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Aaron Kallner	285-0738
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!Churches, like many other organizations, are often plagued by power-struggles. Tension is felt as people wander who's in control. The struggle is felt when a new minister arrives to assess the congregation before him. The minister must figure out two important dynamics. Who is the formal leadership and who is the informal leadership. The formal leadership are those who hold the titles (elder, deacon, board member, etc.), while the informal leaders are the members who actually make the church run (often times they are the ones with the money or a hard working member). While the focus is on churches, the reality is that every organization has this dynamic at play because it's human nature.

In order to address the power structure and keep it from turning into a struggle, churches have traditionally chosen different ways to format their organization. The "Pastoral-driven" format gives the minister the power to set the agenda and vision for the church. He may answer to a board, but he's clearly in charge. Some pastoral churches are actually "Committee-driven," where the Pastor is a member of every committee. Thus he has a say and influence over every aspect of the church, but is not running the church. Finally, the "Elder-driven" format has a group of spiritually discerning men within the church lead and give direction to the church.

Each of these format holds strengths and weaknesses. Each finds themselves ultimately trapped in a power struggle, they're trying to avoid, searching for a better model to follow. Maybe the book of Acts can shed light on this dilemma.

By the time we open to the fifteenth chapter of Acts the church is clearly comprised of two ethnic groups. The Jews, who've been part of God's story for 2000 years, and the Gentiles whom God had recently begun grafting into his story. Some of those from the Jewish-Christian group began setting an agenda for the Gentiles to be circumcised in order to be saved (Act. 15:1,5). Suddenly, a power-struggle ensued between this group and Paul (15:2) as power-struggles are never good for the church. When the truth of the Gospel is a casualty in a power-struggle, the church and its credibility loses.

Everyone wants a voice and say in the direction of the church, but Acts 15 is clear about two facts. First, not everyone has a right to speak into the direction of the church. The ones advocating circumcision were soon confronted and quieted. They were speaking outside of God's will for his church. In an era of social media and multiple churches with easy access, it's easy to believe everyone has a voice and say in the direction of the church. Acts 15, and other places, stand against such a position. Not everyone has a right to set the agenda of the church.

However, someone has to give direction to the church. When the leaders met in Jerusalem, Peter, Paul and Barnabas, James and the elders assembled to discuss the issue. When Peter spoke, he described how he was led by God and the Holy Spirit (v. 7-8) to baptize Cornelius without him needing circumcised. Paul and Barnabas shared their experience among the Gentiles, which was underscored by the wonders God performed through them (v. 11). James concluded the meeting by pointing to God's words through the prophet, Amos (v. 16-18). The theme of God and the Holy Spirit sets the agenda for the church, which is the second fact made clear, not only the book of Acts in general, but Acts 15 in particular.

So God is the one who sets the agenda, and our job is to line up with him.

Soli Deo Gloria!
(i.e. only God is glorified)



Prayers For Sunshine Family

Penny Ball Please pray for a quick recovery. She is currently at Best Care for Physical Therapy. Rm#79

Lois Boggs (Kelly Gampps mother) Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Cindy Coriell under doctor's care.

Jim Dixon (Vanessa Coriell's grandfather) pancreatic cancer is spreading.

Sarah Gilliland is back at Hillview Rehab.#213.

Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns.

Jeff Pinkerton Please pray his upcoming jaw surgeries will be successful, with complete healing.

Angie Storms Please pray for her healing.

Special Members

Judi Allison Elbrooke room #535

Esther and Gene Crisp Riverbend #123.

Helen Hayward home bound.

Ruth Morris Best Care room #10.

Prayer Requests

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

Derek Brothers back home for a couple of weeks before leaving for deployment training in Texas.

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

Mark Villinger please pray for a successful job search.

Expecting Mothers

Mary Henry—10/22



7/26-30 Honduras Family Trip
8/17 School Supply Giveaway
9/8 Noble Family Farm Day
9/15 Giving Day

Sunday Morning Live Streaming:

<http://media.sunshine-church.com> or
<http://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

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)*

A Ministry of Jon Partlow & the Sunshine Church of Christ

Welcome To All of Our Guest

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 bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You can simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

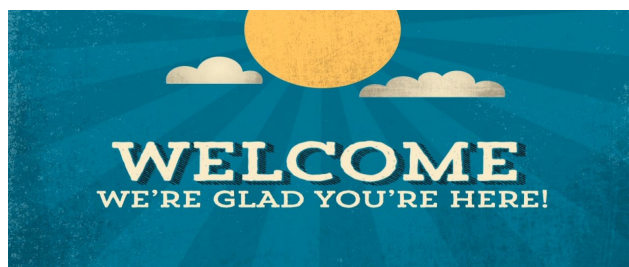
July 2019

Meetings:

Sunday July 28

Prayer Session:

Thursday August 22



Finance Meeting

There will be a financial meeting with Aaron and Eric for those who have or intend to spend the Church's money, especially those who have credit cards. Anyone who has an interest in church finances or anyone who is interested in helping with church finances is encouraged to attend. The meeting will be Sunday, August 4, after the AM services in Jamie's office.

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

Sunshine will have a school supply giveaway for the community on August 17 9:00-11:00 AM. We are collecting basic school supplies that students need. The students will have the opportunity to build a backpack the day of the giveaway. We have provided a list of needed donations, more details will be given soon.

God's blessings and protection on our Honduras Mission Team :

Kylie Berry, Jake Click, Adam Cordle, Katie Coriell, Bradon Foster, Jordan Jones, Terese Jones, Jenna Liston, Shawnacy McGuire, Jamie Riley, Kendall Riley, Ally Vanetta, Ben Vanetta, Jeff Vanetta

Dave & Dee Bradshaw, Stacee Strickland

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Beaufort, SC. 29906.

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The God Who Will Provide

A Sermon Series Beginning Today



Hey Sunshine FYI:

Father/Daughter Valentine Gala

Sunshine hosted the first Father/Daughter Gala in February 1997 in the Minford High School Gym. We have continued the event since with 2019 being the 20th year. The Gala offers a grand march, food and musical entertainment for the fathers and their lovely daughter dates. Community interest has been strong and growing in participation every year, currently we average over 450 attendees.

Funding for the Gala comes from two sources. Sunshine budgets 2,500 dollars toward expenses with the remaining cost covered by revenue from ticket sales. The main expenses of the event are food, entertainment and reimbursement to the school for custodial services.

Sunshine members come together to provide cookies, set up tables & chairs, serve food and clean-up after the event. For more info: Contact Mark Gampp

Education Quarterly Meetings

Mark the date! The Education Committee invites ALL Sunshine educators to attend our quarterly meeting on the following Sundays:

- ♦ September 1
- ♦ December 1
- ♦ March 1
- ♦ June 7

We will be meeting in the annex starting at 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be served!

Family Bible Time

Week 31 Text:

July 28—Lesson 269 2Thess. 2-3

July 31—Lesson 270 Review

Week 32

August 4—Lesson 271 Judges 1

August 7—Lesson 272 Judges 2

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>7/28/2019</u>	<u>8/04/2019</u>	<u>8/11/2019</u>
Welcome	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Midservice Prayer	Sam Williams	Jordan Book	Gabe Coriell
Communion	Josh Coriell	Rick Coriell	Ryan Coriell
Reading	Jared McCray	Eric Miller	Johnny Beekman
Closing Prayer	Dusty Henry	Jason Coriell	Jason Foster
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>7/28/2019</u>	<u>8/04/2019</u>	<u>8/11/2019</u>
Song Leader	David Deacon	Shawn Gragg	Matthew Hoskins
Reading	James Hallam	Dusty Henry	Lonnie Hollback
Communion	Gabe Coriell	Ryan Coriell	Frelon Sparks
Assist	Levi Coriell	Dale Kuhn	Johnathan Miller
Prayer	Mike Gampp	Jim Jacobs	Spike Ferrell
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>7/31/2019</u>	<u>8/07/2019</u>	<u>8/14/2019</u>
Song Leader	Shawn Gragg	Greg Ferrell	Wayne Gampp
Prayer	Lonnie Hollback	Zach Coriell	Mike Gampp

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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New Building Project:

Beautify and update first impression of facility from highway • Repair dry-rotted window and flooring • Modernize and update bathroom facilities • Open foyer to create more space for greeting and fellowship • Reduce congestion for entering and exiting the building • New doors and security • New paving for parking area • COST: \$750,000



Have a wonderful day! :)