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BIFOCALS

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2

I must admit something to everyone today - I have recently had a chronic bout of 'getting-older-so-just-deal-with-it' trouble reading. I guess I should have known I was having issues when my 'easy to see' sermon notes on my iPad are all in 24-point text! So I secured a pair of 'readers', and although they helped, I went for the permanent solution of getting bifocals. Yes, I said bifocals... at the tender age of 49 - can you believe it?

The moment of illumination was at the optometrist's office, you know, when they strap you to various machines and say things like "this - or this" - then you're supposed to tell them which image is 'clearer' kind of thing. Then it happened... the clearest image was showed to me and they gave me (I think) 6-point text to read and (VOILA!) I was reading like a boss! (This moment of freedom was brought to you by Mackey Vision Centers... although I'm sure all the rest are great, too.)

Vision - when sight clears, when what was blurry is now beheld, when perception becomes manifestation.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." 2 Corinthians 4:4

There are 2 gods here in this verse... there is a "god of this age" who does a fair amount of causing people to see only what he wants them to see - a limited perspective - in fact, a blind one. This god is glad for those who are content with only what they can physically see - what makes sense only in the here and now. But there is a greater display because there is a greater God. It is the light of the good news of Christ... it is the image of God Himself. The bifocals of God can see both images, both gods clearly.

Vision - when sight clears in the light of Christ, when what was suspect becomes our object of worship, when perception becomes salvation!

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand." - Woodrow Wilson

Mike Anderson
Corbin, KY



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, but currently stable.

Peggy Hollback still waiting for the final decision from the doctors.

Garnet Lindeman stabilized for now. Living at Nancy's house.

Alan Graff new CT scan coming scheduled for the end of July.

The families and the church in Charleston, SC that suffered the loss of nine people.

Debbie Raiser had her gall bladder surgery on Tuesday and is home now recuperating.

Kensley McCray (new daughter of Kim and Aaron) doing well, growing stronger every day.

Henry Mason now at home.

Bonnie Johnson (coworker of Irmalee Gampp) diagnosed with lung cancer.

PJ Miller (Jessica and Shadd's son) had surgery in Cincinnati on Friday.

Ron Smith (neighbor of Joni Dixon) suffering with heart issues.

Roger Crabtree (cousin of Amy Graff) suffering with CHF and diabetes.

Devin Wallace (neighbor of Al and Patsy Graff) 9 years old, having serious kidney problems.

JoAnna Glispie is traveling now in England with a student group. Trip is 19 days. Safe travels.

Pete Taylor (Jennifer Gampp's father) biopsy on Tuesday for a suspected return of cancer.

Sharon Carter (friend of Shawn Gragg) having intestinal issues.

Taulby Bryant (Amy Graff's uncle) stage 4 lung and hip cancer, also on dialysis. Prayers requested for comfort and spiritual needs.

Donnie Blevins (stepson of a friend of Al Graff) suffered a heart attack last week, stents have been placed. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Praise Report: Phyllis Adkins (mother of Donnie Beekman) had successful removal of tumor from her eye on Friday in Cincinnati. Tumor showed benign.

Praise Report: Olivia Evans (hospitalized from a serious auto accident 3 months ago) now home but continuing rehab. PTL!

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Betty Friend** (friend of Penny Ball) who passed away on Thursday. Viewing is Monday at McKinley's from 5-8. Funeral is Tuesday at 11 at the church on Fairground Road.



EVENTS AT SUNSHINE



7/12-18
9/26

Sunshine at Fort Hill Camp
Acappella Concert in Waverly

Big Acappella/Reunion Weekend

All former members of the Elmgrove/Piketon Youth group are having a reunion at the Pike County Fairgrounds September 25-27. Of course, others are certainly welcome. Several guest speakers are slated to speak and on Saturday afternoon, at 1 pm, Acappella will be giving a concert at Waverly High School as part of the reunion. Details are posted throughout our building.

Ice Cream Social Tonight

After bible study tonight, the congregation is invited to stay for some homemade ice cream and brownies/cookies after services. Those of you who have freezers, please make a batch of two of your favorite homemade ice cream. The rest of us can supplement with brownies, cookies, etc., or some toppings that would go well on ice cream. The deacons are sponsoring this event and will be taking care of all the other details.

VBS Report

This past week we had our VBS here at Sunshine. God gave us a beautiful week of weather despite the forecasts that said otherwise. Attendance was good with half of our VBS students being visitors. High Attendance was Tuesday night with 100 and low attendance was Monday night with 85. Many thanks to all who helped with VBS this year: Teachers, Guides, Recreation Leaders, Song Leaders, Count VBS, Refreshment People, Cookie Bakers, and of course, the kids. Plans are already being made for next year. Special thanks to Heather Gragg who led and organized VBS for us this year.

VBS Video Review This AM

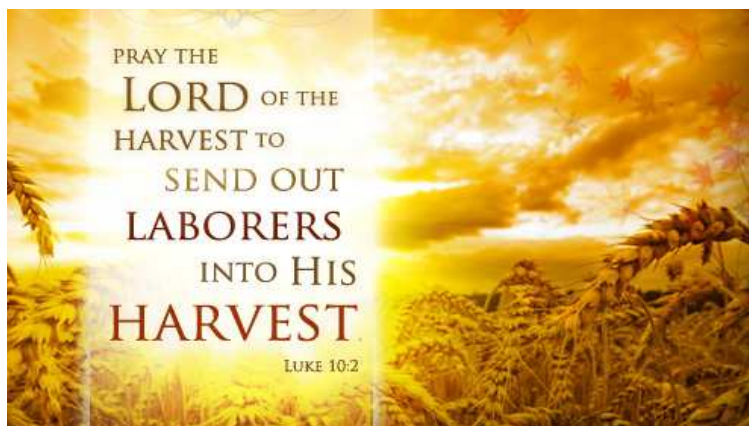
Every year we do a video review of the week of VBS. Jacob Miller and Hayes Wilcox take hundreds of pictures during VBS and then on Thursday evening and most of Friday, Jacob takes the pictures and organizes them to make a video record of the VBS. The video this year is a little over 12 minutes. We are showing the video this morning immediately after the Amen of our closing prayer. You are invited to stay and see this video. Thanks, Steve.

Dishes and Pans in the Kitchen

In the kitchen and on the counter in the Annex are many food containers of all different kinds which should be picked up by their owners right away. If you have helped with a funeral dinner lately or with cookies at VBS, stop by and get your container.

Ladies Day at Grant and Summit

The ladies at Grant and Summit church in Portsmouth are having a ladies day this Saturday, starting with lunch at noon at their building. Check the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for details.



OUT OF CONTROL

Are you out of control? Where do you go when you are out of control? Questions like these are needed because I encounter folks all day long who are out of control. They want to do their own thing. They think they can work their problems out without anyone's help and usually they fall on their proverbial face.

Solomon, the Son of David, had it all and he blew it. Toward the end of his life I believe he wrote Ecclesiastes as a summary of his life. In various places in his life he was searching for the meaning of life.

Years ago I read Viktor E. Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning: An Introduction to Logotherapy*. The book haunted me because rarely did anyone survive the Nazis death camps. He was writing this book while in a Nazis concentration camp. In that book he talks about integrity and how he was searching for the meaning of life. Even in a concentration camp Dr. Frankl, much like Solomon, was searching for the meaning of life. And he observed how many lost their integrity during such a terrible ordeal while in those places of terror.

So, Solomon was on his quest for a meaningful life. He tried to find that meaning in various aspects in his life. But he would say life was meaningless. He even experimented with wine. In Ecclesiastes 2:3 he said, After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine. And while still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, I tried to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world.

At the conclusion of Ecclesiastes in chapter 12:14 he finally summed up where life is meaningful. That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.

When you hit the proverbial bottom and your life seems to have no meaning, can you learn from Solomon?

Can you see your need to turn to the real meaningful life that is only found in Jesus Christ?

Keith Bellamy
Woodville, TX

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Scripture Reading
Mid-service Prayer
Communion Leader
Message
Closing Prayer

June 28

Wayne Gampp
Tim Coriell
Shawn Gragg
Aaron McCray
Mark Villinger
Don Ramey

July 5

Tom Kelley
David Deacon
Dewey Cordle
Shaun McCray
Jamie Riley
Wesley Book

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

Ethan Beekman
Steve Williams
Don Coriell
Ike Hardin
Derek Miller

Matthew Hoskins
Jared McCray
Troy Gahm
Terry Grashel
Gabe Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

David Bradshaw
Price Gammon

Shawn Gragg
Mark Risner

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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WORD HUNT



Below are 10 archaic words from the KJV Bible. The definitions have been scrambled. Match the words with the correct definitions. Scripture references are provided for assistance.

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| 1. Phylacteries | A. The fifth Egyptian plague. Exodus 9:3 |
| 2. Emerod | B. Hooks that held the tabernacle curtains. Exodus 26:6 |
| 3. Euroclydon | C. Pens or enclosures for sheep. 2 Chronicles 32:28 |
| 4. Firkin | D. Parchments worn on the forehead. Matt. 23:5 |
| 5. Murrain | E. Agricultural implement, a plow. 1 Samuel 13:20 |
| 6. Taches | F. A tumor or swelling. 1 Samuel 5:6 |
| 7. Sackbut | G. A military breastplate or chain mail. Job 41:26 |
| 8. Cotes | H. A wind from the Northeast. Acts 27:14 |
| 9. Habergeon | I. Syrian stringed instrument (harp). Daniel 3:5 |
| 10. Coulter | J. Liquid measurement of about 9 gallons. John 2:6 |