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Some Changes Coming

I am sure you noticed the change which has happened in the foyer this morning. We are calling it the Sunshine Welcome and Information Center (or something like that). The booth will be a part of our efforts to do a better job of welcoming first time visitors to our services and to make sure that no one who needs help navigating to restrooms, classrooms, offices, annex or whatever has to feel their way around. There will always be two or three smiling people available at the booth to help out to get people to where they need to be and to supply whatever information may be needed to have a great first visit at Sunshine. The welcome center will also be our way of making sure we connect with people who come. We plan to have small visitor gift to give them at the end of services as a thank you for being present. Also, we have another group of people who are on standby to show Sunshine hospitality to those who come our way. That would be our hospitality teams. We'd like to make it so that people who visit with us also get invited to eat lunch after services with one of our Sunshine families or maybe at a more convenient team later in the week. We have always been a friendly congregation, ready with a handshake and a smile for everyone, but we have decided that maybe we need to go the extra mile to show people we really are glad they are here and we want them to become a part of the body of Christ here at Sunshine.

What the Welcome Center represents is the beginning of a series of changes that we will be making over the next few months to bring new faces into our assemblies and to do what we can to connect with them for the cause of Christ. We have had some success in this area in the past but in the last few years our visitors have become fewer and fewer. We feel the need to reach out more to the people in our community. This will create some inconvenience on our part but I know that you will put up with those inconveniences and extra efforts if they result in a harvest for the Lord.

Next Sunday is our first step in this direction. We are inviting the Fathers and Daughters who attend the Gala to come to one of our morning services over the next three Sunday's: February 7, or 14 or 21. We are offering to sign them up for free tickets to the Gala next year if they will visit in our assembly on one of these three Sunday's. I have no idea how many, if any, will take us up on that offer. We could be overwhelmed. We could be underwhelmed. I don't know. But we want to let the families that come to the Gala know that we have been behind this event for 20 years and we would love to have them get to know us better. Help us out on the seating. You might have to move to the middle or step into the aisle so that our guests can find a place. Please do and smile while you are doing it.

Next Sunday is also our first Sunday to have an Expanded Children's Bible Time program available that will include students from age 9-13. In the past the cut-off age has been age 8. But based on what parents have been telling us, we think the expansion of the Children's Bible Time is at least worth a try.

There are other things coming. We'll keep you informed. But I want to assure you that this is not just about making the church bigger in number or justifying the addition of a second service later on in the year. This is about fulfilling a mission that Jesus gave his disciples and that carries forward to us. We know we can do a better job than we have in the past and if we do a better job, we will be changing the eternities of many people. That's what the lesson is about this morning. Steve Miller

Prayer Concerns

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 the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor
For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel
Al Graff new CT scans show cancer still growing. Starting new immunotherapy drug soon.
Steve Miller Immune system very low. Continuing chemotherapy.
Helen Creech suffering from two recent falls at her house.
Garnet Lindeman stable for now. Living at Nancy's house.
Henry Mason now at home, current treatments taking a toll on him, a lot of coughing.
and weight loss
Cathy Ramey recuperating at home from recent surgery. Has injured one of her knees. Scheduled for knee replacement surgery later in February.
Angela Eckhart (Bill Gammon's daughter) scheduled soon for removal/repair of small aneurysm in her brain.
Joe Graff (Alan's uncle) under hospice care for heart failure.
Martha Oberly now at OSU where she will continue treatment for her burns.
Terry Sullivan recuperating from broken knee cap received while working a few weeks ago.
Ruth Miller now at Heartland for rehab..
Saeed Abedini (Christian minister imprisoned and tortured in Iran for the past 3 years, who was released from his imprisonment this past week as part of a deal with the Iranian government.
Pauley Family in recent loss of 18 year old son in a sled/auto accident in Wheelersburg.
Sharon Hardin recuperating from shingles.

Rejoice!

On Wednesday evening after Bible Study **Shaun Young** confessed his faith and Christ and was baptized into Him. We welcome him to the body of Christ here at Sunshine. Be sure to give him the Sunshine welcome this morning. Shaun is the son of Jim and Terri Young.

EVENTS AT SUNSHINE

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

2/6	Father-Daughter Valentine Gala
2/8	Sweet Monday
2/19-21	Winterfest 2016
2/28-3/20	Sunday PM Home Groups
4/8-9	Empowered to Connect Conference
6/12-18	Teen Mission Trip
6/20-24	VBS for 2016

Singing Tonight

This evening at 6 pm all are invited to come and enjoy a time of singing before our evening Bible study.
See Nick Davis for details

Sweet Monday

February 8 in the Annex

Teen Mission Trip Meeting Today

Meeting this morning after services in the annex for those interested.

Sunday PM Home Groups

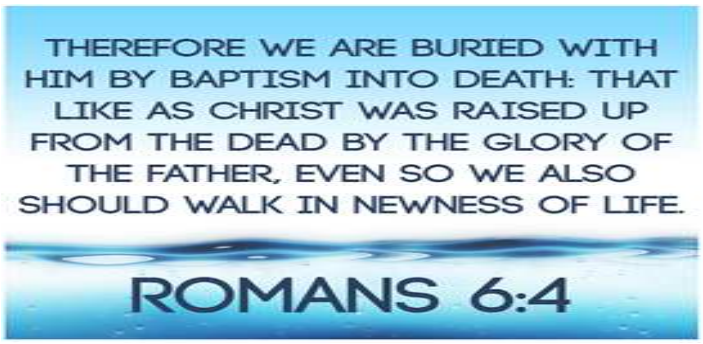
Needing about 10 homes to host the groups for four Sunday evenings, February 28-March 20. Pads laid out on the table in the foyer.

Registration for Winterfest Gatlinburg 2016

Now open for all Junior High, High School and College students. The dates are **February 19-21**. You can register by texting "WINTERFEST16" TO 7409359701 with your name, age and email address. For more information pick up a flyer on the table in the foyer, or contact Jamie Riley, Tim Gampp or Shaun McCray.

Additions at Siliguri

We have received a recent report and photographs from Siliguri indicating that four new people have been added to the body of Christ. We have some pictures of them to go along with the report, all posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Congratulations Kayla!

Kayla Coriell passed her phlebotomy certification last week and is now a certified phlebotomist.

Children's Bible Time Restructuring

Starting the first Sunday in February, CBT will be restructuring. The two year old class is going to join the younger class. The younger class will now be for 2-4 years old and will be in room # 1. The older class will be for 5-8 years old in room #3.

We are learning the 66 books of the Bible. Our mission is for every child to learn the 66 books by the time they graduate CBT.

We are also wanting to practice giving. Our CBT offering will go towards building a house for a family in Honduras.

Blessing Bag Items Needed

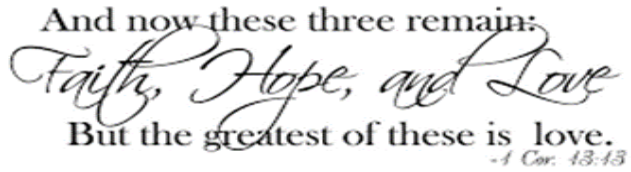
(***for men or women***)
-Toothbrush
-Toothpaste
-Dental Floss
-Deodorant
-Chapstick
-Lotion (small)
- 2 bottles trial size shampoo
- travel size band aids
- triple antibiotic ointment (Dollar Tree has this.)
-Roll of mints
-Hand warmers and/or foot warmers
- socks
-Small notebooks
-Tuna or chichen salad ON THE GO
snack packets (They include tuna or chicken,
crackers and mayo)
- Individually wrapped snack size cookies, Little Debbie Cakes, or sandwich crackers
- a card, note and/or Bible verse of encouragement

Blessing Bag Items for February 1-7

Roll of mints, Hand and Foot Warmers, Socks, Small Notebooks

Blessing Bag Items for February 14-21

-Tuna or chichen salad ON THE GO snack packets (They include tuna or chicken, crackers and mayo)
- Individually wrapped snack size cookies, Little Debbie Cakes, or sandwich crackers



New Picture Directory Update

We are now in phase 2 of the Picture Directory Update, which mostly involves up dating pictures. If you need to update or add or delete pictures or information, see Gary Glispie for specific instructions. Thanks for the cooperation given thus far.

Gala Is This Saturday Evening

This year is the 20th year that the Sunshine church has sponsored the Father Daughter Valentine Gala. Saturday, February 6, at 7 pm the Grand March will begin in the MHS Gymnasium. Tickets are still $5/person and are available at Praises and Minford Pharmacy. Delores Gampp will have a supply of tickets with her also. **There is a sheet laid out in the foyer for signing up to make cookies for the Gala**. Whatever job you did last year, plan on doing it again this year and let Mark Gampp know ASAP that you are covering that particular job.

Empowered To Connect Conference

Coming to Sunshine church of Christ. April 8-9, 10am - 6 pm. A two-day conference designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, churches, counsellors, social workers, therapists, and professionals better connect with "children from hard places" in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be.

The conference features Dr. Karyn Purvis, & is sponsored by Show Hope Ministries (associated with Steven Curtis Chapman) and endorsed by Focus on the Family. This event is NOT just for adoptive parenting, but will provide parenting techniques that can work with ANY child.

We will need YOUR help Sunshine to pull this off! Including people who would be willing to help provide childcare for parents attending the seminar, host families for adoptive families who need a place to stay for 1-2 nights (air mattresses or a couch is FINE! This is the most flexible group of people you will ever meet!), and meal/snack providers!

If you are interested, please meet in the annex for a short meeting to discuss ways you can get involved..... If you do not feel called to adopt/foster, but want to be a "cheer-leader" & supportive of this ministry- come on back to the meeting or contact Kim to pick a job you feel comfortable with.

Those Who Serve

Sun. Morning	1/31/2016	2/7/2016	2/14/2016
Welcome	Tom Kelley	Rich Book	Don Coriell
Reading	Shane Mougey	Mark Risner	Joel Shepherd
Midservice Prayer	Aaron McCray	Mark Gampp	Rich Book
Communion	Nick Davis	Gary Glispie	Alan Graff
Sermon	Steve Miller	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Sam Williams	Jacob Book	David Bradshaw
Sun. Evening	**1/31/2016**	**2/7/2016**	**2/14/2016**
Song Leader	Jacob Miller	David Deacon	Spike Ferrell
Reading	Tim Coriell	Caleb Miller	Johnny Beekman
Communion	Don Ramey	Dale Kuhn	Aaron Kallner
Assist	Dale Gampp	Tyler Meredith	Ed McLaughlin
Prayer	Dusty Henry	Price Gammon	Sam Williams
Wed. Evening	**2/3/2016**	**2/10/2016**	**2/17/2016**
Song Leader	Greg Shepherd	David Deacon	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Wesley Book	Johnny Beekman	Derek Miller

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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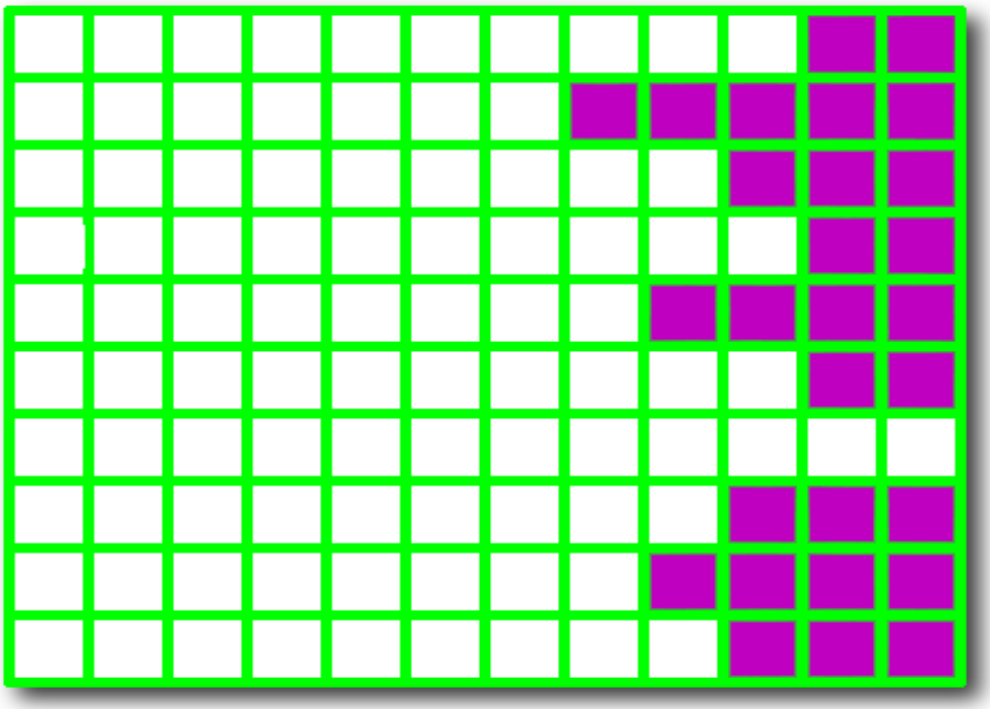
BIBLE ANAGRAMS

The titles of ten books of the Bible have been scrambled below. Sort the letters to reveal the names.

Mend our toy -
See Sign -
A Seen Ship -
Casino Loss -
Melon Hip -
Alien Voter -
A Last Mention -
Civil Suet -
I Jam Here -
Salt Again -



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