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Sunday, Sept. 18, 2017

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When Mt. St. Helens erupted in 1980, my dad believed it was punishment from God for the sins of America. He never quite told me what sins America had committed that would unleash the fury of God, though looking back on it I can imagine the sins. Twenty-five years later, when Katrina hit the gulf coast, I heard the same statements coming from multiple sources, only louder. This time, though, the storm came on the heels of 9-11, and numerous people connected the dots to the conclusion: God was punishing America for their sins. Recently, with the fires in the Northwest and hurricanes in Texas and Florida, the voice of doom has been heard again, "God is punishing America for her sins!"

Retributive Theology is the belief that when something bad happens, it's because of sin and the result is God's punishment. It's the kind of thinking being drawn from when people, like my father, associate the natural disasters with God's punishment. The belief is rooted in stories like the flood (Gen. 6), where God destroys the entire world because of the people's sin. Or when God uses Israel as punishment to evict the Canaanites from their homes because of their grave sins (Gen. 15:16).

The story of Job is a story rooted in Retributive Theology, and all the players were driven by the belief that God was punishing Job for the sins he committed. The difference between Job and his three friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) was that Job kept trying to defend his righteousness while his friends condemned him for his unrighteousness. Job might say, "I've done nothing to deserve this punishment from God" (see 6:24-29; 9:17-18; 13:15). His friends might counter with, "God only punishes the wicked, thus you've done something wrong" (see 4:7-10; 5:17; 8:2-6; 11:5-6, 10-11). The problem, of course, is that we know from the opening pages of Job's story that he's not being punished for wrongdoing, and that in the ending pages of Job he's not only exonerated, but his friends must beg his forgiveness for speaking out of turn, an important fact often ignored.

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## **Prayers For Sunshine Family**

**Judi Allison** is home and still recovering.

**Dick Book** (Rich's Dad) is having surgery next Sept. 20 to repair an aneurysm.

**David Bradshaw** has a bad tear in rotator cuff and will be having an upcoming surgery soon to repair his shoulder.

**Christian Coriell** has she recovers from having her tonsils out. 3 days on bed rest and 2 weeks light duty.

**Helen Creech** prayers for ongoing strength.

**Gene and Esther Crisp** has been moved to River Bend House: 900 Pirate Dr, Wheelersburg, OH 45694. Continued prayers. Loves visits. Room 123.

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

**Jerry Gampp** recovering at home.

**Wayne Gampp** has a new brace for wrist.

**Alan Graff** Chemo treatments have been discontinued. At home and is welcoming visitors.

**Merritt Hayward** recovering at home.

**Cheryl Lemon** is home now.

**Garnet Lindeman** is requesting prayers.

**Ruth Morris** was admitted to SOMC Sept. 13 for dehydration. Room 3424 SOMC.

**Ben Shumway** is home recovering.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Bonnie Grashel** (Kathy Gampp and Terry Grashel's Mother) has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Prayers for Bonnie.

**Jason Fleming** (David Bradshaw's cousin) passed away on Sept. 11 and the Bradshaws are in Johnson City, Tenn this weekend.

**Fred Miller**— diagnosed with cancer.

**Bill Robins** - diagnosed with cancer.

**Brice Veach** had knee surgery this past Tuesday.

## **Anonymous Prayers : Sunday, 9/10/17**

**Peggy Laprade** (friend of Meaghan Miller) prayers for cancer-free CT scan results this past week...**Mike Dixon** (Vanessa's Dad) he was sent to Florida to help...Pray for **Sarah Gilliland's sister** in Florida who is affected by the hurricane...**Tammy Whitt** had surgery to insert a feeding tube. Continued prayers as she is suffering with cancer...Prayers for **Ruth Lemon Lech and family**. She is in Baptist hospital's ICU in Lexington, KY.



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| 9/29       | Deep Love Marriage Enrichment Event |
| 9/29-10/1  | Youth Work Camp                     |
| 10/2       | Sweet Monday                        |
| 10/8       | Friends and Family Day              |
| 10/13      | Football Concession Stand           |
| 10/15-11/5 | Home Groups                         |
| 11/3-4     | Ladies Retreat                      |

## **Sunshine Church Service Info**

Anonymous Prayer Request Hotline:  
Text **94706** & your request to the phone  
# **22333**

Sunday Morning Live Streaming: <http://media.sunshine-church.com> or <http://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

## **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.

## **Gluten Free Communion Available**

We have gluten free communion available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You can simply pick it up before the services or on your way into the auditorium.

## **Elders Prayer Session**

The Elder's prayer session for this month will be September, 28th. If anyone has a prayer request, please see any of the Elders. Thank you.

## **Hurricane Harvey Contribution**

Last weeks total contribution to help hurricane Harvey totaled \$11,786. Thank you for all the donations.

## **Volunteer Needed**

We are looking for a volunteer teacher for the 4,5,Kindergarden class. This would be a rotation quarter position with one quarter on and one quarter off. If anyone is interested, please see Jason Coriell.

### **Football Concession Stand**

Sunshine will be working the Minford football concession stand on Friday, Oct. 13. and will be needing volunteers to help work. Keep your calendars free and come out for a night of service and fellowship. Thank you!

### **Youth Work Camp Donations**

The Youth Work Camp is looking for donations of pop, chips, snacks, cookies, and anything that kids can eat. Please put in the back foyer labeled for youth work camp. Thank you!

### **Deep Love Marriage Enrichment Event**

Mark your calendars for a marriage enrichment simulcast event that Sunshine is offering on Friday, September 29. More information to follow soon.



### **Home Groups**

Our fall homes will begin Oct. 15 and go through Nov. 5. We are still in need of host homes and if you are interested in hosting a home group, please sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

### **Friends and Family Day!**

We would like to invite the congregation to come out to Noble Family Farms for a cookout on October 8th. There will be a special sermon from Jon Partlow and we will be having tons of fun! Keep your calendars free for a fun filled day! More information to come.

### **Birthday Celebration**

September Birthdays will be celebrated following the evening service, Sunday, Sept. 24th. We'd like to celebrate with delicious homemade ice cream. If you're able to bring along your favorite frozen treat. Everyone is welcome!

### **Disaster Relief**

Sign up list is available for a team to go to National Disaster Relief in Nashville to fill boxes for hurricane relief. It is September 22-24 and you have to be 16 years or older. Only 15 spots available. See Time Gampp for more information.

### **Carpet Cleaning**

We will be having the carpet cleaned this Thursday, 9/21. We need help after Wednesday night service moving chairs. Thank you!

### **Sweet Monday Returns!**

We are kicking off a new year of Sweet Monday on October 2 in the annex. We will have special guest Cile Partlow sharing with us about making sour dough bread and spend some time in fellowship! Please plan to attend. We will begin at 7:00 pm and be done no later than 8:30. Hope to see many of our ladies at this event. This is also the deadline for turning in the blessing bags for the cancer center.

### **Blessing Bags for Cancer Center:**

October is cancer awareness month and one of our own survivors suggested that it would be a great idea to assemble blessing bags to be shared with ladies who have been diagnosed with this scary disease. There are 25 tote bags in the foyer along with cards to go with each one and a list of suggested items to fill the bags. If you would like to participate in this ministry please grab a bag, card, and list which had instructions. The deadline for turning these bags in will be October 2 at Sweet Monday--but they can be returned early by placing them in the office. If you would like to donate to this effort instead of shopping please see Heather Gragg.

### **Ladies Retreat**

The ladies retreat will be Nov. 3-4 at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. This year's theme will be Anchored In Christ! There will be speakers, food, fun, and activities. Hope to see you at the retreat. More info please see Mandi Coriell.

## **Family Bible Time**

### **Week 38:**

Sept. 17—Lesson 75 Joshua 7

Sept. 20—Lesson 76 Joshua 8

#### **Discussion Questions for Families:**

1. What was the reason God gave for the loss at Ai?
2. What was Achan's punishment for disobeying God at Jericho?
3. What was the method of attack on Ai the second time?

### **Week 39 Text:**

Joshua 9 & 10:1-27

# Those Who Serve

| <u>Sun. Morning</u> | <u>9/17/2017</u> | <u>9/24/2017</u>  | <u>10/1/2017</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Welcome             | Wayne Gampp      | Tom Kelley        | Shaun McCray     |
| Reading             | Roger Cooper     | Josh Coriell      | Rick Coriell     |
| Midservice Prayer   | Greg Shepherd    | Jeff Vanatta      | Shaun Young      |
| Communion           | Gary Glispie     | Shawn Gragg       | Dale Kuhn        |
| Sermon              | Jon Partlow      | Jon Partlow       | Jon Partlow      |
| Closing Prayer      | Tim Gampp        | Dusty Henry       | James Jacobs Sr. |
| <u>Sun. Evening</u> | <u>9/17/2017</u> | <u>9/24/2017</u>  | <u>10/1/2017</u> |
| Song Leader         | David Deacon     | Gregg Ferrell     | Spike Ferrell    |
| Reading             | Aaron McCray     | Derrick Mooneyham | Matthew Partlow  |
| Communion           | Don Ramey        | Shaun Young       | Johnny Beekman   |
| Assist              | Eli Cordle       | Ethan Beekman     | Jordan Book      |
| Prayer              | Garris Coriell   | Gabe Coriell      | Jason Coriell    |
| <u>Wed. Evening</u> | <u>9/20/2017</u> | <u>9/27/2017</u>  | <u>10/4/2017</u> |
| Song Leader         | Mark Gampp       | Shaun McCray      | Greg Shepherd    |
| Prayer              | Caleb Miller     | Derek Miller      | Shane Mougey     |

## 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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***Mercy*** from page 1...

Beyond the fact that we live in a fallen world where bad things naturally happen, two points are worth highlighting. First, God's answer to pain, suffering, sin, and rebellion is not fires and floods, but the cross. God's purpose for the cross was to redeem and save mankind, not to condemn us (Jn. 3:16). One could argue that if God is punishing people by way of flooding and fires, then God is devaluing the reason for sending his Son in the first place. I wouldn't want to take the attention off the cross, but we might want to try and figure-out how to keep the cross front and center to his message. With the cross central to our faith, we might find ourselves more compassionate with the victims of the disaster instead of more condemning.

Secondly, if God is punishing the people with fires and floods, then what is the appropriate response? When Jesus told the parable of the talents (Mt. 25:14-30), the man with the one talent held a conviction about his master (he reaped what he did not sow). The man's response did not line up with his conviction about his master. The master confronted him, "If you held those convictions, then instead of burying my money you should have invested it in the bank." He then called the servant lazy, and threw him out of his presence. If these disasters are punishment from God, then the response from the people is to repent. Those making the "punishment" claim should be the ones leading the charge in repentance by tearing their clothes, putting on sackcloth's and ashes, or in our society, by coming forward on Sunday to confess their roles in the sins of our nation. Unfortunately, what I'm seeing is a whole lot of self-righteous finger pointing, and very little repentance.

When the disciples saw a man born blind, they created a theological debate over the reason for man's blindness (Jn. 9:1-3). Jesus refused to enter the blame game, and instead looked for mercy and compassion, while seeking a means for God to bring healing. Maybe we ought to start doing the same.

***Soli Deo Gloria!***

Have a wonderful week :)!