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Prayer is always a struggle. On the one hand, you come before the Almighty, and even if you have an exhaustive vocabulary, finding the right words is like trying to find a plaid shirt to match striped pants. On the other hand, Jesus frowns upon prayers defaulting to clichés (Mt. 6:7), especially in public where people are only seeking man's applause. The struggle to say the right words is real when one begins to pray.

But the words are only part of the problem, especially in times of great emotional distress. In those seasons, reason takes a back seat to feelings. We sense we're alone, vulnerable and estranged from God. What is happening around us – or within us – seem bigger and stronger than the God who protects. And our prayers and prayer-life often become casualties of the war.

While the Psalms are often associated with praise, they do not fail to embrace the suffering. God deserves and welcomes our adoration. God also listens, even more intently, when his people lament, agonize and weep, especially when such emotions are directed toward him. Like a child coming home from a bad day at school to find solace on the lap and in the arms of the parent, God is just as welcoming to us.

Two questions surface, expressed by the sufferer in the Psalms, may hold the key to finding a way to express ourselves to God during times. When the storm is raging, or when the hole feels like a bottomless pit, the Psalms give us the words to frame our prayers.

The first question is "why." Appearing in Psalm 22:1, the Psalmist tries to understand the distance created between himself and God. Most notably, the cry is recited by Jesus on the cross, possibly validating such a plea. Delving behind the source of suffering is to discover the reason for the anguish, which then validates the sufferer. So if I can figure out "why I am experiencing the affliction," it will make the suffering easier – such reasoning is expressed. But the reason for suffering is far greater than one simple explanation. Not only do we live in a complicated world/universe, but God's not always willing to explain our suffering to us (e.g. story of Job). In part, we couldn't comprehend everything involved in it anyway. Ultimately, knowing the "why" will not change the agonizing situation. You're free to ask "why," but it's unlikely God will grant you the answer you're seeking. Even God was eerily quiet while his Son suffered his death.

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Prayers For Sunshine Family

James Devins Thank God, James and family are back home. Please continue prayers for his healing.

Sarah Gilliland having testing done to determine a diagnosis.

Dave Hallam continue prayers for his healing.

Tom Kelley Tom is in Rm.2 at SOMC Hospice. Please continue to remember him and Nola in your prayers. Visitors are welcome.

Faye McGinnis Thank God she has been able to be back with us again. However, it is necessary for her to have a second surgery, scheduled 11/29.

Derek Miller was with us last Sunday Morning for Worship Service. So glad he was able to attend. Thank you God! Please continue prayers for him.

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 remember him, Taylor and Lilly while he's away.

Kane Lewis has a very serious back injury as a result from a fall off a tree stand. Please remember this young man in your prayers.

Gene Picklesimer (Kellie Sparks Dad) is home. Continue prayers please..

Expecting Mothers

Brittney Oesch – 2/11

Crystal Voss - 2/12

Vanessa Coriell- 4/27

Meaghan Miller - 5/6



12/1

Thanksgiving Service

12/1

Teachers Meeting

12/2

Sweet Monday

12/5

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12/6&7

24 hr. Prayer Vigil

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)

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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

December 2019

Meetings:

Sunday December 1

Prayer Session:

Thursday December 19



Daryl Young was baptized Wednesday Evening. We are so happy for him and his family. We ask God's blessing on him for the decision he has made to follow Christ.

Our Thanksgiving Service will be next Sunday. We have 4 men planning to share with us about the ways God has blessed them. Plan to come and be an encouragement to them.

Don't forget!! There will be a teachers meeting next Sunday Evening at 5:00. Please plan to come. We need your help to get the teaching schedule ready for 2020. We will have a monthly or quarterly option where you can decide the most convenient month(s) for you to teach a child's Bible class. This meeting is for every one interested. It is very important to be involved.

"If we don't teach our children to love and follow Christ....
The world will certainly teach them not to."

The 24 Hour Prayer Vigil will begin Dec.6&7, starting at 6:00 PM. Please sign up for the time you would like to fill so that we can be sure all times are covered. The list is on the window in the foyer.

Come sing with us, each Sunday Evening at 6:00 until time for worship service at 6:30. What's the number of your favorite song? We'll give it a try!



Sunshine Missions

Sunshine currently supports the Mid Western Children's Home. We have a designated amount of money set aside for them in our budget. However; they are in need of a few select items. We would like to begin a collection of these items. If you would like to help there will be one item listed in the bulletin per month to be donated. The listed item will change monthly so that we know what to bring. At the end of the quarter someone from Midwestern will come to pick it up to go back to the families there.

The November Item is Canned Fruit

Thank you all so much for helping!

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 48 Text:

Nov.24 Lesson 303 1 Sam.17
Nov.27 Lesson 304 1 Sam.18

Week 49 Text:

Dec.01 Lesson 305 1 Sam.19-20
Dec.04 Lesson 306 1 Sam.21-22

Those Who Serve

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.

Sunday Morning	11/24/2019	12/01/2019	12/08/2019
Welcome	Shaun McCray	Rich Book	Don Coriell
Midservice Prayer	Mark Risner	Jon Coriell	Caleb Miller
Communion	Eric Miller	Eugene Risner	Mark Risner
Reading	Spike Ferrell	Mike Gamp	Justin Spengler
Closing Prayer	Mark Gamp	Shane Mougey	Jeff Vannatta
Sun. Evening	11/24/2019	12/01/2019	12/08/2019
Song Leader	Shawn Gragg	Zach Coriell	Matthew Hoskins
Reading	Eric Miller	Jared McCray	Lonnie Hollback
Communion	Rich Book	Gabe Coriell	Paul Jacobs
Assist	Jordan Book	Levi Coriell	Jay Coriell
Prayer	Jon Coriell	David Deacon	Jim Jacobs
Wed. Evening	11/27/2019	12/04/2019	12/11/2019
Song Leader	Greg Ferrell	Matthew Partlow	Jared McCray
Prayer	Wayne Gamp	Price Gammon	Steve Williams

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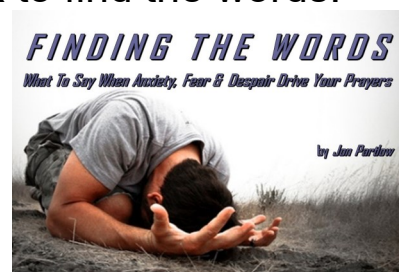
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The second question is “how long.” Surfacing throughout Scripture, such as Psalm 23:1-2, it’s a far clearer question to ask. Even this psalmist asks it four times. The “how long” question steers us away from an over simplified explanation behind the suffering, to the duration of the grieving. This question embraces suffering as part of our witness, but wants to know when the agony will end. God’s people are called to embrace suffering because Jesus suffered (Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 2:21). Our concern is beyond the “why” but to “how long” we must endure before God steps in.

My own struggle to pray when it’s either storming without or pitched black hole from within has been evident. Historically, my gut has always gone to the “why” and have often walked away in continual turmoil. I come to God believing that somehow I deserve an answer from him, much like Job. In recent times I’ve gone with “how long.” It’s helped shift my focus. Instead of defaulting to being self-serving, it’s allowed me to suffer in step with Jesus. Not only has it brought more peace to my life, but it’s also given me a framework to find the words.

Soli Deo Gloria!

(i.e. only God is glorified)



Have a wonderful day! :)