

Sunshine Church Of Christ



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Sunday, May 5, 2019

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Every now and then, God peels back the curtain of heaven and offers us a glimpse into its glory. Sometimes it's revealed as a judgment scene (Mt. 25:31-46). Sometimes it's a military scene where God's people meet the King after battle and escort him in a parade back to the city (1 Thess. 4:13-18). Sometimes the sky is peeled back to reveal the spiritual reality behind the curtain (2 Kng. 6:16-17). Sometimes God invites someone to step into heaven described it as gold streets and pearly gates (Rev. 4:1; 21:15,21).

Then there's the great banquet meal, a theme often repeated throughout Matthew and Luke (Mt. 22:1-14; 25:1-13; 26:29; Lk. 14:15-24; 22:18 [I might add that Luke includes ten meals in his gospel all adding a layer to the heavenly or eschatological banquet]). Essentially, meals are important to God and his description of the meals invite us into a taste of eternal glory. In an ancient society where no middle class existed, poverty was pervasive and starvation was common, people were living day-to-day (Mt. 6:11a). Thus, a future meal, larger than any Thanksgiving meal we've experienced, with God at the head of the table, conjured visions of salivating delight.

Before exploring one of the banquet scenes in Luke 12, a little cultural background is needed. The role of the father and eldest son at the banquet is crucial to the heavenly banquet. During the first century if a family hosted a meal, the responsibility of the father, particularly the son, is to serve the guests. The Son waits on them hand and foot (literally ensuring the guests feet are washed, drinks are filled, and food is set). The father oversees the son to ensure the guests are made to feel welcomed. The shame occurring in Luke 15 is that the elder son refuses to take his place by his father's side at the banquet for his brother. The greater shame is forcing the father to leave his guest to settle a family dispute. If the older son had questions about his father's rights, he should have waited till the guests had left to address them. He should have honored his father by standing by his side.

We tend to have that reversed. Our culture, usually, places the women in the serving, hospitality role instead of the men. They cook the meals. They set the table. They welcome the guests. They refill the cups. Daughters are taught to serve while boys are allowed to play (generally).

I saw this worked out – in the worst negative way possible – at a home Cile and I were visiting. The wife and daughter prepared the meal for a church home group. The husband came in from work, washed his hands, ignored his guests and immediately plopped himself down in his recliner and faced the television. After his wife brought his soup to him, some spilled on him. He didn't shout or yell, but his facial expression and gestures were filled with anger. His message was clear, she was there to serve him and had failed to do so. As I watched the scene unfold, I wanted to bop him in the head with my bible.

A Glimpse at the Banquet God has Prepared for Us



by Jon Partlow

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Prayers For Sunshine Family

Cindy Coriell under doctor's care.

Dick Coriell has been moved to SOMC Rehab #2404.

Visitors welcomed at 3:00 pm.

Amy Graff emergency surgery from blood clots.

Home now.

Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns.

Beverly Norman recovering at home after second surgery. She would really enjoy receiving cards! Here address is:

2010 Henley Deemer Road McDermott, OH 45652

Special Members

Judi Allison Elbrooke room #535

Gene and Esther Crisp Riverbend #123.

Sarah Gililand Hill View, room #3223.

Merritt and Helen Hayward are home bound.

Ruth Morris at Best Care room #10.

Prayer Requests

Robin Book (cousin to Jon C., Rich B., and Price G.) is fighting cancer.

Derek Brothers scheduled to be deployed later this spring.

Pat Carr (Jamie Forbes' Mom) diagnosed with early onset dementia.

Nathan DeCamp (Rich Book's nephew) 101 Airborn, deployed to Iraq for 10 months.

Sheila Ferrell (Spike's sister) has a mass on her pancreas and is experiencing liver & kidney failure.

Kelly Hayward (Jeff Hayward's sister) at OSU.

Roger Radobaugh (Penny's friend) open heart surgery and valve replacement. **Connie**, his wife, is in stage 4 cancer.

Expecting Mothers

Melissa Rase—8/4

Mary Henry—10/22



5/6	Mother's Day Dinner
5/30-6/2	Summer Work Camp
6/17-21	Vacation Bible School
7/6	Blood Drive

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.

Blood Drive In Summer

The Red Cross will be having a Blood Drive at Sunshine on July 6. More information to come soon.

Elders Meeting Together

May2019

Meetings:

Sunday, May 12 & 26 at 5:00PM

Prayer Session:

Thursday, May 23 at 7:30PM

Ray of Hope

A one minute spiritual inspirational message

Airing on The MIX 99.3 WNXT • Weekdays

7:20-7:25 am and anytime from 2:00-6:00 pm

(enjoy a repeated message on Saturdays anytime from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm)

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Sunshine 2019 Seniors

Sunshine would like to honor the following high school seniors:

**Aurie Coriell,
Talen Coriell,
Bradon Foster,
Molly Grashel,
James Hallam,
Parker Jacobs,
Abbie Kallner,
Emma Lauder,
Paul McGaughey,
Abby Ruggles, and
Reid Shultz.**



If we forgot anyone please let us know!

Graduation Party Tonight

Please join us in celebrating James Hallam's High School Graduation on Sunday, May 5 from 4 - 6 pm at Sunshine Church of Christ.



Summer Work Camp 2019

Join us May 30– June 2 at Peace Valley Camp for an awesome packed camp with worship, games, work, and home cooked food. This is camp is free to all campers! Please sign-up in the foyer. For more information contact **Garris Coriell** at (740) 464 -1739 or email 2k19workcamps@gmail.com.

Mother's Day 2019

The deadline for submitting Mother's Day photos is this Friday, May 10th, We're looking for a photo of our mothers and their children, and also a separate photo of our fathers with their children. Please send the photos to info@sunshine-church.org, and if your photos needs to be scanned, they can be dropped off at the office.

Marriage Matters Seminar DVDs

We've wrapped up our 2019 marriage seminar with **Dr. Jerry & Lynn Jones** and we're now ready to offer copies of the seminar to anyone wanting them. If you missed a night, or just want the whole seminar to review again, please let us know and we'll provide you with a copy of the recorded sessions and the printed material packet to follow along with the DVDs. Please get with Jacob Miller or Garris Coriell and we'll get a copy ready for you.

Wednesday Night Bible Class

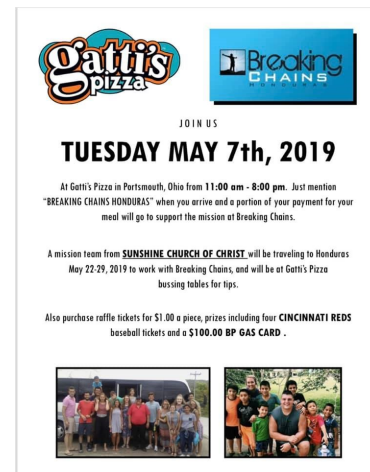
The Wednesday night Bible class for children aged 2 to 3 years old has been suspended for the time being. Any kids of this age that are in attendance on Wednesday night will move up to the next class.

VBS 2019 Flyers

We've got this year's VBS flyers available at the welcome center, please stop by, pick up a few and spread the word!

Breaking Chains Fundraiser at Gatti's

Stop by Gatti's anytime on Tuesday, May 7 from 11:00am-8:00pm and mention the words "Breaking Chains Honduras" when you arrive and a portion of your payment for your meal will go to support the mission at Breaking Chains. Our mission team will be heading to Honduras May 22-29 to work with the mission team at Breaking Chains.



Family Bible Time

Week 18 Text:

May 5—Lesson 243 Luke 7:1-35

May 8—Lesson 244 Luke 7:36-8:3

Week 19 Text:

Matthew 12:22-50

Luke 11:37-12:21

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>5/5/2019</u>	<u>5/12/2019</u>	<u>5/19/2019</u>
Welcome	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Midservice Prayer	Justin Spengler	Jeff Vannatta	Sam Williams
Communion	Gabe Coriell	Josh Coriell	Rick Coriell
Reading	Garris Coriell	Jason Coriell	David Deacon
Closing Prayer	Troy Gahm	Mark Gamp	Mike Gamp
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>5/5/2019</u>	<u>5/12/2019</u>	<u>5/19/2019</u>
Song Leader	Shawn Gragg	Jack Jennins	Jonathan Partlow
Reading	Josh Coriell	Zach Coriell	Gregg Ferrell
Communion	Eric Miller	Eugene Risner	Spike Ferrell
Assist	John Miller	James Hallam	Adam Cordle
Prayer	Matthew Hoskins	Jared McCray	Caleb Miller
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>5/8/2019</u>	<u>5/15/2019</u>	<u>5/22/2019</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Partlow	Jamie Riley	Gregg Shepherd
Prayer	Jordan Book	Rich Book	Gabe 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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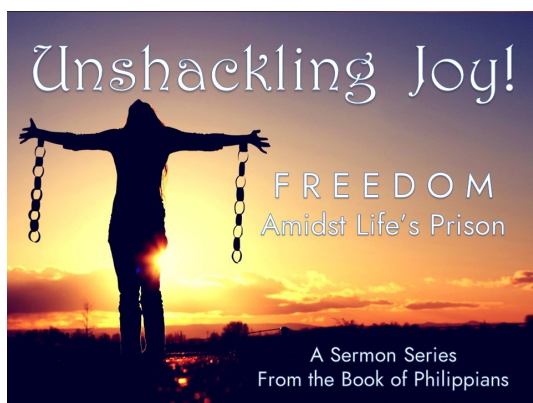
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So the banquet scene unfolds in a context driven by service, watchfulness and faithfulness (Lk. 12:35-40). In the midst of Jesus' exhortation, he describes himself as dressing to serve and waiting on those at the table (v. 37). Jesus doesn't see himself as sitting at the head of the table barking orders, though he has the authority to do so. No, falling in line with his own character and cultural norms, he's the eldest Son of the Father who honors God by serving us at heaven's feast.

As I reflect on this future banquet scene, I almost can't wait to sit at the table with Jesus with him asking, "Jon, is there anything else I can do for you?" It also makes me reevaluate my role as the host in my own home.

Soli Deo Gloria!

(i.e. only God is glorified!)



Have a wonderful day! :)