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John's ministry was located in the wilderness of Judea, near the Jordan River. His message called people to repentance, and no matter who stood before him, his message never wavered. To those who believed their religious/political heritage was going to save them, he called for them to produce good works of generosity (Lk. 3:9). To the tax collectors, he told them to curb their greed (Lk. 3:13). To the soldiers, he told them not to falsely accuse people, and to be content with their pay (Lk. 3:14).

But some believed John overstepped his boundaries; he switched from "preaching" to "meddling." In his passion for righteousness, he rebuked Herod for the evil he had done, including, but not limited to, stealing his brother's wife, Herodias (Lk. 3:19). Such an indictment stirred the waters of political unrest, giving Herod's enemies a means to stand against the king (according to Mark 3:6 he had his supporters). At best, a seed of discontent was planted, fueling responses to the "Complaint Department." At worst, John was stirring political unrest which could fuel civil unrest, riots and embolden a foreign power into an aggressive position. Beyond right or wrong, John's voice needed to be silenced. For that, he found himself locked up in Herod's prison (Lk. 3:20).

**RECLAIMING
the
VOICE
in the Wilderness**
by Jon Partlow

We applaud John because he was willing to stand against the tide of political pressure for what was right. And while he was removed from his wilderness "pulpit," and eventually executed by Herod, he never lost his Wilderness Voice. Other prophets failed where John succeeded.

In 2002 Billy Graham's voice was heard on a 1972 recorded tape in tandem with President Richard Nixon as the President made disparaging remarks concerning the Jewish people of America. How could a man of God, who preached repentance to thousands of people all over the world, who also embraced desegregation and refused to hold segregated revivals during the 1950's, be complicit to such racist comments? I'm not sure of the answer, except that when God's man gets joined to the hip of political aspirations, the result is often a selling out of integrity (followed by a diluted prophetic message). The arena Billy Graham operated in is power addictive, so that the position he holds becomes more important than the message he preaches. Where Billy Graham should have questioned the President, he found himself complicit in racism.

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Prayers For Sunshine Family

Judi Allison is at Elbrooke room #535 and would love to have visitors.

Clyde Ball back pain better.

David Bradshaw recovering from shoulder surgery.

Vanessa Coriell struggling with PTSD.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene and Esther Crisp Riverbend 123.

Greg Ferrell has been diagnosed as a diabetic.

Brittany Gampp recovering from back surgery.

John Gampp saw a doctor in Columbus and waiting on results.

Russell Gilliland is home.

Ike Hardin living at Edgewood Manner.

Ronnie Hardin sciatic nerve pain and seeing a doctor in Columbus.

Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns.

Kensley McCray recovering from pneumonia.

Norm McGinnis is seeing a back surgeon on Jan. 29.

Ruth Morris is home.

Hattie Rase recovering from pneumonia.

Prayer Requests

Lia Coriell Ira and Shelby returns home from China on Jan. 29 with Lia. Prayers for safe travels.

Ida Partlow (Jon Partlow's Mother) blockage in her bowels.

Betty Rase (June's Mother) is home.

Holly Thompson (Jeff Lindman's friend) lung and liver cancer.



2/16-18 Winterfest
2/17 Father-Daughter Gala
2/23-24 4th - 6th Girls 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.

Wonderful News!

Chris McCleese was baptized Sunday morning, Jan. 14. Celebrate with Chris and family!



Elders Meeting Together

January 2018

Meeting:

Sunday, Jan. 14 at 5:00PM

Praying:

Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30PM

WinterFest 2018

WinterFest is quickly approaching! The date this year is Feb. 16-18! To register, text the following information to (740) 935-9701:

Name (First and Last)

Email Address

Cell Phone Number.

(You will receive a confirmation text)

Depart from Sunshine at 5:30 am on Friday Feb. 16th return Sunday Feb. 18th at 6:00pm. Cost is \$100; this includes lodging for two nights, transportation via charter bus and Winterfest registration. Cost does not include food or other miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, etc.). Schedule and more information can be found at www.winterfest.org. Any questions see Shaun, Jamie, or Tim.

Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

The 22nd Annual Father-Daughter Gala will be Saturday, February 17 starting at 7:00 pm at Minford High School. The cost is \$5.00 per person but admission to the grand march is free. Tickets can be purchased at Praises Bookstore (New Boston) or at Minford Pharmacy (Minford).

Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer for people to sign-up for morning set up, take down, and for making cookies.

For more information please see Mark Gampp or Ellen Lemon.

January Birthday Celebration

January birthdays will be celebrated following Wednesday's evening service, January 24th. Everyone welcome!



2018 Office Calendar

The 2018 office calendar is up and ready for upcoming church events to be posted. If anyone knows of any church events, please post them on the office calendar so we can ensure nothing is overlapping. Thank you!

Update Personal Information

Please give the office a call to update personal information in regards to address, phone, birthdays and anniversaries. Also, we are working on collecting portrait format (as opposed to landscape format) pictures of families. Please email updated family pictures to Gary Glispie at jrkryle@yahoo.com or message him on Facebook. Thank you!

Real Love T-shirts

There are still Real Love Tshirts and a few green shirts as well that are for sale. All shirts are \$12 unless they are 2 or 3 X, then \$14. All proceeds go to Jamie Forbes. Any questions please see Terese Jones.

New 2018 Curriculum

The new curriculum for our education program are in the classrooms. Any questions please see Heather.



Save The Date

Make sure to mark your calendars for Feb. 23-24. It's the 4th-6th grade girls winter retreat!

Family Bible Time

Week 4 Text:

Jan. 21—Lesson 111 Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 16:19

Jan. 24—Lesson 112 Acts 1:1-8, 13-26

Week 5 Text:

Acts 2 & 3

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>1/21/2018</u>	<u>1/28/2018</u>	<u>2/4/2018</u>
Welcome	Wayne Gampp	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray
Reading	Dewey Cordle	Don Coriell	Jason Coriell
Midservice Prayer	Price Gammon	Mike Gampp	Tim Gampp
Communion	Gabe Coriell	Gary Glispie	Shawn Gragg
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Shaun Young	David Deacon	Greg Ferrell
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>1/21/2018</u>	<u>1/28/2018</u>	<u>2/4/2018</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Partlow	Johnny Beekman	Rich Book
Reading	Dusty Henry	James Jacobs Sr.	Aaron Kallner
Communion	Ed McLaughlin	Caleb Miller	Don Ramey
Assist	Sam Williams	Eli Cordle	James Hallam
Prayer	Spike Ferrell	Dale Kuhn	Jared McCray
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>1/24/2018</u>	<u>1/21/2018</u>	<u>2/7/2018</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Hoskins	Jared McCray	Jacob Miller
Prayer	Tom Kelley	Mark Risner	Greg Shepherd

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 Voice continued from front page...

When the church snuggles too closely up to the political world, we risk losing our Wilderness Voice. I'm very comfortable linking arms with George Washington or Abraham Lincoln, as they seemed like godly men whose spiritual conscience helped guide their presidency. But what does the church do when the presidents (or any of our government officials) get their hands dirty? What does the church do when we've rallied people for a candidate who eventually acts on immoral or unethical principles? The same can be asked when the party we support acts unchristianly or supports an action which stands in violation with God's Word.

During the 1930's too many of Germany's churches lost their Wilderness Voice by endorsing the Nazi movement. Sympathizing with their government, Adolf Hitler had their support, as he led the nation out of the brink of economic devastation to prosperity. National pride replaced shame. Hope emerged once again. And the church, caught up in the national movement, turned a blind eye and deaf ear to the travesty of racial hatred at the core of the very nation they loved and supported (in part because the preachers and Christians who Reclaimed the Wilderness Voice were quickly silenced). In the end, to say the least, the churches in Germany were complicit in the deaths of six million Jews.

When the church endorses the political movement or climate, they risk losing their Wilderness Voice. When the relationship between the church and the government is too friendly, a conflict of interest arises for who then will stand for God's Message? For them the political clout is more important than the Word, and the Wilderness Voice is finally silenced.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Have a great week ! :)