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When we were in seminary, I often visited with a friend as our children played together. On several occasions she shared about difficult things going on in her life. Each time she would say, "I can see God sitting up in heaven and saying," 'Grow Christian, Grow.' [She'd drop her voice to imitate a low male voice.]

I've thought of my friend often in the last few weeks as I picture God up in Heaven, smiling down on me, saying, "I love you, child, but it's time to (*with low voice*) Grow Christian, Grow." The picture helps me to remember that hard times are good. God has a purpose in all things, and even though the days are sometimes long or difficult, this will ultimately be for my good and hopefully good for His Kingdom. Remembering those things helps me to press on.

My current class requiring growth began in early December with two encounters with God's Word. First, **Ephesians 5:22** convicted me that I need to give thanks to God always for all things. I had become aware of discontentment and murmuring, and the verse reminded me to work on being consistently grateful to God, trying to see life from His perspective, and trying to focus on Him, not on circumstances.

Within a week, while still in process of learning to be grateful, another verse hit hard. **Colossians 3:23** reminded me to do my work heartily, as for the Lord, not for me. While the confrontation was stronger, there was a bit of an "aha!" because it was an answer to prayer. It provided the key to bring peace where I had been struggling but hadn't been able to figure out what my problem was.

I was grateful for God's goodness and patience to mold and make me, even in areas where He's spoken clearly in the past. It amazes me that He never gives up. However, the lesson didn't end there. This class has a lab attached.

The day before Christmas, my mother-in-law became bed-ridden, and much of her care is my responsibility. Those verses were not just words of correction. They were words of preparation and guidelines for the days and weeks ahead. In all things, I need to be grateful and do my work as unto Him.

God has graciously provided help and strength for each day, but I've learned a secret. When my heart is right, His grace is sufficient. However, if I'm judging, not grateful, or not doing my work as unto the Lord, I don't feel His grace. If I want to experience His grace, it's time for me to "Grow Christian, Grow." Some days it seems that I may someday learn the lessons at hand. On others, it's a good thing I have a loving husband who takes up the slack when I fail.

God continues to guide my education. At church, we are studying Galatians. This morning I looked back over **chapter 5**, before reading **chapter 6**. God highlighted the following as I read (from NASB). The verses speak for themselves, detailing my assignments.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." (**5:22-23, 25**)

"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ." (**6:2**)

"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." (**6:9**)

"See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand." (**6:11**)

I know Paul was speaking of writing with his own hand to the Galatians. However, they could just as well be God's words written in large letters just to me. Some moments in my present circumstance may seem difficult, but God is gently reminding me to keep my eyes on Him, my trust in Him, and to embrace Him in the process because it's time to "Grow Christian, Grow."



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 "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

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) some decline over last few weeks.

Peggy Hollback still waiting for more evaluations and approvals from the transplant doctors.

Dee Gammon diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia (extreme pain in facial muscles). Having some success with new medicine. Broke hip at work on Wednesday, had hip repair surgery. Now in rehab at SOMC.

Loren Riley (Jamie's brother) diagnosed with rare form of lung cancer. Cards to 4219 Beaver Pike, Beaver 45613.

Garnet Lindeman having problems with mini strokes.

Ronnie Hardin doing some better with pain. House burned last week, displaced from home for next 6 months while repairs are made.

Mark Dever (Merritt and Helen Hayward's son-in-law) diagnosed with colon cancer.

Al Graff continues chemo for cancer.

Olivia Evans (local teen critically injured in auto accident last week) still in ICU at Cabell-Huntington.

Praise Report 2: Kensley McCray (new daughter of Kim and Aaron) in Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Had successful repair of the esophagus on Thursday. Still critical but things looking much better. Several tubes to be removed on Monday. PTL!

Praise Report: Jo Ann Miller had successful surgery at Cabell-Huntington on Tuesday. Jo Ann praises the Father for the success of the surgery, thanks all of us for our prayers and asks us to continue as she heals.

Jim Cunningham in Laurels of Norworth in Worthington, Ohio, suffering with advanced Parkinson's.

Cards to 6830 High St., Room 216; Worthington, OH 43085.

Holly Thacker (mother of Jonas Thacker) in University of Cincinnati Med Center in critical condition. Prayer for healing and wise decisions.

Bud Coriell Stage 4 cancer. Cards and prayers appreciated. 791 Coriell Rd; Portsmouth 45662.

Henry Mason now home and holding his own.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Macie Shumway** (mother to Debbie Sullivan and Mary Lee Justice) who passed on Tuesday. The funeral was yesterday here in Minford.



Coming Events

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

4/12	Grandparents Honored
4/20	Skating 6-9
4/24-26	Youth Rally at Fort Hill
5/4	Sweet Monday Mothers Day
5/13-20	Honduras Trip
6/4-8	Family Honduras Trip
6/14-20	Youth Mission Trip
6/22-26	Sunshine VBS
7/12-18	Sunshine at Fort Hill Camp

Area Events

4/12-15	Gospel Meeting with Bob Stapleton at Sunrush church in Chillicothe
4/26-29	Gospel Meeting at Flatwoods church with Jerry Carmichael

Grandparents Honored Today

Today at 4:30 pm, the 2nd and 3rd grade class will be honoring grandparents with a light meal and program in the Annex.

Teen Mission Trip Update

Anyone planning to go on the teen mission trip in June, the \$50 deposit is due next Sunday. Anyone still interested in the trip should see Tim.

Sunshine Youth Rally Update

The Sunshine youth rally is in two weeks. It is Friday - Sunday (April 24-26). Any youth group member planning to attend needs to sign up in the foyer. The event is at Fort Hill
a n d i s f r e e .

Youth Rally Help Needed

Adult workers are needed for the upcoming youth rally. If interested please sign up in the foyer.

Sweet Mothers Day

Sweet Mother's Day is getting closer! The sign up sheet for our annual dinner is in the foyer. Please get your name on the list if you plan to attend. The dinner will be May 4 at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost. If there are any questions please see Heather Gragg. Please join us as we honor the ladies of our congregation!

Parents of 2nd & 3rd Graders

Parents of the 2nd and 3rd graders.... Please plan on your children staying after church today to prepare for Grandparents Day. Please have them bring a bag lunch and "cooking clothes" as well.



Helping the McCray's

While Aaron and Kim have not asked for this, a fund has been set up for them by their friends as they continue to care for Kensley. If you are interested, you may write a check to the Sunshine church of Christ and note that it is for the McCrays. We will make sure they receive it in a timely manner. The other option is to gofundme.com/mccrayfund and donate online.



Next Skating Date

Sunshine has the Skating Rink in Wheelersburg reserved for Monday, April 20, 6-9 pm. \$1 rental for skates. All in the congregation and their guests are invited to come and have a good time.

Food for the McCray's

We would like to prepare several days of dinner for the McCray family after they get home. Please see Heather Gragg if you would like to help with this. If you have a recipe that freezes well that might be the most helpful thing for them since their days will be somewhat unpredictable until Kensley gets well.

Ladies James Group Resumes

Ladies' James Group Classes will resume **today at 6 p.m.** in the classroom to the left of the baptistry.

Shepherds Prayer

This Thursday at 7:30 pm, Sunshine elders and ministers will meet for a time of prayer specifically for Sunshine members and their families. If you have requests that need to be included in the prayer please get with one of our shepherds right away. These matters will be held in confidence unless you ask for them to be included in our announcements or bulletin.

Help Needed

Ronnie Hardin needs help getting the roof off his partially burned house. The fire department is going to use it for a practice fire. Tuesday evening, 5 pm, weather permitting (looks good now) bring your cordless drill, quarter inch and five-sixteenths hex bits, charged batteries and roof shoes to his old address and be ready to remove metal roofing. Also, asphalt shingles have to come off after that. See Steve or Ronnie for details.

Items Needed for Peru Mission Trip

Jenny Williams is going on a medical mission trip to Peru in May and has a list of things needed for the people she will be serving. There is a box for the donations. Here are the needed items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, adult vitamins, reading glasses, and kids toys (like chalk, balls, bubbles, hair ties/bows).





Regular Service Times

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer

Song Director

Worship Leaders

Message

April 12

Jon Coriell

Nick Davis

Mike Gampp

Price Gammon

Steve Miller

April 19

Wayne Gampp

Shaun McCray

Jacob Miller

Josh Coriell

Steve Miller

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening

Song Director

Scripture Reading

Lord's Supper

Assist

Prayer

Jacob Miller

Tyler Jones

Mark Villinger

Gary Glispie

Greg Shepherd

David Bradshaw

Pete Kouns

Dale Kuhn

Caleb Miller

Eric Miller

Wednesday Evening

Song Director

Prayer

April 15

David Bradshaw

Caleb Miller

April 22

Shawn Gragg

Jason Coriell

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Luke 15 - The Prodigal Son



A CERTAIN MAN

FATHER

A FAR COUNTRY

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ALIVE AGAIN

DANCING

COMMANDMENT

TWO SONS

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HIRED SERVANTS

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A GREAT WAY OFF

YOUNGER

UNTO THEM HIS LIVING.

RIOTOUS LIVING

BREAD

I HAVE SINNED

COMPASSION

SHOES

BE MERRY

ELDER SON

TRANSGRESSED

BEST ROBE

LET US EAT

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HE WAS ANGRY

THOU ART EVER WITH ME

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Puzzle Solution

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