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When my daughter was in Middle-School, her two best friends began attending church with her. Eventually, their parents started attending as well; we became good friends. As parents go we talk about stuff, and it's usually stuff about parenting. Since the three girls were the oldest children, we parents were venturing virgin territory on how to raise girls, and were often disoriented in our journey.

One conversation revolved around the drama caused by texting and cell phones. It seemed like every day the girls were coming home from school, up in arms about the day's events, and continued into the evening. Both of our friends were lamenting the use of cell phones and longing for some normalcy in life. They looked at Cile and me, asking if we had similar problems. We both shook our heads and said, "Taylor doesn't have a cell phone."

When I was a teenager, most homes had one line to the house, even if the home had multiple phones. The phones were rotary dial and without "Caller I.D." or "Call-Waiting." We were limited to five minutes on the phone because dad and mom might have an important phone call. Whatever drama emerged

at school began to dissipate at 3:00 when school ended. Some of us went to practice, many of us went home. Coaches never tolerated drama to leave the locker room, and most parents never wanted the drama to reach home. By the next morning, the landscape was clearer from the previous afternoon because no means existed for the drama to sustain itself. Thus, much of the teenage drama found a way to be contained.

We live in an era of drama. We tend to feed off of commotion. The pot continues to get stirred, and sometimes it seems like we enjoy a stirred pot, followed by a potluck where we feed on the frenzy.

Something happened on the road between the 20th and 21st Century as we're fast approaching the 2020's. One possible influence on our behavior began with the 24 hour news cycle. We gravitated toward breaking and developing news stories to keep us informed. We applauded how stories could be reported with more depth, and systematic dialogue to debate polar issues. We're more informed, so we thought. So the Persian Gulf War of the early 90's was covered by CNN from morning to night. We sat on the edge of our seats while the Columbine incident unfolded before our eyes. We fed off the news media's meal they served us.

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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.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene and Esther Crisp back at Riverbend 123.

John Gampp is home and recovering.

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

Bonnie Grashel (Kathy Gampp and Terry Grashel's Mother) continued prayers for comfort.

Jeff Hayward had successful hip resurfacing surgery and is recovering. Was scheduled to be home yesterday, Sat. 28th.

Merritt Hayward recovering at home.

Cheryl Lemon is home now.

Garnet Lindeman is requesting prayers.

Ruth Miller was in SOMC earlier this week, is back at Elbrooke now.

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

Ben Shumway is home recovering.

Prayer Requests

Brice Veach recovering from knee surgery.

Ralph Wilson enlarged valve causing a delay in a major foot surgery that is needed.

Anonymous Prayer Requests

Kensley McCray that her lungs will stay healthy over the winter months to stay out of the hospital. **Jeff Hayward** has hip resurfacing surgery Friday in Cincinnati. **Devon Parker** as her pregnancy is high risk .



11/3-4

Ladies Retreat

11/5

Fall Back!!

11/11

Real Love 5K

11/12

Play Practice 5:30pm

11/17-11/19

Spiritfest

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.

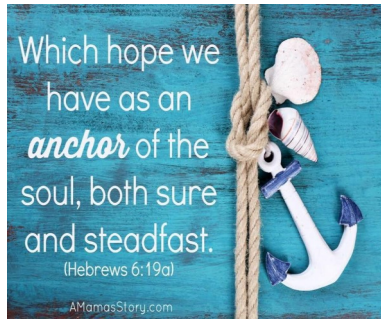
Gluten Free Communion Available

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.



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 and bingo (please bring a bingo prize), 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. Please make payment to Ellen or Mandi. We would like to encourage you and your friends to join us for a wonderful weekend! See you at the Ladies Retreat!



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.



Singing Announcement

On Nov. 9th at 5:00 pm we are going to sing at the homes of Al and Patsy's, Ruth Miller's, and Chuck and Judi's. Anyone who would like to join please be at the church at 5:00 pm. We will be singing and visiting for about 30 minutes at each house then going out to dinner.

Home Group Leaders

Please record your attendance numbers on the list on the bulletin in the foyer. You are welcomed to call the office or text Brittyn on Monday and she will record it.

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.

Christmas Program Schedule

Today

During the 10am worship, we need 4th-12th students please meet in the annex for a meeting about the upcoming production of the Christmas play. Parents please encourage you children to attend.

Sunday, Nov. 12:

Play practice starts at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 19th:

Play practice at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 26th:

Dress rehearsal at 5:00 pm.



Family Bible Time

Week 44:

Oct. 29—Lesson 87 Mark 11:1-14

Nov. 1—Lesson 88 Mark 11:15-33

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. Jesus said the Kingdom of God would be taken away from _____ and given to _____.
2. Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?

Week 45 Text:

Matthew 23 & Mark 12:41-44, John 12:20-5

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>10/29/2017</u>	<u>11/5/2017</u>	<u>11/12/2017</u>
Welcome	Wayne Gampp	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray
Reading	Spike Ferrell	Jason Foster	Troy Gahm
Midservice Prayer	James Jacobs Sr.	Aaron Kallner	Jared McCray
Communion	Mark Risner	Dewey Cordle	Gabe Coriell
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Greg Shepherd	Jeff Vanatta	Shaun Young
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>10/29/2017</u>	<u>11/5/2017</u>	<u>11/12/2017</u>
Song Leader			Johnny Beekman
Reading			Jacob Miller
Communion	Home Groups	Home Groups	David Bradshaw
Assist			Jacob Book
Prayer			Jason Coriell
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>11/1/2017</u>	<u>11/8/2017</u>	<u>11/15/2017</u>
Song Leader	Zach Coriell	David Deacon	Shawn Gragg
Prayer	Greg Ferrell	Dale Kuhn	Rich Book

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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The 24 hour news cycle brings its own problems. For one, is there really enough news to report over one full day? Cable stations must fill the space with something, so if there wasn't enough news what might fill it? Also, the speed to report the news take precedent over the content: quantity is often chosen over quality. Because of viewership, it's more important to report any news, even if it's wrong or lacking sufficient information, than to wait on a story to get the details right. The problem with the 24 hour news cycle is beyond its agenda. Regardless if the news is FOX or CNN, the real problem is failure for any time to process and reflect on the stories being fed us. A lack of contemplation is missing in today's news.

Isn't that the same problem present with the chaotic drama? Social media has made it impossible for chaos to turn to calm. Social media keeps the conflict stirred up, and as long as it's stirred up, no chance exists for it to dissipate. Certainly, as long as the drama continues, no room is present for self-reflection. Isn't that what the Psalmist is trying to get us to do? For while God is a place of refuge in the midst of the danger (Ps. 46:1), we are to "be still, and know that I am God" (v. 10). In the stillness can we know God's presence. God calls us to quiet contemplation (Ps. 1:2), particularly in the Word.

Not long after the conversation with the two other parents, they came back to us and said that the drama had greatly decreased in their homes. They had decided that when their daughters came home from school, they relinquished their phones. No longer fed by the drama, peace had been restored.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Have a wonderful week :)