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Wayne Gampp	820-3444
Tom Kelley	259-2258
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Gabe Coriell	820-8652
Jason Coriell	820-4739
Nick Davis	776-0191
Gary Glispie	776-4279
Shawn Gragg	820-5346
Dale Kuhn	820-4690
Aaron Kallner	285-0738
Aaron McCray	820-5678
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Eugene Risner	820-2256
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Believing in God or Not

I cannot remember a time when I didn't believe. And yet, I know many who have a hard time in believing. I know of many who don't believe. Some who attend church don't believe. It may be that something terrible has happened to shake a person's faith. It may be that they did not have faith to begin with. Whatever the reason I want to encourage you to believe!

No, it is not easy to live the Christian life. There are always those ups and downs. There are always those individuals who try to throw the proverbial wet blanket on us.

A good friend of mine recently shared the following. She has recently lost the love of her life after 40 years of marriage to a terrible crippling illness. She said, "When we taught high school Sunday School we had a student whose parents were missionaries in Zimbabwe. He talked about the total lawlessness in the streets and how the police stopped people, judged them and executed them in the streets; and how you could not witness anything or you'd be held for months and years in jail. Someone asked, "Didn't it just make you feel like there was no God?" He said "No. It made me completely believe in God. Because it was so clear that without God there was nothing. I was completely helpless. God was the only hope there was." It really is all a matter of perspective. The cup really is half empty or half full. I'll vote for half full every time."

And I like what a young cousin of mine wrote. "I am hanging in there. I am so glad God has the answers for everything because I sure feel clueless most of the time." Amen!

The real question is where else can you go for help and faith. In John 6:60-66, many of Jesus' disciples were questioning his words and said they were hard and many of his disciples left Him. I like what Peter said in John 6:68 when Jesus asked His apostles if they would leave, too. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Believing in God or not isn't an option for me. Like my cousin, I'm glad God has the answers!

-Keith Bellamy, 2011



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations

For our nation as we elect new leaders for our country

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti, and other places.

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

Alan Graff is still at OSU James Cancer Center. Continued prayers.

Garnet Lindeman holding her own.

Peggy Hollback able to be at church recently. Continue prayers for her.

Sandy Leftwich (friend of Serena in Cadillac, MI) who is now battling cancer.

Bill Gammon is home recuperating from heart by-pass surgery. Continued prayers.

Rhonda Conkey Working through therapy. Continued prayers.

Don Miller praise that he is home and recovery. Continued prayers.

Tammy Coriell recovering from recent surgeries. Results were no cancer!

Homer Magnet who is now battling cancer.

Cathy Ramey continued prayers.

Don Murphy (step-father of Tim Wheeler) extensive cancer surgery.

Gayle Kuhn (Dale Kuhn's Mother) is having health issues. Prayers for healing.

Judi Allison has been transferred to Riverside and recovering with some progress. Prayers for Chuck, healing, and upcoming decisions.

Regina Miller (mother of Kathy Forbes & Havens, grandmother of Jimmie Forbes) is having a pacemaker put in at Riverside Hospital on Nov. 21. Prayers.

David Kallner

Corey Crabtree (Nephew to Terese and cousin to Jordan Jones) in ICU in Hawaii. Liver failure with severe infection. Prayers for healing and his family.

Francis Scott (Chris Scott's Mother) is at SOMC and having heart failure. Prayers for healing.

Dave Deacon's sister at OSU. Prayers for healing.

Ethan Beekman

Ida Jennings (Jack Jennings's Mother) is at Best Car Nursing Home. Having a hard time. Really weak. Prayers.

Karen Griffith at OSU and going to get a defibrillator. Prayers for healing and the family.



12/20	Innermission Shopping Trip
12/21	Birthday Celebrations
12/25	Christmas

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

Live Streaming

Over the past couple months we've been testing out a live video stream of our service on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to attend regular service, you can still participate by going to the church's website, www.sunshine-church.org, clicking on the media menu and selecting "Sermon Videos".

Anonymous Prayer Request

Prayer Requests can be sent at any time but they'll only be reviewed on Sunday Morning. Please send any prayer request to the phone number: **22333** via text. In the message body, please first include the code: **94706** followed by your prayer request. After a few moments you'll receive a confirmation that your message has been received. If you are having difficulty, please ask one of the deacons or Jacob Miller for assistance.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

This coming year's Vacation Bible School will be June 19-23, 2017! We look forward to VBS every year and would love for you and your family to be able to join with us!

Pulpit Minister

The elders want all of you to know that we are going over about 12 resumes for the pulpit minister position. Please be in prayer with us that God will bless us with the right man and his wife. Jamie has accepted the position of Family Life Minister and will continue to oversee Campus Ministry as part of his ministry.

Birthday Celebration

This month's birthday celebration for all the birthdays in the month of December will be this Wednesday, December 21st right after the service. Please come celebrate with us! Snacks and refreshments will be provided to celebrate the birthdays! Happy Birthday to everyone who had a birthday in December!

Coats For Kids

We are still taking coats and donations for our service project of Coats For Kids! Please see Eugene Risner, Kristine Coriell, or Eric Miller for any questions or for donations. Cash donations just need to be in an envelope with "Coats For Kids" on it and for checks just put "Coats For Kids" in the memo. Thank you!

Addresses for College Students

We are wanting to provide the congregation with the names and addresses of our college students. College is a hard and fun time for the lives of our loved ones and we want to be able to encourage the students to keep the faith and hang in there. If you would like to place the name and address of a student where we, the body of believers, could send an encouragement card we would greatly appreciate it! A list will be created and hung out in the foyer on the bulletin. Sign ups for the students are in the foyer.

Innermission Christmas Shopping Trip

This year's Innermission Christmas shopping trip will be on Tuesday, December 20th. More details to follow. Please be praying for the college students as they prepare for their finals and going home to be with their families over Christmas break.

"Christmas Cave"

The "Christmas Cave" is a production celebrating Christmas with the purpose of educating everyone about the birth of Jesus. There are Christmas lights, music, and scenes surrounding the events of Jesus' birth. The event is FREE with a nominal \$2 parking fee and can be viewed as you walk at your own pace. Fridays & Saturdays 4-10 PM from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve at the White Gravel Mines (4007 White Gravel McDaniel Road).

I highly recommend this educational and faith-affirming community event to everyone. There is a need for volunteer "lifeguards" to keep an eye on the exhibits, but mostly just to talk and be friendly with visitors. If you're interested, please call (740) 776-0510 or email whitegravelmines@yahoo.com. More information is available on Facebook under the "White Gravel Mines" page. Thank you! Caleb Miller.



Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>12/18/2016</u>	<u>12/25/2016</u>	<u>1/1/2017</u>
Welcome	Rich Book	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Reading	Gabe Coriell	Jason Coriell	Rick Coriell
Midservice Prayer	Caleb Miller	Mark Risner	Johnny Beekman
Communion	Aaron McCray	Eric Miller	Eugene Risner
Sermon	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Closing Prayer	Wayne Gampp	Gary Glispie	Shawn Gragg
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>12/18/2016</u>	<u>12/25/2016</u>	<u>1/1/2017</u>
Song Leader	Greg Shepherd	Johnny Beekman	Rich Book
Reading	Don Coriell	Spike Ferrell	Troy Gahm
Communion	Price Gammon	Tom Kelley	Ryan Coriell
Assist	Jordan Book	James Hallam	Garris Coriell
Prayer	Josh Coriell	Mark Villinger	Dale Kuhn
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>12/21/2016</u>	<u>12/28/2016</u>	<u>1/4/2017</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Hoskins	David Deacon	Mark Gampp
Prayer	Jeff Vanatta	Sam Williams	Roger Cooper

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Early Worship - 8:15 am

Late Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

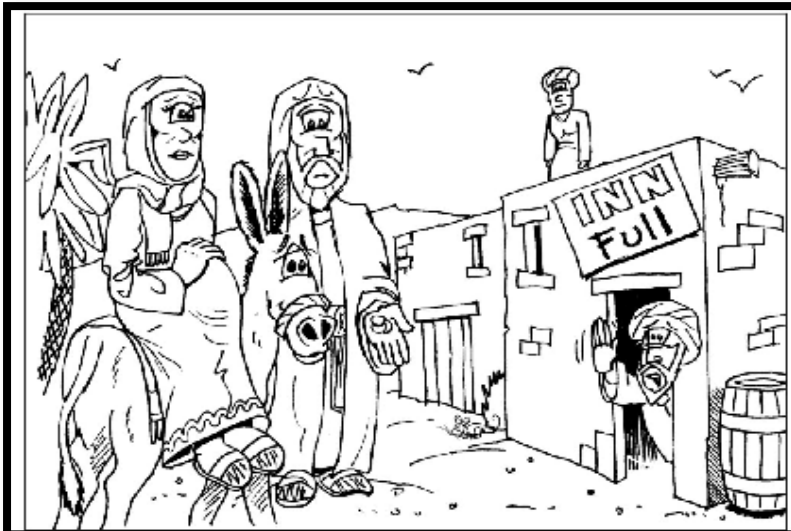
Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Can you spot the 10 differences in the these two pictures of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem?

Spot The Difference

Have a blessed week! :)