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Sunday, Jul. 8, 2018

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The year was 1975, and my family was finishing a week-long visit with our very best friends on the Oregon Coast. Mike and Dan were my age, and with my brother we had many adventures in a pond, loaded with drift wood, located across the street from their house. We called it "The Frog Pond," but it smelled a lot worse than dead frogs (rumors have it that someone hid bodies in that place, but we never saw them). I remember our instructions before we headed across the street, "Don't get wet in the pond." Since boys will be boys, we spent most of our time at the "pond" drying our clothes before coming home, as if our moms couldn't smell the odor. Just remembering those moments brings a smile across my face.

On this particular visit, we were returning from our vacation on a Sunday afternoon. Mark, the two-year-old younger brother came down with a fever, and his parents decided to keep him home from church. I remember how Mark's reaction reminded me of someone breaking the favorite toy. His heart broke and the tears welled up as he said, "I want to go to church." The Tillamook Church of Christ boasted of 30 members on Sunday morning. They didn't have a children's program, and I'm not even sure who the preacher was. Regardless, little Mark wanted to be at church, and missing that Sunday night broke his heart.

His teary face burned a lasting image into my brain, and even now looking back, I'm led into wonder; only a child-like faith can be broken for missing the church.

Most church-going Americans appear to have lost the joy in assembling with the saints. A poles-apart perception of church maybe at play with similar results. While some see church as work, others see it as duty. While some claim it's boring, others believe it's reverent. While some find the hour-long service almost too painful to endure, others have convinced themselves that that is what church is all about. Both groups miss the mark, and Psalm 122:1 is an ideal never realized, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let's go to the house or the Lord.'" Just because I've chosen a profession which places me in the middle of church, doesn't mean the joy comes any easier; sometimes it's almost harder. However, recently, I've reflected on our assembly time and have rediscovered how church is a place of joy.

C H U R C H
Recovering a Place of Joy

By Jon Partlow



See **Joy** on last page...



Prayers For Sunshine Family

Alma Coriell receiving hospice care from home and health improving.

Jon Coriell medicated for A-fib. Ablation is Aug. 27.

Anna Cram continues to recover from surgery to correct cleft pallet.

Welcdonna Evans ongoing health issues.

Irmalee Gampp home and recovering from knee replacement.

Karren Griffith is home and recovering.

Sam Griffith recovering from back surgery.

Ronnie Hardin is improving from back surgery.

Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns.

Greg Shepherd receiving therapy and doing better.

Shaun Young progress report is good and continuing recovering.

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.

Merritt and Helen Hayward are home bound.

Ruth Morris at Best Care room #10.

Prayer Requests

Richard Reffitt (Jeff Lindeman's friend) has cancer and wife (**Mary**) recovering from two major back surgeries.

Jack Shepherd (Greg's Father) recuperating from surgery for an aortic aneurysm. Much improved.

Danny Smith brain stem stroke this past week.

Recovering and will be starting physical therapy along with speech therapy.

David Sorrell (Stephanie Miller's brother) coming home!

Holly Thompson (Jeff Lindeman's friend) small cancer cell and has completed chemotherapy. Not doing well.

Expecting Mothers

Brittany Gampp—Oct. 3 & Taylor Brothers—Oct. 16

Michaela Miller—Oct. 18 & Lori Devins—Dec. 17

Irish Young—Feb. 2019

Elders Meeting Together

July 2018

Meetings:

Sundays, July 15 and 22 at 5:00PM

Prayer Session:

Thursday, July 26 at 7:30PM



7/8-7/14 Church Camp
8/6-11 Scioto County Fair
10/19-21 Men's Retreat
11/2-3 Ladies Retreat
11/16-18 SpiritFest

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.

New Classroom Assignments

The 4's, 5's, and Kindergarten children will now be meeting in the back hallway in classroom #3. The adult ladies class that meets on Wednesday nights will be in the room beside the baptistery.

Donation Give-Away

We are planning to have a “free” yard sale at the building on Friday, August 10. Please be collecting your “gently-used” clothing and household items as you declutter this summer, but do not bring your items to the church building until Wednesday, August 8. We will have tables labeled at that time where you can sort and place the items that you bring. Thank you!

Coming Soon

Jacob Miller will be presenting a demonstration on how to use the Anonymous Prayer Request Hotline. Date to be determined. General prayer concerns should be sent to the office via email, phone, or Facebook.

Church Camp Starts Today!!

It's not too late to consider registering for Church Camp at Fort Hill! This is our church camp week! Come out to visit during camp :)! Please be praying for campers and staff.

Berry Wedding

Sean Berry and his fiancé, Ciara, invite the Sunshine Family to attend their West Point Wedding on July 28, 2018. They will be residing in Fort Rucker, Alabama until he completes flight school training on the “Blackhawk”. See the bulletin board for wedding details.

Sean and Ciara Berry
2823 Brad Way
Enterprise, AL 36330

Men's Class In July

Dave Deacon will be teaching a men's class on how to prepare a Bible class/lesson this coming July. He has prepared four Wednesday night lessons for men.

Road Closure

Friday, July 13, State Route 335 will be closed for the day.



Jerry & Lynn Jones Presents



A Seminar Coming to Sunshine Church of Christ • March 24-27, 2019

Family Bible Time

Week 28 Text:

July 8—Lesson 159 2 Samuel 20-21

June 11—Lesson 160 2 Samuel 22

Week 29 Text:

2 Samuel 23-24 & 1 Chronicles 22-29

Ray of Hope

*A one minute spiritual inspirational message
Airing on The MIX 99.3 WNXT every morning
6:00-10:00 am and from 2:00-6:00 pm
(also on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm)*

A Ministry of Jon Partlow & the Sunshine Church of Christ

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>7/8/2018</u>	<u>7/15/2018</u>	<u>7/22/2018</u>
Welcome	Wayne Gampp	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray
Midservice Prayer	Derek Miller	Shane Mougey	Mark Risner
Communion	Josh Coriell	Rick Coriell	Ryan Coriell
Reading	Sam Williams	Steve Williams	Shaun Young
Closing Prayer	Dale Kuhn	Jared McCray	Eric Meredith
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>7/8/2018</u>	<u>7/15/2018</u>	<u>7/22/2018</u>
Song Leader	Mark Gampp	Wayne Gampp	Shawn Gragg
Reading	Mike Gampp	Dusty Henry	James Jacobs Sr.
Communion	Jordan Book	Aaron McCray	Jeff Vanatta
Assist	Jay Coriell	David Bradshaw	Adam Cordle
Prayer	Price Gammon	Mike Gampp	Tim Gampp
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>7/11/2018</u>	<u>7/18/2018</u>	<u>7/25/2018</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Hoskins	Shaun McCray	Caleb Miller
Prayer	Spike Ferrell	Roger Cooper	Jason 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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Joy from page 1...

I've rediscovered church as a place of joy whenever a person, either comes to Jesus for the first time or comes to Jesus again for the first time. Even more joy is discovered when I've played some role in moving that person closer to Jesus.

I've rediscovered church as a place of joy whenever the assembly singing sounds like the singing we'll experience in heaven. On those Sundays, we can almost see the pearly gates and hear the chorus of angels. Speaking of which, when I hear the voice of a child singing at the top of her lungs, goose bumps break out all over me.

I've rediscovered church as a place of joy whenever a member shakes my hand at the door and says, "Your sermon encouraged me," or "Your sermon spoke to something in my life that I need to change."

I've rediscovered church as a place of joy whenever a toddler pretends that I'm Darth Vader and chases me around the fellowship hall with his "light saber," or I'm coloring pictures with elementary children while we talk about important stuff like their favorite book, movie, or food, or when a five-year-old rushes into my arms for a hug, only to hear him say, "Hey Preacher. You're Fired!"

I've rediscovered church as a place of joy whenever I'm led in prayer, and the person praying almost sounds as if he knows God personally.

I've rediscovered church as a place of joy whenever the teenagers gravitate to my family, as if we're the "in crowd," or when older members share with me from their lives as if I'm as respectable as they are.

While I can't say I've ever been as heartbroken for missing the assembly as little Mark was, I can say I'm looking for more joy nuggets in our assemblies. Those nuggets, sometimes more valuable than the worship time itself, tend to do more to fuel my passion for ministry and for the assembly. When that happens Psalm 122 can link arms with Nehemiah 8:10 and be just as true, "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

Soli Deo Gloria!

Have a wonderful day! :)