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Sunday, December 08, 2019

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| Jon Coriell  | 820-6145 |
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| Shaun McCray | 935-9701 |

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| Gabe Coriell  | 820-8652 |
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| Rick Coriell  | 935-0717 |
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***“By their fruit you will recognize them” (Mt. 7:16).***

When Jesus begins to bring closure to his Sermon on the Mount, he warns his listeners of coming false prophets. He describes them as wolves in sheep's clothing. Then he changes metaphors and calls us to be fruit inspectors. He wants us to examine, not only the fruit itself, but also the source of the fruit. Like going through a grocery store, before you buy what they're selling you're running quality control on your purchase – bruising and level of ripeness. Jesus also calls for common sense, certain trees may look like they should produce fruit, but they don't. Just because a plant produces something, and even if it looks right, doesn't mean the “fruit” is good for you or tastes good. Then he adds, check out the tree itself because if it's rotten it won't produce anything of value. Cut it down and burn the wood (Mt. 7:16-20).

Jesus applies his imagery to his contemporary situation. Many call on the name of the Lord, but the Lord will not recognize them. Countless who do call are also able to perform incredible works like prophesying, exorcisms and various other miracles. Jesus says that just because they can do these wonderful and incredible things, doesn't mean God is with them (Mt. 7:21-23).

Herein lies our struggle. We're so enamored by the power of the “Spirit”, we're willing to discount all the other evidence to the contrary. We stop inspecting whether the fruit actually exists in that person's life. Does that person prophesy or perform miracles without any evidence of Jesus in their life? Do those people wax eloquently the very words we want to hear without any indication that they walk their talk? Sometimes it seems we're so desperate to have our way we're willing to compromise the very integrity of the gospel for our own agenda.

Two snapshots of this dilemma surfaces in Scripture. The first is when King Saul is in hot pursuit of David, and is intending to kill him. God has abandoned Saul, and in fact has allowed an evil spirit to dwell in him (1 Sam. 18:10). When he locates David, he finds him with Samuel, so he sends his men to retrieve him. Three times. And in each incident his men are overcome by the Spirit and begin prophesying (i.e. possibly praising God). So Saul takes matters into his own hands, and when he encounters Samuel, he's dropped to the ground in prophesying (i.e. possibly praising God). As the people witness the actions of the king, they wondered if “. . .

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## **Prayers For Sunshine Family**

**Jean Ferrell** Please continue to remember her. She is at home now, but still on blood thinners for a blood clot and antibiotic for infection.

**Sarah Gilliland** having testing done to determine a diagnosis.

**Faye McGinnis** Please continue prayers.

**Derek Miller** Please continue prayers for him. He began the chemo treatments this past week.

## **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. He will begin therapy soon. Please continue to remember this young man in your prayers.

**Gene Picklesimer** (Kelli Sparks dad) is home, but continued prayer is requested.

## **Expecting Mothers**

Brittney Oesch – 2/11

Crystal Voss - 2/12

Vanessa Coriell- 4/27

Meaghan Miller - 5/6



12/19 Teen Devo- @Grashels  
12/31 New Years Eve Party  
01/26 Speaker/Mid Western C.H

## **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 8

**Prayer Session:**

Thursday December 19



**We extend our sympathy** to the family of Norm & Faye McGinnis at the passing of his son Steven. We're praying for strength and comfort for the family.

**Coats for Kids Ministry** is underway. The donations received will allow us to purchase coats for school children in need. School personnel provide the information of size and gender. Sunshine volunteers shop for the coats and deliver them to the school to be given to the children.

If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Eugene Risner.

**Goodies for kids!** Brittyn's school (The Cape School in New Boston) will be having a pizza party Thursday, Dec.19. She is asking if our Sunshine Ladies would be willing to make a dessert or cookies for her kids. If you can, please bring the goodies to Wednesday night church service Dec.18. There's a sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have questions please contact Brittyn at 740-645-7005. Thank You All So Much!

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

*Return to Bethlehem*  
WHERE HOPE NEVER DISAPPOINTS

*The December Christmas Series from the Book of Ruth*



## 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 December Item is Dryer Sheets**

**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:**

- ♦ March 1
- ♦ June 7



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

## Family Bible Time

### Week 50 Text:

Dec.08 Lesson 307 1 Sam.23  
Dec.11 Lesson 308 1 Sam.24

### Week 51 Text:

Dec.15 Lesson 309 1 Sam.25  
Dec.18 Lesson 310 1 Sam.26-27

# 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.

| <b><u>Sunday Morning</u></b> | <b><u>12/08/2019</u></b> | <b><u>12/15/2019</u></b> | <b><u>12/22/2019</u></b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Welcome                      | Don Coriell              | Jon Coriell              | Wayne Gampp              |
| Midservice Prayer            | Caleb Miller             | Justin Spengler          | Jeff Hayward             |
| Communion                    | Mark Risner              | Dewey Cordle             | Gabe Coriell             |
| Reading                      | Justin Spengler          | Johnny Beekman           | Jacob Book               |
| Closing Prayer               | Jeff Vannatta            | Jason Foster             | Greg Shepherd            |
| <b><u>Sun. Evening</u></b>   | <b><u>12/08/2019</u></b> | <b><u>12/15/2019</u></b> | <b><u>12/22/2019</u></b> |
| Song Leader                  | Matt Hoskins             | Shawn Gragg              | Zach Coriell             |
| Reading                      | Lonnie Hollback          | Tim Gampp                | Jay Coriell              |
| Communion                    | Paul Jacobs              | Frelon Sparks            | Price Gammon             |
| Assist                       | Jay Coriell              | Johnathan Miller         | Steve Williams           |
| Prayer                       | Jim Jacobs               | Dale Kuhn                | Mike Gampp               |
| <b><u>Wed. Evening</u></b>   | <b><u>12/11/2019</u></b> | <b><u>12/18/2019</u></b> | <b><u>12/25/2019</u></b> |
| Song Leader                  | Jared McCray             | Zach Coriell             | No Service               |
| Prayer                       | Steve Williams           | Mike Coriell             |                          |

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Saul was also among the prophets?" (1 Sam. 18:24c). Saul was not a prophet. The moment was God's way of stepping in to prevent David's harm. So just because the King of Israel finds himself prophesying and praising God doesn't mean his life is lined up with God. In fact, Saul is not someone to look to for God's redemption.

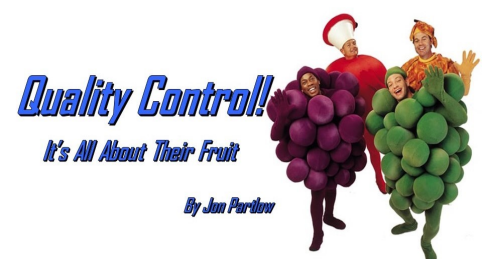
The other story comes from Acts 16 when Paul was in Philippi. A girl, possessed by a demon and a victim of trafficking, spoke truth about Paul and Silas. She followed them throughout the town shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved" (Act. 16:17). But her life betrayed her words, so Paul cast the demon out of her. For Paul, the one who spoke the truth was just as important as the words used in declaring truth.

Jesus does not define his terms when it comes to "fruit," nor does he tell us what the wolf will actually do once he's invaded the fold, the imagery of very self-evident. He expects us to connect the dots. If Jesus' opening words (5:3-11) have any bearing fruit, then the ones with spiritual power and words are driven by true humility, not pride. Remorsefulness of sin is the burden weighing on them; they neither brag nor dismiss their sin. A power fueled by God and not by self is present. They have a passionate pursuit of God's righteousness and not their own self-righteousness. Generous mercy overflows their lives. A purity of heart is evident by words and actions. They seek peace first. Finally, because of their lives lining up with God, they accept character assassination as Jesus endured.

So before we give too much credence and credibility to a human who speaks the right words with an overabundance of charisma, implementing some discretion might be worth the time. It's biblical to make sure their lives actually reflect the one they're speaking for and about. Jesus calls us to accountability as fruit is produced from our trees. It's not being judgmental, it's quality control.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

(i.e. only God is glorified)



Have a wonderful day! :)