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Sunday, Apr. 22, 2018

Elders

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Jon Coriell	820-6145
Wayne Gampp	820-3444
Tom Kelley	259-2258
Shaun McCray	935-9701

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Gabe Coriell	820-8652
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Dale Kuhn	820-4690
Aaron Kallner	285-0738
Eric Miller	820-4944
Eugene Risner	820-2256
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Jamie Riley	935-7812
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Youth Minister

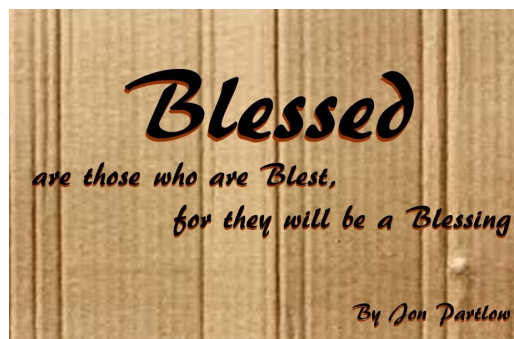
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The word, “blessed,” has become a “go to” word among the Christian community. People’s prayers are filled with acknowledging how blessed God has been, including our health, the friends we have, and the country we live in. The word has run the gambit, from the blessings received for the building we assemble in to the slogan, “Too blessed to be stressed.” Certainly, this word has probably been overused over the last decade or so, and the connotation has been given a “health & wealth” slant.

The word, “blessed” has a rich heritage, and a form of it appears about 65 times in our Bibles. While the Hebrew and Greek word for “blessed” can be translated “happy,” contextually, the kind of happiness the Bible speaks about is not something external but internal. Being blessed carries with it the grace of God’s approval, so that the person blessed by God is the person who has God’s esteem. That approval does not always translate into physical or material prosperity.

As already noted, the word “blessed” appears frequently in Scripture. However, the formula found in the Beatitudes (Mt. 5:3 -11) is a twist on a common formula in Scripture as well. In order to reorient our lives to a life truly “blessed” by God, we need a clearer understanding of God’s perspective.



- The Psalms > When the book of Psalms opens up, it boldly begins its journey with the blessing formula, “Blessed is the man” (Ps. 1:1 [this formula occurs fifteen times in Psalms]). Most scholars will tell you that the placement of this Psalm at the beginning of the Psalmist collection is intentional, and sets a tone for the rest of the Psalms. The Psalm contrasts two different people, the one blessed because he/she walks in righteousness versus the wicked one who has no place in the assembly. While the Psalmist does not tell us what the wicked has done, one can assume he/she is contrasted with the righteous who spend their time meditating on the law and allowing God’s word to sink in.

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Prayers For Sunshine Family

David Bradshaw undergoing physical therapy.
Vanessa Coriell upcoming back surgery on May 3.
Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.
Major Farris broken Tibia (shin) from trampoline accident (He lives with the Forbes).
Ronnie Hardin has ongoing serious back pain.
Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns.
Norm McGinnis back surgery on April 23.
Jenny White (Williams) serving a month long rotation at a pediatric clinic in La Ceiba, Honduras. Prayers for safety and beneficial service to the children.
Shaun Young recovering well and making great improvements. Has attended church services.

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 #10.

Prayer Requests

Weldonna Evans (Dee's Mother) is home recovering from recent colon surgery to remove cancer spots.
Blake Frye (Emma Lauder's friend) heart issues and have gotten progressively worse.
Tommy Labor (James Hallam's friend) Cancer attacking white blood cells.
Randy McGinnis (Norm and Faye's son) received a good bill of health. Treating with medication and dieting.

Expecting Mothers

Taylor Brothers
 Brittany Gampp
 Michaela Miller



4/8-4/29	Spring Home Groups
5/5	MHS After Prom 2018
5/7	Sweet Mother's Day Dinner
5/18	Graduation Dinner
5/28	Memorial Day Parade
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.

April Birthday Celebration

The April Birthday Celebration will be this Wednesday, April 25 after evening services.



Elders Meeting Together

April 2018

Meeting:

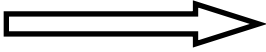
Sunday, April 22 at 5:00PM

Praying:

Thursday, April 26 at 7:30PM

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! Check out the VBS logo!



National Day of Prayer

Sunshine has been asked to participate in National Day of Prayer by volunteering to read the Bible from 3-5pm on May 2 at the Scioto County Courthouse. We are looking for volunteers to read for 30 minutes during a shift. If you are interested in reading, the sign-up sheet is on the back bulletin in the foyer. We can add more time shifts if more are interested. Thank you! Any questions call Brittyn at the office.

Come Join Us For Supper!

COME JOIN US! Sunday May 6 at 5:00 pm. The 1st –6th grade classes invite everyone to supper. A sign up list is posted in the foyer so we know how much food to prepare. If you have any questions, please check with Sharon Hallam.



Parents of 1st-6th graders. Please plan for your child to stay after morning services on May. We will prepare the evening meal in the afternoon. I will contact you about food to bring to help with the meal once we have an idea of how many will attend. Please have your child bring:

- 1-Extra clothes for work
- 2-A lunch to eat after church

Check with Sharon Hallam if you have any questions.

Sweet Mother's Day Dinner

Ladies, come join us on Monday, May 7 starting at 6:30PM for our Sweet Mother's Day Dinner here at Sunshine. All ladies are welcomed! Please RSVP by April 29. Signup sheet is available at the Welcome Center.

Kayla Coriell and Jeffery Cremeans

Wedding

The families of Kayla Coriell and Dale Cremeans invite Sunshine to the marriage of Kayla and Dale on Saturday, April 28 here at Sunshine starting at 3pm. A dinner reception will follow the ceremony.

Track Attendance for Home Groups

Please be sure to track the attendance for Home Groups on the bulletin in the foyer.

Honoring Our Seniors

It's that time of year again when we honor our graduates. At this point we have **Eli Cordle, Kayleigh Coriell, Caitlyn Gampp, Hunter Gampp, and Marissa Risner**. Also honoring **Casper Rasmussen**. Please let Brittyn know if we've missed anyone. Congrats on your accomplishments. Thanks-Heather.

Encouragement Cards

Beverly Norman recently had hip surgery and if you wish to send her a card her address is:

Beverly Norman
2010 Henley-Deemer Road
McDermott, Ohio 45652

Family Bible Time

Week 17 Text:

April 22—Lesson 136 Genesis 31

April 25—Lesson 137 Genesis 32 & 33

Week 18 Text:

Genesis 34,35,36 and review of Joseph, Moses, and Joshua.

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>4/22/2018</u>	<u>4/29/2018</u>	<u>5/6/2018</u>
Welcome	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Reading	Aaron Kallner	Pete Kouns	Aaron McCray
Midservice Prayer	Shaun Young	David Deacon	Johnny Beekman
Communion	Mark Risner	Dewey Cordle	Gabe Coriell
Closing Prayer	Jared McCray	Eric Meredith	Caleb Miller
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>4/22/2018</u>	<u>4/29/2018</u>	<u>5/6/2018</u>
Song Leader	Mark Gampp	Wayne Gampp	Shawn Gragg
Reading	Ethan Beekman	Jacob Book	David Bradshaw
Communion	Jimmy Forbes	Jason Foster	Troy Gahm
Assist	Adam Cordle	Alex Cram	Zane Miller
Prayer	Shawn Gragg	Dusty Henry	Matthew Hoskins
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>4/25/2018</u>	<u>5/2/2018</u>	<u>5/9/2018</u>
Song Leader	Jacob Miller	Greg Shepherd	Matthew Partlow
Prayer	Jason Coriell	Josh Coriell	Rick Coriell

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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Blessed from first page...

- The Gospels > Both Matthew and Luke contain what we call, The Beatitudes, though each do so very differently. Matthew (5:3-12) focuses on the inner spirit and character development of the follower of Christ. One might paraphrase Matthew's "beatitudes" as "blessed are the broken," for only the ones who see themselves as broken before God are the ones God can truly fix. On the other hand, Luke (6:20-26) seems to focus his attention on material possessions. The poor, as opposed to poor in spirit, are the ones blessed. Those who hunger now, for physical food, will be satisfied. Luke also records Jesus' scathing rebuke to the wealthy because, in contrast to the poor, they're enjoying the good life now (and probably at the expense of the poor).
- Revelation > The "Blessed" formula appears seven times in John's apocalypse. Like the Psalms, the first one opens the letter and sets a similar tone to Psalm 1. The one who is blessed "takes to heart what is written in (his revelation)" [Rev. 1:3]. John is concerned about his audience buying into what he's offering, "because the time is near," though he doesn't explain right there what he means by "time is near." Of course the rest of Revelation fleshes out his message of to the churches in Asia Minor they are to "take to heart."

While this is a sampling of the way Scripture uses "blessed," and not a complete study, it does point us in the direction we should go when we drop the phrase, "I am blessed." It has less to do with the physical things many of us already experience simply by living in a country of wealth and prosperity. It has more to do with the spiritual perspective of emptying ourselves and depending solely on God for his grace.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Have a wonderful day! :)