

# SUNSHINE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## **Strong and Courageous**

Have you ever heard some of those old hymns about crossing over to the Canaan land? They make it sound like the Promised Land is either heaven or heaven on earth. The lyrics are all about finally possessing peace and rest. Actually, that's not how the Bible tells it.

The book of Joshua describes the crossover into the promised land of Canaan, after forty years of wilderness wanderings by God's people. This was the land promised to Abraham's seed but even though the land was a gift, it would be hard won.

Three times in Joshua Chapter 1 God tells him to be "strong and courageous." He wants Joshua to convey that sentiment to the people. Why? Because they are about to enter into battle - not rest. In fact, even though it was a bummer wandering around in a desert so long, it was a relatively peaceful time with very little fighting.

All that was about to change. First there was Jericho to deal with followed by battle after battle. They didn't always win and then they had to fight another day. They had to press hard to remove the current inhabitants from their territory and most of them never fully possessed it all because they gave up or settled for co-habitation.

What a lesson to us! We have inherited all the promises of God in his Word but many will have to be hard won. As soon as we begin to claim one in particular it may set off a huge fight. The devil will not want to give up any territory to us which we are trying to possess. Determine to make him the loser in that battle.

Don't forget: **BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS "...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."** (Joshua 1:9)



## **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**

**Jim Young** (Terri Young's husband) declining.

**Ira and Marbeth Coriell** as they are scheduled to receive their new daughter, Addilyn Joy, tomorrow in China. They have had several delays in their flights due to mechanical problems with the airplanes and other issues. As of Friday, they were back on schedule with all their bags in their possession. Pray for God's continued blessing on this trip.

**Larry Stewart** (Patsy Graff's brother) admitted to SOMC this week with apparent kidney problems.

**Arlene Knore** (former member here at Sunshine now living in Paris, KY with son Don) is in poor condition and declining each day. Please pray for Arlene and her family

**Steve Miller** Immune system very low. Please keep distance if you have cold or flu. Prognosis is good.

**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

**Darlene Reed** (friend of Penny Ball) in serious condition in Adena in Chillicothe

**Cathy Ramey** awaiting surgeries on her knee planned for Jan and Feb

**Martha Oberly** now at OSU where she will continue treatment for her burns.

# EVENTS AT SUNSHINE



## **Looking Ahead at Sunshine**

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/3       | Birthday Celebration-Zelma Morgan |
| 1/15      | Bookmobile at Sunshine            |
| 2/21-3/13 | Sunday PM Home Groups             |
| 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.

## **Church Events Calendar**

In our church office we have a large calendar on the wall for church events. In order to help us in planning and organizing ourselves, we would like for all church events (whether they involve using our building or not) to be recorded on the calendar as soon as you know their date. If everyone works with the calendar things will run a little smoother for all of us. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **Tonight in Class**

We will be continuing our study of I Corinthians. We are covering I Corinthians 16.

## **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

Instead of meeting for Sweet Monday, on January 4, I would ask that anyone interested devote 1 hour to prayer for all of our adoptive families here at Sunshine. This is the date that Ira and Marybeth will meet their own Sweet Addilyn and I would like to cover them in prayer for this event. I would also ask that you write your prayer down (either on your own or on the pages in the foyer) so that we can bless their family with these prayers when they return. I encourage the whole family here at Sunshine to participate in this event.

## **Food for Ira and Marybeth**

We would like to prepare some meals for Ira and Marybeth for when they are home. We will start delivering meals on January 18-weeknights only. There is a calendar in the back if you want to participate. There are no special diet needs. Thanks!

## **Open House/Birthday Celebration**

**For Zelma (Schomberg) Morgan.** This Sunday at the Comfort Inn in Wheelersburg from 2-5 pm.

Zelma is a member at Lily Chapel and is known to many of the "old-timers" here at Sunshine. She will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. No gifts are expected. If you cannot make it to the celebration, please send a card to her home address: 114 Bussey Road, Wheelersburg, OH 45694



## **BLESSING BAGS**

The 3rd and 4th graders NEED YOUR HELP! We are putting together BLESSING BAGS for the homeless. We will collect items for a few weeks, assemble the bags and then make and serve dinner at the homeless shelter in P o r t s m o u t h . The bags are used for the people that live at the shelter temporarily and for the people that are living outside along the river and other places in town. The shelter keeps them on hand for when these folks request one.

Here is a list of all the items we plan to put in a bag in case you would rather get everything at one time. We will also have an ITEMS OF THE WEEK section in the bulletin so people can bring a few things at a time. A box will be provided in the foyer for donations. THANK YOU! If you have any questions, see Sharon Hallam.

### **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 chicken 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 January 3-10**

Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Dental Floss



He hath put a new song in my mouth, praise unto our God: many shall see, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. --Psalm 40:3

## **James Groups Continue into 2016**

Over the past year a group called the James Group has been meeting on Sunday nights or Wednesday nights during Bible class time. These are groups for men based on James 5:16 and the 12 Step Principles of AA. Over the next couple weeks we are relaunching the groups for 2016 and this is the perfect time for any new people to get into the groups. We are starting over in January with Step One of the Twelve Steps using a book called Twenty Four Hours a Day. It's a daily devotional based on the Twelve Steps and scripture. We work with the devotionals through the week and then take time on Wednesday or Sunday to talk about the devo in the group meeting that connects with us. The first few weeks you are invited to come in and see what is going on, You don't have to talk if you don't want to. But if you see the value of the group and want to be a part of one of them, we get you your own copy of the book (\$10) and you become part of one of the regular meetings. If you have any questions about the groups see Jon Coriell (Wednesday PM) or Jason Coriell (Sunday PM). The potential of these groups is beyond anything that we originally expected. I think it's worth your time to give these groups a try. Steve Miller.

## **New Picture Directory Update**

It is time to update the Picture Directory. In the lobby on the glass is the most current information we have. Please look over your information and make any changes needed right on the sheet or email the changes to Gary Glispie at [jrkryle@yahoo.com](mailto:jrkryle@yahoo.com). The information we would like to have for the Picture Directory are as follows:

- A current group photo of everyone living in your house (portrait not landscape)
- The head of the household's last name
- First name(s) of the adult(s)
- First name(s) of the child(ren) and last name if different than head of household
- Main phone number
- Address
- Cell phone number of any member that want that number to be published – anyone under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian permission
- Email address of any member that want that address to be published – anyone under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian permission

Other information that would be helpful for future publications are as follows:

- Maiden name of the married ladies – this is a fun thing the congregation can have to see who is related
- Married couples anniversary date
- Birthday of each (including children)
- Photo of each member individually

If you have any ideas that would make the picture directory better, contact Gary Glispie here at the building, phone: 740-776-4279, or email at [jrkryle@yahoo.com](mailto:jrkryle@yahoo.com).

# Those Who Serve

| Sun. Morning      | 1/3/2016     | 1/10/2016    | 1/17/2016      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Welcome           | Rich Book    | Don Coriell  | Jon Coriell    |
| Reading           | Tim Gamp     | Pete Kouns   | Jared McCray   |
| Midservice Prayer | Tom Kelley   | Shaun McCray | Spike Ferrell  |
| Communion         | Mark Risner  | Dewey Cordle | Gabe Coriell   |
| Sermon            | Steve Miller | Steve Miller | Steve Miller   |
| Closing Prayer    | Dale Kuhn    | Price Gammon | Wesley Book    |
| Sun. Evening      | 1/3/2016     | 1/10/2016    | 1/17/2016      |
| Song Leader       | Shawn Gragg  | Caleb Miller | Rich Book      |
| Reading           | Jordan Book  | Dusty Henry  | Steve Williams |
| Communion         | Mike Gamp    | Derek Miller | Dale Kuhn      |
| Assist            | Dale Gamp    | Ryan Coriell | Jay Coriell    |
| Prayer            | Sam Williams | Roger Cooper | Josh Coriell   |
| Wed. Evening      | 1/6/2016     | 1/13/2016    | 1/20/2016      |
| Song Leader       | Jacob Miller | Steve Miller | Zach Coriell   |
| Prayer            | Derek Miller | Don Ramey    | Mike Gamp      |

## 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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**Scriptogram**

A verse from Psalm 40 has been scrambled with a letter substitution code. Determine which letters have been swapped to reveal the scripture.

**ZG ZQXZ KEX Q YGP IMYV FY DS DMEXZ,**

**KLQFIG EYXM MEL VMT: DQYS IZQBB IGG,**

**QYT CGQL, QYT IZQBB XLEIX FY XZG BMLT**

**HINTS:**

**H=Z 'N=A**