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The Church is a beacon of light and hope to the community, and even to the world. For two thousand years the Church has built hospitals to heal the sick. They've built orphanages and provided adoption agencies to give children a home off the streets. They've dug wells in third world countries, and sent doctors overseas where medicine cannot be found. They've worked with people to break their addictive behaviors. They've provided counseling for troubled people and couples. They've comforted families during times of painful death, and celebrated with families during times of joyful birth. They've provided the foundation for education and have been prolific in publications.

They've been a part of changing people's lives. More importantly, they've provided the framework for a community to connect with God.

If the Church's accomplishment is a banner flying high, then the Church's failure is the black eye, exposed for all to see. We're not speaking of missteps,

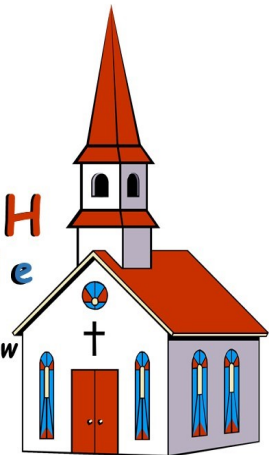
where the Church fails to show compassion, or fails to close the back door and members are lost. We're talking about systemic failure that has tarnished the Church, both locally and world-wide.

Three words come together that may stand at the root of the Church's darker side: Power, Politics, and Protection.

- Power is the ability to manipulate or control the direction of the Church, or its membership. Leadership uses their power to force people in line (Mk. 10:42) instead of serving them. They will resort to intimidate, threaten, and verbally assault people to comply with their wishes. Being right is more important than doing right. Members exercise their power through attendance and contribution. The fact is money talks, and congregations need people in the pews and a means to finance ministries. Members resort to manipulation in order to achieve their own personal agenda.

C H U R C H
A Darker Side

By Jon Partlow



See **Darker Side** 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.

Roger Cooper had successful heart ablation last Thursday and is home resting.

Christian Coriell recovering 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.

John Gampp was scheduled to be home yesterday.

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.

Jared McCray undergoing concussion rehab.

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

Ben Shumway is home recovering.

Prayer Requests

Weldonna Evans (Dee Bradshaw's Mother) is at SOMC in room ICU 2001.

Bonnie Grashel (Kathy Gampp and Terry Grashel's Mother) really appreciates the encouragement cards and continue to keep her in your prayers. Hospice Inpatient Unit room 8.

Brice Veach recovering from knee surgery.

Tim Arms (Kathy Glispie's co-worker's husband) is having major health issues that are causing him severe pain.

Anonymous Prayers :Previous Sundays

Hayes Rase has a bad case of bronchitis. **Mike Williams and family** from Rome Church of Christ. He is having serious medical issues and risky surgeries involving his spinal cord. **Kyle Rase** has kidney stones.



10/22

10/15-11/5

11/3-4

11/5

12/3

Friends and Family Day

Home Groups

Ladies Retreat

Fall Back

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.



Home Groups

Our fall homes groups begins tonight, Oct. 15 and go through Nov. 5.

Friends and Family Day is Next SUNDAY!!

We invite the congregation to come out to Noble Family Farms for a cookout after services on Sunday, October 22.

Ladies Retreat : Anchored In Christ

There is a sign up sheet on the back table in the foyer/back room for the ladies retreat that is Nov. 3-4 at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. The cost for the retreat is \$40 for both days and \$25 for just Saturday. Registration will begin on Friday, Nov. 3rd starting at 6:00 pm at the camp. The retreat will end Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm. This weekend will be filled with many fun activities such as painting with Beth Everett, yoga with Katie Jones, and with special guest speakers Cile Partlow and Joann Miller. Also, we will be having a fun table decorating contest and have sign up sheets in the back for teams of 2-3. Deadline to sign up for the retreat is Oct. 29th. We would like to encourage you and your friends to join us for a wonderful weekend! See you at the Ladies Retreat!

Spiritfest Sign-up Sheet

There is a sign –up sheet in the foyer for teens who are planning to go to Spiritfest this year. Spiritfest is Nov. 17-19 and the registration fee is \$50. More info to come as the event gets closer.

Children's Bible Time New Classes

Starting today, Sunday Oct. 15, Children's Bible Time will be adding a class. The new age divisions will be:

- 2 to 3 years old-same classroom
- 4 to 5 years old– see signs on doors
- 6 to 8 year olds– see signs on doors

We hope these new divisions will help with class numbers!

Thank you!

Real Love 5K

The 2nd annual Real Love 5K will be on Nov. 11, beginning at 11AM. Registration begins at 9:30AM. You can register before for \$20 and get a T-shirt or register the day of the race for \$25 plus get a shirt too. There are registrations in the foyer! All proceeds go to Breaking Chains Ministry in Honduras. See you all on race day! More info see Terese Jones.

October's Birthdays Celebration

October birthdays will be celebrated following this Wednesday's evening service, Oct. 18th. Everyone welcome!



Family Bible Time

Week 42:

Oct. 15—Lesson 83 Joshua 23
Oct. 18—Lesson 84 Joshua 24

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. Under what conditions would the Israelites lose their land inheritance?
2. What was the purpose of the stone that Joshua set up at Shechem?

Week 43 Text:

Review & John 11:55-57, 12:1-11

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>10/15/2017</u>	<u>10/22/2017</u>	<u>10/29/2017</u>
Welcome	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp
Reading	Zach Coriell	David Deacon	Spike Ferrell
Midservice Prayer	Dusty Henry	Matthew Hoskins	James Jacobs Sr.
Communion	Eric Miller	Eugene Risner	Mark Risner
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Caleb Miller	Shane Mougey	Greg Shepherd
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>10/15/2017</u>	<u>10/22/2017</u>	<u>10/29/2017</u>
Song Leader	Shawn Gragg	Aaron McCray	Shaun McCray
Reading	Greg Shepherd	Sam Williams	Ethan Beekman
Communion	David Bradshaw	Garris Coriell	Ira Coriell
Assist	Adam Cordle	Jay Coriell	Jordan Book
Prayer	Josh Coriell	Troy Gahm	Price Gammon
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>10/18/2017</u>	<u>10/25/2017</u>	<u>11/1/2017</u>
Song Leader	Rich Book	Jon Coriell	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Jeff Vanatta	Shaun Young	Greg Ferrell

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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Darker Side from the front page...

- Politics skews right and wrong, and justice is lost. Politics involve the abuse of power through key individuals. Maybe they have money. Maybe they have influence. The result is that certain subjects are not addressed, and certain individuals are never confronted. Too many preachers have been forced to sell out their own integrity for fear of offending the wrong members of a church; truth has often been sacrificed for position.
- Protection is a Biblical mandate, but only in regard to the weak and vulnerable (Jam. 1:27). However, when certain members, because of money, position or family connections, commit indiscretions that are covered up, then protection is flipped on its heels. For years the Catholic Church protected priests who abused boys in their diocese. The abuse fractured the Church, but the cover-up sent shockwaves beyond the Church.

In an era when Church's reputation has been tarnished, when Churches are viewed as irrelevant, and when the good the Church has accomplished has been outweighed by the bad it has done, the Church needs to be proactive in securing its own integrity. John tells us that "light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (1:5). Light needs to continually shine in and on the church in order to prevent the dark side of the church to overcome the light.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Have a wonderful week :)