

# Sunshine Church Of Christ

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Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017

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World War I may have been the deadliest and bloodiest war every fought. The Battle of Somme was a near six month standoff, where one million soldiers were wounded or killed in the conflict. The death toll for this war was exasperated by the modern technology of tanks, artillery and a step into the foray of using air-planes. Trench Warfare was coined during this time as many of the soldiers were infected by disease during the cold, wet fall and winter months.

Yet, at the beginning of the war a remarkable story emerged. Christmas Eve 1914, an unofficial truce and ceasefire took place along the front. German, French and British soldiers, who had been fighting each other, stepped into "no man's land," and greeted each other. They shared ale, exchanged gifts, sang Christmas songs together, and even played football (i.e. soccer) games.

Unfortunately, the truce was unsustainable. The fighting broke out again and the War dragged on for three more years. But on Christmas Eve 1914, the fighting stopped, and the enemies met on the battlefield as friends. There a light of hope, flickering in the darkness, shined brightly. What changed the hearts of men?

*WHEN A TINY FLAME  
PENETRATES  
THE DARKNESS*

By Jon Partlow

December 25. Historically, people view this day as Christ's birth. The day a small light began shining in a dark, dark world. No, I'm not saying December 25 is Jesus' birthday. What I am saying is that at least two of the four gospels celebrate the birth of Jesus. And beginning with his birth, and through his life, he brought light to a world cloaked with darkness. And every now and then, we encounter a group of people who try to carry on that legacy of shining his light in a dark world.

My mother used to make hospital gowns for the maternity ward in a hospital in Africa. She took men's shirts and sewed up the front and cut the sleeves off. The extra material from the sleeves was used to make a matching dress for the baby. The mother and child then had a new outfit to wear when they were discharged.

A church I used to preach for offers a turkey, potatoes, peas, rolls and desserts on the day of Thanksgiving. They feed 250 people in their community including the inmates at the local jail. Inmates along with the guards look forward to the dinner, as the inmates say it's the best meal they have all year.

Highland Church in Memphis offers a school store every summer where children and parents come and gather all the school supplies they'll need for the year, free of charge.

***Darkness continued on page 3...***



## **Prayers For Sunshine Family**

**Judi Allison** is in Pleasant Hill Manor room E40.

**David Bradshaw** is having surgery on his finger Tuesday...and still has a bad shoulder tear.

**Rick Coriell** was kicked by a cow this past Wednesday evening and damaged his leg.

**Helen Creech** prayers for ongoing strength.

**Gene and Esther Crisp** at Riverbend 123.

**John Gampp** is home and recovering.

**Russell Gilliland** heart valve surgery scheduled for Dec. 14.

**Ike Hardin** living at Edgewood Manner. (Sharon and Ronnie as they care for him.)

**Brenda Kallner** recovering from wrist surgery.

**Garnet Lindeman** is requesting prayers.

**Ruth Miller** she is back at Elmbrooke.

**Ruth Morris** is in Best Care for rehabilitation until mid December.

**Tyler Meredith** location for his mission work teams.

**Jamie Riley** is having eye surgery on the 14th.

**Terri Young** regulating her medication and not feeling well.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Lia Coriell** Ira and Shelby are scheduled to go to China in the middle of January. Prayers for adoption process to go smoothly.



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| 12/3  | Christmas Program    |
| 12/4  | Sweet Monday         |
| 12/31 | New Year's Eve Party |

## **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.

## **Coats For Kids**

It's time for donations for winter coats and hats and White Christmas for local school kids. Please give donations to Kristine Coriell, Laryssa Grashel, or Eugene Risner. Thank you!

## **Elders Meeting Together**

**December 2017**

Meeting:

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:00PM

Praying:

Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7:30PM

## **Christmas Program Is Tonight!**

### **Sunday, Dec. 3rd:**

5:00 pm Dress rehearsal

6:30 pm Performance

Questions—call Pam Coriell  
(740) 961-2137

### **Update Personal Information**

Please give the office a call to update personal information in regards to address, phone, birthdays and anniversaries.

### **December Sweet Monday**

It's a Christmas Tea and a Housewarming Party! December 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the annex, we will be having our Sweet Celebration for the Christmas season! We will enjoy a light meal of soup and salad and some Christmas treats! There will also be a gingerbread house decorating contest--house kits provided! We will also be having a housewarming party for our own Sweet Holly Hayward--wish list on the back bulletin board. There's also a sign-up sheet for soups, salad, and treats! Please plan to join us for this year's Christmas Ladies' Fellowship, and like other years--any of our young ladies are welcome to attend with their Sweet Mom! Any questions see Heather Gragg or Julie Miller.



### **Sunshine Going Christmas Caroling**

Sunshine will be going Christmas caroling at nursing homes on December 10 between church services. We will be staying after morning services to make Christmas cards and fill goodie bags. Upon completion we will travel to the nursing homes where we will hand out goodie bags and cards to the residents, we will also be caroling. In advance, please make and bring cookies to give to the residents (there will be a cookie sign up sheet in the foyer). We will order pizzas and have lunch together at the church. If you have any questions please see Tim.

### **Please Note**

Please note that Jon Partlow's number has been changed to (740) 716-8741.

## ***Darkness from front page...***

One couple I know built an encouragement card ministry for people who were battling an illness. When the church bulletin arrived at their home, they pulled out their box of cards and began addressing them to those listed for prayers.

None of these moments has the force of stopping a war like the truce of 1914. But all of these demonstrate someone or a church stepping into a darkened world with the light of Jesus Christ. Like the hymn said, "you in your small corner, and I in mine." And to think that it all started when a baby was born in Bethlehem.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*



## **Family Bible Time**

### **Week 49:**

Dec. 3—Lesson 97 Luke 22:24-30, John 13:1-20

Dec. 6—Lesson 98 John 13:21-38, Mark 14:22-25

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. Who did Jesus tell the apostles was greater?
2. How did Jesus tell the apostles in the upper room that people would know they were His disciples?

### **Week 50 Text:**

John 14 and 15

# Those Who Serve

| <u>Sun. Morning</u> | <u>12/3/2017</u> | <u>12/10/2017</u> | <u>12/17/2017</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Welcome             | Jon Coriell      | Wayne Gampp       | Tom Kelley        |
| Reading             | Dusty Henry      | Matthew Hoskins   | James Jacobs Sr.  |
| Midservice Prayer   | Shane Mougey     | Mark Risner       | Jeff Vanatta      |
| Communion           | Shawn Gragg      | Dake Kuhn         | Aaron Kallner     |
| Sermon              | Jon Partlow      | Jon Partlow       | Jon Partlow       |
| Closing Prayer      | Dale Kuhn        | Jared McCray      | Shaun McCray      |
| <u>Sun. Evening</u> | <u>12/3/2017</u> | <u>12/10/2017</u> | <u>12/17/2017</u> |
| Song Leader         |                  | Caleb Miller      | Johnny Beekman    |
| Reading             | Christmas        | Greg Shepherd     | Joel Shepherd     |
| Communion           | Is               | Price Gammon      | Mark Gampp        |
| Assist              | Cancelled        | Matthew Risner    | Eli Cordle        |
| Prayer              | Program          | Jacob Miller      | Sam Williams      |
| <u>Wed. Evening</u> | <u>12/6/2017</u> | <u>12/13/2017</u> | <u>12/20/2017</u> |
| Song Leader         | Shaun McCray     | Matthew Partlow   | David Bradshaw    |
| Prayer              | Wayne Gampp      | David Deacon      | 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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# Christmas Program Word Search

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Heaven  
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Bethlehem  
Myrrh  
King  
Angels  
Hallelujah  
Mary  
Shepherds  
Gold  
Stable  
Star  
Glory

