what will you say? Will you speak of Christ? Will you be ashamed of His word and make excuses for it - either by quote in the gospels, or in any of the old or new testaments?

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."
Mark 8:38

We talk all day, up one wall and down the other, what we think about what someone else has spoken...what say you? "Ashamed of me and my words" - or remain true to the call? "Don't believe everything you think." And the most loving moment of my life is when someone told me I was headed for destruction without the blood of Christ... not a half truth that sin isn't that bad, or that Jesus loves everything we do, you don't have to change how you live because He understands you are incapable of real and lasting change, or that our transgressions are no big deal. Jesus' blood speaks otherwise. Jesus' words to an "adulterous and sinful generation" speak otherwise. His sacrifice is a big deal - His word is eternally true for every generation. Our repentance isn't optional, and even though our perfection of practicing holy lives will never be attained in this life - our focus and intention should always be toward non-excused behavior. Live as one who will give an account - not as one who will give an excuse.

"We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse." - Rudyard Kipling

Mike Anderson
Corbin, KY

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.

For the people in the Philippines affected by the typhoon.

Joe Hannah (nephew by marriage to Pam Coriell and Irmalee Gampp) fighting brain cancer.

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) planning to start another round of chemo on Monday.

Debbie Krumpelman (Delores Gampp's niece in Cincinnati) has finished three weeks of chemo and radiation, three more to go before surgery.

Sarah Coriell (Minford Middle School student) recently removed from mother's custody due to violence in the home.

Kaye Hammond healing well from surgery at home. Being evaluated for chemo or radiation.

Esther Smith (sister of Chuck Allison's friend) recent stroke.

Bud Coriell admitted to SOMC with multiple infections Wednesday.

Praise Report: Anna Mei and whole Cram family finally well and able to be at church Wed PM.

Looking Ahead

1/5	Song Leading Class Resumes
1/8	PG Men begins
1/12	Deacons Meeting
1/18	Henry Baby Shower
1/18	Winter Jam in Columbus
1/20	Roller Skating, Skatelan 6 pm
1/25-2/2	Haiti Mission Trip
1/31	Deadline for Collecting Glasses
2/14-16	Winterfest in Gatlinburg
2/17	Roller Skating, Skatelan 6 pm
3/3	Roller Skating, Skatelan 6 pm
4/7	Roller Skating, Skatelan 6 pm
5/14-21	Honduras Mission Trip
6/5-9	Honduras Family Mission Trip

PG Men Starts Wed PM

About 15 of our men so far (18 and older) will begin meeting soon on Wednesday evenings during class time (plus 15 minutes) to view the DVD series The Mousetrap and to have a few minutes of discussion each time. There are 18 sessions in all. We hope to begin this special class January 8, 2014. **We'll be meeting in Room A3 in the Annex.** If you would like to join the class or have other questions, see Steve Miller. This is a follow up to the presentations made by Lou Butterfield a few weeks ago.

No Sweet Monday

The Sweet Monday activity normally on the first Monday of each month has been cancelled for January.

Area Events

Details for all of these events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- 1/24-25 Ohio Winter Lectures, Fishinger & Kenny COC, Columbus
- 2/7 Caring Hearts Gala, Dinner and Auction 6:30-10 pm to benefit Midwestern Childrens Home
- 3/7-8 WV Marriage Getaway at Charleston Civic Center

Honduras Mission Trips Set

Two short-term trips are planned for Honduras. The first is May 14-21 and then a second trip specifically designed for families with children, June 5-9. More information will be available soon. See Jamie Riley for details.

Haiti Mission Trip Set

Two of our members, **Kristi Cordle and Cheryl Villinger**, are heading to Haiti January 25-February 2 on a medical mission trip through Hope for Haiti's Children. The children in HFHC ministry get a thorough medical checkup at the beginning of each year. Both Kristi and Cheryl have the background to be very useful in this part of the ministry. HFHC has requested that we supply socks for girls (white, cuffed) and boys (black or navy blue) in sizes small, medium and large and ties of various kinds for men. There will be some kind of collection box in the foyer soon.

Winter Jam Coming

The youth group will be going to the Winter Jam concert in Columbus on January 18. The cost for the tickets is \$30 plus food and souvenirs. Please sign up in the back if you plan to go. The last day to sign up and turn in your money is January 12.

Seeing Hope

The Flatwoods church of Christ is collecting old prescription glasses to distribute in Peru where they are presently involved in a mission work. They have asked us to help them by gathering up all our old prescription glasses and sending them to Peru. There is a basket in the foyer for collecting these glasses. We have until January 31, to get everything collected. See Cheryl Villinger if you have questions.

Thank You Received

From **Kaye Hammond** for cards and prayers sent during her surgery and recuperation. Card is posted.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Angie Arnett** (mother of two small children and a close friend of some of our members) who passed away Friday evening after a long battle with cancer. Before her passing she mentioned to Laryssa Grashel how much she appreciated our prayers and how much she had felt the power of them.

Baby Shower

For **Dusty and Mary Henry** on Saturday, January 18, at 1 pm in the church annex. They are registered at Walmart. For details, see Ellen Lemon.

Song/Worship Leader Class Resumes

This evening at 5 pm, the Song/Worship Leader class resumes.

Winter Roller Skating Dates

Skating parties this winter will be Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 3, and Apr. 7 at Skatelan in Wheelersburg at 6 p.m. Skate rental is \$1.00. **Please note dates for January and February have changed!**

Building Reservations

During the month of January Sunshine members have priority reserving the building for functions they want to schedule in the building for 2014. On February 1, the remaining dates may be scheduled for non-members on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are planning a **church or family event** that requires the use of the building, please get your date reserved with **Delores Gamp**. This is for our members: Please note that sometimes a funeral dinner might need to happen. There is no way to schedule a funeral dinner in advance but it is a high priority with us. In the past we have always had the cooperation of members who had the building reserved in advance to accommodate the dinner and we thank you. We want our members to know that if the situation arises we will do our best to accommodate both activities, but there may be a situation where an event date has to be adjusted to handle the funeral dinner situation.

"Official" Church Calendar

Help!!!! If you have an event or activity that directly involves the church, please take a look at the "official" calendar in the office and see what else is happening before picking a date or doing detailed planning. **Write your event and your name** on the date so the rest of us know to stay away from that date and who to call to find out about it. Also, locate the deacon who oversees the area that your event/activity falls in. He will appreciate a "heads up" and may be able to help you.

Message from Terri

I want to thank my Sunshine family for all the prayers/cards & words of encouragement. God has blessed us by giving Jim another Christmas with us as a family. Knowing that Jim was baptized this past year and having Steve visit him frequently is a blessing. I have not been able to send out cards to others but I am very thankful for the cards we have received. I try to do my part by praying frequently for those in the church family who have needs.—Terri Young

A New Beginning

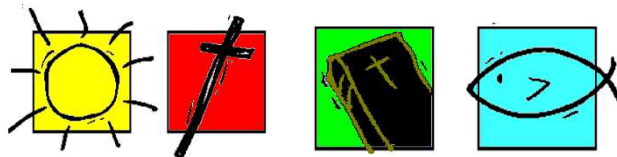
Yesterday (1/4) **Sarah Carr** (Jamie Forbes's sister) confessed her faith in Jesus as Lord and was baptized into Him here at the building. She now belongs to our Heavenly Father as His child. We rejoice with Sara and her family about this new beginning for her. Be sure to give Sara the Sunshine welcome today. Her address and phone number are as follows: Sarah Carr; 155 Smith Road; Waverly, Ohio 45690 Cell: 740-274-5116.

2014 Budget Available

Copies of the final budget for 2014 are available in the foyer on the table. Questions or comments can be directed to any of the deacons.

Winterfest 2014 Registration

Flyers with full information on Winterfest 2014 are available on the table in the foyer. Dates are February 14-16. Cost is \$110 per person. This covers transportation, 2 nights lodging and Winterfest registration fee. Food, souvenirs and other miscellaneous expenses are not included in the \$110. Registration will be handled through the church's website. Accommodations are limited to 100 people. Questions, check with Jamie Riley, Tim Gamp or Shaun McCray.





Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

January 5

Don Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Aaron Kallner
Mark Gampp
Steve Miller

January 12

Jon Coriell
Aaron McCray
Zach Coriell
Tim Coriell
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

Shawn Gragg
Troy Gahm
Jason Coriell
Ira Coriell
Tim Gampp

Jacob Miller
Steve Williams
Dewey Cordle
Mike Coriell
Mark Villinger

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Jim Cunningham

David Bradshaw
Don Ramey

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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A verse from Proverbs 15 has been scrambled with a letter substitution code. Replace each letter with the correct one to reveal the scripture. Solution is at the bottom of page 3.

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XPO AIR NDDO.