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*"Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right-doing is a field.
I'll meet you there" (ancient proverb).*

On a warm September evening, a young man was eating ice cream on his couch in his apartment. He was watching TV when someone entered his apartment and killed him. The simplicity of an innocent man shot and murdered in his own home gives way to the complexity of the situation. The victim was black, and the suspect was white. The victim was a Christian man working with a local church's youth, and the suspect was an off duty police officer. The victim's story was simple, though sources tried to convolute it. The suspect's story never really made sense. The officer worked a double shift and mistook the victim's apartment for her own (how didn't she notice the bright red "welcome" mat at the door?). Instead of calling for backup, she immediately pulled her weapon to kill what she thought was an intruder.

The victim, Botham Jean, from Saint Lucia, an island in the eastern Caribbean, was part of my fold. He was rooted in Churches of Christ, baptized at the age of nine, and a graduate of my alma mater, Harding University. From all accounts, he was a leader and servant, always looking to help his community and the people he contacted. All of who he was and could have been was stripped from him by one moment in time.

As we watched this story unfold, and I suspect that Botham's story continues to unfold, three items are worth underscoring. First, the "black and white" dynamic is too obvious to ignore: a black man is shot to death by a white cop. It's uncomfortable for me to even write those words. The pieces of evidence that emerged to turn this from a mistaken or careless moment into racism escalated when the Dallas Police Department attempted a smear campaign to discredit Botham's character (a lawsuit is underway). Then, during the sentencing hearing, the officer's text messages revealed racially charged statements. Whether or not the murder was racially motivated is still debated. That the officer held on to racists' thoughts and expressed them to friends makes this moment feel like a racially charged crime.

Secondly, our country is still struggling to find justice in our criminal cases. The now ex-cop was given a 10 year jail sentence with possible parole in five years. The prosecution was hoping for a 28 year sentence to reflect Botham's age at the time of the incident. She could have been given up to 99 years, which seemed to be the hope of the protesters. The justice system is supposed to be blind, but too often does view the world in "black and white." Data in the prison systems will confirm that more colored people go to jail, and are given harsher sentences than those who are white. So while the Constitution speaks of equality, the application of the Constitution gets distorted by our own bias, prejudice and preconceived opinions rooted in the color of people. We are a fallen and sinful people.

Cont.. on back

Prayers For Sunshine Family

Cindy Coriell under doctor's care.

James Devins diagnosed with a brain tumor. His surgery is scheduled on October 28 in Cleveland. Please pray for him and his family.

Tom Kelley He is home. Remember him and Nola in your prayers. Please no visitors at this time.

Garnet Lindeman ongoing health concerns, condition weakening. Please pray for her and her family.

Faye McGinnis having surgery on the vertebrae in her neck on October 17.

Derek Miller diagnosed with colon cancer, Surgery is scheduled on October 18 in Columbus. Please pray for him and his family.

Special Members

Judi Allison Elbrooke room #535

Esther and Gene Crisp Riverbend #123.

Sarah Gilliland Hillview #213

Helen Hayward home bound.

Ruth Morris Best Care room #10.

Prayer Requests)

Derek Brothers training in Texas in preparation for deployment.

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

Gene Picklesimer (Kellie Sparks Dad) Has been moved to SOMC Rehab #2405. Continue prayers.

Jamie Williams reoccurrence of breast cancer. She began chemo Oct. 1. Please pray for strength and healing .

Expecting Mothers

Mary Henry – 10/22

Brittney Oesch – 2/11

Crystal Voss - 2/12

Vanessa Coriell-4/27



10/7 Sweet Monday
10/18 Fall Teen Retreat
10/24 Youth Devo
11/15-16 Ladies Retreat

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 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 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

October 2019

Meetings:

Sunday October 6

Prayer Session:

Thursday October 24

Fall Home Groups begin this evening, October 6 thru 27, 6:30 P.M. Be sure to sign up for the home group you would like to attend. Please sign up on one of the tablets in the foyer. You will enjoy your time there! There is also a group that meets here at the building. We'd love to have you join us! Home Group DVD's are on the table in the foyer.

Ladies Sweet Monday will begin Monday Evening, Oct. 7 at 7:00 in the annex. We will be using a video series from Lisa Chan for our devotional time. Come out and enjoy some sweet fellowship and a sweet treat with your sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there!!!

Fall Teen Retreat at Fort Hill

October 18-20 (Fri. Eve., Sat. & Sun.)
Register on line: www.forthillcamp.org or at the camp beginning at 5:00 P.M.
Fee: 50.00 for the weekend
See flyer on bulletin board by the office door

Save the date Ladies!!! Ladies retreat at Scioto Hills, November 15-16. Details coming soon! See Brittany Gampp or Lisa McCray for more information.

Thank you all so much for the delicious food brought to us. We appreciate it so much! You've been such a blessing.

Tom & Nola Kelley

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Baby Shower for Crystal Voss  
November 2, 11:00 A.M.  
Sunshine Church of Christ  
Registered at Target & Amazon



## Youth Devotionals

Sunshine Youth Group will begin having Devos in October. These events will be held in different homes throughout the months. They will be on Thursday evening 6:30-8:30. A signup sheet for host homes is in the foyer. Host homes will provide space and food for the event. There is also a place to sign up as a group leader. A group leader will provide a brief devotional lesson for the group. See Tim for more info.

### **Education Quarterly Meetings**

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

- ♦ 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 41 Text:**

Oct. 6 - Lesson 289 Ruth 1  
Oct. 9 - Lesson 290 Ruth 2

### **Week 42 Text:**

Oct. 13- Lesson 291 Ruth 3  
Oct. 16- Lesson 292 Ruth 4

# Those Who Serve

| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>10/06/2019</b> | <b>10/13/2019</b> | <b>10/20/2019</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Welcome               | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gamp        | Shaun McCray      |
| Midservice Prayer     | David Deacon      | Greg Shepherd     | Mark Gamp         |
| Communion             | Gabe Coriell      | Josh Coriell      | Rick Coriell      |
| Reading               | Jeff Vannatta     | Eric Meredith     | Spike Ferrell     |
| Closing Prayer        | Caleb Miller      | Jason Foster      | D.Mooneyham       |
| <b>Sun. Evening</b>   | <b>10/06/2019</b> | <b>10/13/2019</b> | <b>10/13/2019</b> |
| Song Leader           | Matt.Hoskins      | Zach Coriell      | Matthew Partlow   |
| Reading               | Frelon Sparks     | James Hallam      | Connor Jacobs     |
| Communion             | Rich Book         | Derek Miller      | Frelon Sparks     |
| Assist                | Paul Jacobs       | Johnathan Miller  | Jay Coriell       |
| Prayer                | Mark Risner       | Shawn Gragg       | Mike Coriell      |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>10/09/2019</b> | <b>10/16/2019</b> | <b>10/23/2019</b> |
| Song Leader           | Zach Coriell      | Jared McCray      | Gregg Ferrell     |
| Prayer                | Sam Williams      | Lonnie Hollback   | Mike Gamp         |

## 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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Finally, the path forward came on the day of sentencing. Botham's brother, Brandt, took the stand. He looked at the defendant, Amber Guyer, and what could have been words filled with hate and anger, were words filled with compassion and mercy. "I love you," he said, "just like anyone else and I'm not going to hope you rot and die. I personally want the best for you . . . because I know that's what Botham would want for you . . . ." He then turned to the judge and asked if he could give Amber a hug. She granted the unorthodox request. Brandt took only a couple of steps toward Amber when she ran into his arms like they were long lost friends reunited, like the way the Prodigal Son should have been welcomed home by his brother.

On a warm October afternoon, a young man is sitting in the grace of his reward and he smiles. He smiles, not because of his reward, but because his Savior gave his brother the power to seek justice, mercy and faithfulness, which is always beyond the black and white.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

(i.e. only God is glorified)

**BLACK & WHITE**

*By Jon Partlow*

Have a wonderful day! :)