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A few years ago, a speaker at a conference painted a picture of the church in modern day Jerusalem. He said that when the church comes together, the membership is drawn from the demographics in the region. Such can be said for many and probably most churches. You plant a church in a certain community, and that church is a cross section of that community (or at least it should be). So what do the members of a growing church in Jerusalem look like? He said, their membership is comprised of Christians whose backgrounds include Jews, Palestinians, Israeli's and Muslims.

I think it's hard for us to get our minds wrapped around a church comprised of so many different, if not volatile, backgrounds. We've bought into the American belief that the best way to grow a church is through minimizing differences and maximizing commonalities. White Christians have their white churches, while black Christians have theirs. Rich Christians have their churches, while poor churches have theirs. Christians to the "so-called right" have their churches, while Christians to the "so-called left" have theirs. Such a mindset is so pervasive, we cannot imagine another option for building churches.

A Peace of the Action



By Jon Partlow

The more I reflect on this church in Jerusalem, the more intrigued I am about the inner-workings of this church. What do they talk about? How do they manage separating their national heritage from their spiritual reality? We're looking at Christians whose national people have shed blood over a God-given land, and over a city where his Name resides. In a region so divisive, holding peace together by a thread, how does that church not tear itself apart? Surely, individual members want a piece of the action!

See **Peace** on the back page...



Prayers For Sunshine Family

Judi Allison is in Pleasant Hill Manor room E40.

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

Christian Coriell recovery from tonsillectomy and is on light duty.

Kendra Cram is home recovering. Her biopsy came back negative.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene and Esther Crisp back at Riverbend 123.

Jerry Gampp Jerry and Kathy would like to thank everyone for the cards and visitation during Jerry's recovery.

John Gampp fell and had partial hip replacement surgery this past week. Undergoing physical therapy.

Alan Graff At home under hospice care and is welcoming visitors.

Merritt Hayward recovering at home.

Cheryl Lemon is home now.

Garnet Lindeman is requesting prayers.

Ruth Morris foot is swollen. Having tests and screening done.

Ben Shumway is home recovering.

Prayer Requests

Lois Book is home.

Weldonna Evans having breathing issues.

Bonnie Grashel (Kathy Gampp and Terry Grashel's Mother) really appreciates the encouragement cards and continue to keep her in your prayers.

Brice Veach recovering from knee surgery.

Elmo Kallner (Tom's brother) recovering from retinal detachment surgery.



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
12/3	Christmas Program

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.

Card for Church of Christ in Tennessee

We are sending a card to Burnett Chapel in Antioch Tennessee to express our thoughts and prayers from the recent shooting in their church. Please take time to sign the card in the foyer.

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!

Home Groups

Our fall homes will begin Oct. 15 and go through Nov. 5. Sign-up sheets for Home Groups are in the foyer.

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.

Volunteer Needed

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

Clothes Needed

Dee Bradshaw is taking up clothes for two boys who has been removed from their home and are in need of some clothes. Sizes 3T and 18 months. Thank you!

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.

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.

Family Bible Time

Week 40:

Oct. 1—Lesson 79 Joshua 10:28-12:24

Oct. 4—Lesson 80 Joshua 13-19

Discussion Questions for Families:

- 1.What did God do to the natives of the promised land so they would fight the Israelites?
2. Which tribe only received cities and not a land inheritance?
3. Why were Caleb and Joshua given special land inheritances?

Week 41 Text:

Joshua 20-21, Joshua 22



Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>10/1/2017</u>	<u>10/8/2017</u>	<u>10/15/2017</u>
Welcome	Shaun McCray	Rich Book	Don Coriell
Reading	Rick Coriell	Tim Coriell	Zach Coriell
Midservice Prayer	Shaun Young	Mark Gampp	Dusty Henry
Communion	Dale Kuhn	Aaron Kallner	Eric Miller
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	James Jacobs Sr.	Eric Meredith	Caleb Miller
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>10/1/2017</u>	<u>10/8/2017</u>	<u>10/15/2017</u>
Song Leader	Spike Ferrell	Wayne Gampp	Shawn Gragg
Reading	Matthew Partlow	Don Ramey	Greg Shepherd
Communion	Johnny Beekman	Jacob Book	David Bradshaw
Assist	Jordan Book	Alex Coriell	Adam Cordle
Prayer	Jason Coriell	Jon Coriell	Josh Coriell
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>10/4/2017</u>	<u>10/11/2017</u>	<u>10/18/2017</u>
Song Leader	Greg Shepherd	Matthew Partlow	Rich Book
Prayer	Shane Mougey	Mark Risner	Jeff Vanatta

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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Peace from the front page...

In the final chapter of Romans, Paul issues greetings to almost thirty individuals (more so if you count the households and house churches). Scholars will tell you that the list of names include Jews and Gentiles, slaves and freedmen, men and women. The core problem in Rome was primarily the Jewish Christian and Gentile Christian trying to come together as one. In an over simplified illustration, when they came together to eat, were they serving ham sandwiches or kosher fish sticks? So as Paul was encouraging the church to apply his rich theology of the previous chapters, he tells them to "greet one another." More so, the commonality for their greeting was not their Jewish or Gentile heritage, but in the One who saved them. Four times he tells them that their relationship is rooted in Jesus Christ (Rom. 16:3,7,9, 10), while five times he says it's rooted in the Lord (Rom. 16:8,11,12a,12b,13). What brings Christians together is beyond one's ideology, but is found in our relationship to the Risen Savior. He's the common point of reference.

Beyond Christ, everything of importance becomes a reason to divide, and it fuels our passions to have a piece of the action. Fans defend their sports teams, and even turn a blind eye to the unscrupulous conduct of the players, coaches and schools/ownerships. Christians mark off denomination territories to defend their doctrinal positions, at the expense of justice, mercy, and humility. Citizens take their personal political views to draw a line in the sand daring someone to cross or to hold an opposing viewpoint. And when sports, religion and politics converge, it's always combustible. We've witnessed this as if we're sitting in box seats: instead of seeking peace, everyone wants a piece of the action.

So how do you counsel members of the church in Jerusalem, whose background includes such divisive political perspectives, and where unity is frail? Do you tell them to stand their ground? Do you help fuel the fires of division, or help bridge the gap by seeking the one commonality they can hold on to? After offering your counsel to them, what advice do you bring back home? Do you really want a piece of the action, or a peace in the midst of the action?

Soli Deo Gloria!

Have a wonderful week :~)!