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This past week we celebrated fifty years as a church in the current building. By all accounts, the weekend was a success. Attendance was good. Singing was like heaven, while Ralph's song leading brought the house down. The presentations afterward honored those who deserved honoring. And the "through the years" slide show allowed us to relive many memories. Sunday was our "Ebenezer" moment (1 Sam. 7:12) where God has led this church, not only for over a hundred years, but more specifically the last fifty years.

The classic picture of the white church building with doors opening for fellowship, and a steeple pointing to heaven is iconic in the American mind. But the iconic image is misleading to the Biblical reality. Simply put, the Bible says the church is comprised of people; we usually associate church with a building.

In Andy Stanley's book, *Deep & Wide*, he accurately traces the word used for church through history. The Greek word found in our Bibles is *ecclesia*. While I've heard many preachers declare this word means "call out" (ek = out; kaleo = called), the word in its simplicity means "assembly." If there is a "called out" theology for the church, it's found in 1 Peter not in putting two root word meanings together.

The word *ecclesia* appears in the Old Testament in the form of Ecclesiastes. While the Hebrew name means "teacher" or "preacher," the better understanding is the one who addresses the assembly. By the New Testament the first time the word appears is in response to Peter's confession in Matthew 16:18 where Jesus promises to build his *ecclesia*, his assembly of people, and death (i.e. Hades) will have no power. In the book of Acts, Luke uses *ecclesia* to describe both the mob that rioted in Ephesus (Act. 19:32), and after order was restored, to the council gathering to settle any disputes (Act. 19:39).



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Prayers For Sunshine Family

David Bradshaw undergoing physical therapy.
Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.
Ronnie Hardin will have surgery, followed by 6 months of recovery and therapy.
Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns.
Norm McGinnis back surgery on April 23.
Shaun Young back surgery scheduled Monday, 3/12.

Special Members

Judi Allison Elbrooke room #535.
Gene and Esther Crisp Riverbend 123.
Sarah Gililand moved to Hill View, room #3223.
Ike Hardin Edgewood Manner.
Ruth Morris at Best Care room #76 for rehab and therapy.

Prayer Requests

Sheila Bloomfield Hickman (Friend of Pam Coriell) is at James Cancer Center with stage 4 bone cancer.
Weldonna Evans (Dee's Mother) has moved to Heartland room #312.
Joe Gumbert (Debbie Raiser's Dad) obstruction has been cleared but his arteries are blocked.
Joe Reed (Penny's friend) lower leg amputation at SOMC inn rehab room #2409.
Sharon Shoemaker is in Ross Heart Hospital (OSU) for heart tests and possible procedures.
Linda Sparks C-Diff bacteria infection.
Staci Ward (Jeanette O'Dell's sister) stroke this past Wednesday is at Riverside and is starting physical therapy. She is expected to make a full recovery.



3/18	Area Wide Singing (At Sunshine)
4/8-4/29	Spring Home Groups
4/2	Sweet Monday
6/18-22	2018 Vacation Bible School

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.

Call-Em-All Updates/Corrections

Check out in the foyer the lists of current names and numbers on our Call-Em-All. Please mark corrections and/or add names and numbers to the addition page. The list will be kept out for a couple weeks. Thank you.

Elders Meeting Together

March 2018

Meeting:

Sunday, Mar. 11 and 25 at 5:00PM

Praying:

Thursday, Mar. 29 at 7:30PM

Sweet Monday

Mark your calendars for Sweet Monday, April 2.



Youth Group Paintball Trip

The youth group (grades 7 and up) is going to go paint balling March 17. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend, this will be an all day trip. We will leave the church at 9AM and return sometime in the afternoon. The price depends on the number of people going, \$30 minimum plus enough food money for two stops.

Honduras Mission Trips Information

The dates have been set for the Honduras mission trips this year:

May 23-30 College/Innermission Trip

July 26-30 Family Trip

There will be a meeting for the College/ Innermission trip following Sunday morning services on March 11. Meeting for Family trip will be in a couple of weeks.

Sunshine Slideshow Pictures

For those who brought pictures in for the Sunshine building slideshow, pictures can be picked up in the office on the counter. Thank you!

2018 Vacation Bible School

The dates have been set for this year's VBS! Please join us June 18-22 here at the building from 6:30-8:00 pm every evening. This year's theme is *Follow The Leader*. We will be studying the stories of Gideon, Moses, Joshua, and Jesus. Please mark your calendars to join us. It takes a lot of people to help with VBS and we want to get the dates out their early!



Real Love T-shirts

There are still Real Love t-shirts 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 for the green shirt go to Jamie Forbes and the Real Love grey shirts go to Terese Jones or Shaun McCray. Any questions please see Terese Jones.

Area Wide Singing

We will be holding an Area Wide Singing on Sunday, March 18 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. There will be light refreshments and fellowship after the singing.

Sign-Up List for Singing Refreshments

We are providing refreshments for the Area Wide Singing and we need your help! There is a sign-up list in the foyer for anyone who is able to bring a refreshment.



Sign-Up Lists For Home Groups

Please be sure to check out the sign-up lists in the foyer today. There is a sign-up list for anyone who is willing to be a Home Group Host for our spring Home Groups (April 8, 15, 22, and 29)

Family Bible Time

Week 11 Text:

March 11—Lesson 125 Genesis 16 and 17

March 14—Lesson 126 Genesis 18

Week 12 Text:

Genesis 19 and 20 & 21

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>3/11/2018</u>	<u>3/18/2018</u>	<u>3/25/2018</u>
Welcome	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Reading	Mark Gampp	Mike Gampp	Terry Grashel
Midservice Prayer	Aaron Kallner	Jared McCray	Caleb Miller
Communion	Gabe Coriell	Shawn Gragg	Dale Kuhn
Closing Prayer	Price Gammon	Eric Meredith	Jeff Vanatta
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>3/11/2018</u>	<u>3/18/2018</u>	<u>3/25/2018</u>
Song Leader	Wayne Gampp	Matthew Hoskins	Aaron McCray
Reading	Derek Miller	Derrick Mooneyham	Shane Mougey
Communion	Ira Coriell	Jason Coriell	Ryan Coriell
Assist	Jay Coriell	Eli Cordle	Matthew Partlow
Prayer	Johnny Beekman	David Deacon	Jason Foster
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>3/14/2018</u>	<u>3/21/2018</u>	<u>3/28/2018</u>
Song Leader	Jacob Miller	Jamie Riley	Greg Shepherd
Prayer	Dale Kuhn	Jordan Book	David Bradshaw

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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When Constantine came to power in A.D. 313, he reversed the trend of persecuting Christians and worked toward tolerance. When he announced himself a Christian, he paved the way for peace and expansion for Christians everywhere. Where before Constantine's conversion, Christian worship was informal and located to homes, afterward Christian worship was being influenced by the people in power who adopted the hierarchy in worship, church structure, art, and building design.

In time the focus shifted from a Fellowship of people to a Fellowship Hall. That move seemed to be solidified when the German word, *kirche* was used to describe "a house of the Lord." The powerful metaphor of house gave way to literal buildings so that today we called those buildings churches. So that today it's hard to imagine the assembly without a building to house the assembly.

We build Fellowship Halls in hopes of generating Fellowship. In the process we fail to realize that church is the people, and when God's people assemble, fellowship follows. Ultimately, God's church is a church without walls. Fellowship is experienced when Christians come together in Jesus' name. We've experienced that fellowship in homes, at a park, in a school, at a movie theater, on the job, at a sporting event, in a flower garden, on a hike, at a concert, at a congregational singing, and yes, even in a Fellowship Hall.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Have a wonderful day! :)