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One of my earliest memories of Christmas centered on St. Nick. I remember sitting on his knee asking for a new bike. I remember the cardboard fire place we set up in our living room with a lighted fire we turned on at night (without a real fireplace this was his entrance into the house?). I remember the year mom crocheted/granny square stockings to replace our small plastic ones; these still hang each year at my house. Finally, I remember the year my sister's stocking was empty, and what I thought was a strike of justice turned out to be a faulty assessment of reality (she had already gone through her stocking).

The Santa Clause tradition has motivated children to spend the month between Thanksgiving and New Year's exhibiting their best behavior. In a rewards v. punishment theme children wish to avoid an empty stocking with desire to cash in on Santa's generosity.

Similarities exist between what St. Nick hopes to accomplish and walking with Jesus. Both appear to be all-knowing. Both desire to bring the best out of the people they encounter. Both have a list used to categorize people and their behavior. Here the similarities seem to break down and begin to diverge, as the lists available are handled quite differently.

St. Nicklaus' list is about behavior. He rewards the good while punishing the bad. A child does everything he/she can to ensure they are included on the "nice" list. Sure, Santa grades on a sliding scale, but either you're good or you're not. And the burden is on you. Your behavior determines your destiny. If you're not good enough, you fail to get the stuff you want. Simply, it's a works-driven form of righteousness.

Jesus' list, on the other hand, is about grace and discipleship. Those who are on Jesus' good list find themselves filled with flaws, shortcomings and sin. As Paul quotes the Psalmist, "There is no one righteous, not even one" (Rom. 3:10). No matter how hard we try to be good, we cannot be good. In part, because nothing within us is good. The purpose of the cross was to transfer the righteousness of Christ onto us in order to make us good (2 Cor. 5:21). Even Jesus describes his Second Coming, not in terms of a "naughty" and "nice" list but, in terms of compassion. Did we feed the hungry, offer a drink to the thirsty, practice hospitality to the homeless, and clothe the naked, visit the sick or those imprisoned? (Mt. 25:31-40).



The Naughty/Nice List

How Santa's List Differs from Jesus' List

Cont. on back.

By Jon Partlow

Prayers For Sunshine Family

Jean Ferrell Please continue prayers for her that she will be able to have her back procedure as planned on Jan.30.

Faye McGinnis Please continue prayers for her healing, as she recovers at home from the second neck procedure done on Friday..

Derek Miller Please continue prayers for him. He has started the chemo treatments.

JJ (Jane Ruggles son in law) he is home, but on medication due to blood clots.

Walt Vannatta (Jeff's dad) had a serious fall last Sunday morning. Please remember 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.

Gene Picklesimer (Kelli Sparks dad) he remains in St. Mary's hospital in very serious condition. Continued prayer is requested for him and his family.

Expecting Mothers

Brittney Oesch - 2/11

Crystal Voss - 2/12

Vanessa Coriell- 4/27

Meaghan Miller - 5/6



Singing Sunday Eve.s @ 6:00

12/25 No Wed. Eve. Service

12/31 New Years Eve Party

01/17-18 Girls Lock In

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

Meetings:

Sunday December 22

Prayer Session:

Thursday January 23



The 2020 Teaching Schedule is available today for those planning to sign up for a specific month to teach or assist in a Bible Class. The goal is to have this schedule ready and posted by the new year, so that everyone will have access to view.

Please see Shawn Gragg after AM Service.

The New Years Eve Party will be Dec.31., beginning at 7:30 until mid night. There will be games, singing and snacking. Plan to come, bring a snack and a friend! Ring in the New Year with family and friends

STRIKE 1,2,3 YOU ARE NOT OUT!!

On Jan.19, 8:00PM-2:00AM (after Sunday Night Worship Service) we'll be having a moonlight bowling event at Sunset Lanes in Portsmouth. This is a holiday weekend so there will be no school on Monday. Pizza will be provided. Please bring chips, cookies or other snack food.

This event is for everyone!!!

So, if you like bowling, Come on down!

A Note from Brittyn:

Thanks to everyone that made goodies for CAPE Alternative School! The kids were blown away that people would take time to make goodies for them. We had so many that we were able to send a lot home with them! Thank You from the kids, the staff and from me! It meant the world to me and I am so thankful for you all!

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 52 Text:

Dec.22 Lesson 311 1 Sam.28-29
Dec.25 Lesson 312 1 Sam.30-31

Week 53 Text:

Dec.29 Lesson 313 Text Review
Jan. 01 Lesson 314 Mark 7:1-30

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.

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>12/22/2019</u>	<u>12/29/2019</u>	<u>01/05/2020</u>
Welcome	Wayne Gampp	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Midservice Prayer	Jeff Hayward	Jason Coriell	Aaron Kallner
Communion	Gabe Coriell	Josh Coriell	Rick Coriell
Reading	Jacob Book	Steve Williams	Troy Gahm
Closing Prayer	Greg Shepherd	Mark Risner	Jordan Book
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>12/22/2019</u>	<u>12/29/2019</u>	<u>01/05/2020</u>
Song Leader	Zach Coriell	Jon Coriell	Shawn Gragg
Reading	Jay Coriell	Sam Williams	Jim Jacobs
Communion	Price Gammon	Gabe Coriell	Josh Coriell
Assist	Steve Williams	Levi Coriell	Ira Coriell
Prayer	Mike Gampp	Rich Book	Lonnie Hollback
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>12/25/2019</u>	<u>01/01/2020</u>	<u>01/08/2020</u>
Song Leader	No Service	David Deacon	Matthew Partlow
Prayer		Jared McCray	Eugene Risner

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Maybe the best picture of how Jesus' list gets flipped is the story of the two men who ventured to the temple to pray (Lk. 18:9-14). The first was a member of the conservative political/religious party. He avoided an immoral life, and shunned the people who lived such lives. He fasted twice a week and tithed a tenth of his income. If the prayer was made today, he'd boast his church attendance too. The other man knew his sin was before him, and he refused to look up at heaven. He just cried out to God in confessional tones for mercy, not justice.

Santa's list, as a works-oriented list, places the first man on the "nice" list while the other goes on the "naughty" list. Jesus flips the list because he is looking for humility and compassion while operating in a context of grace. Neither men are good, but the second is willing to admit and trust God's grace. The first one trusts himself, while the second puts everything on God.

When I look back at the year I thought my sister's stocking was left unfilled, I'm ashamed at the thoughts that went through my mind. I thought we both got what we deserved. And that's the flaw in Santa's works-oriented list, and it's where I was fatally flawed in my theology. He gives you what you deserves with the "naughty" while rewarding you far better than you deserve with the "nice" list. Jesus' list simply includes those who know they deserve nothing but are given everything. He calls it grace.

Soli Deo Gloria!

(i.e. only God is glorified)

Have a wonderful day! :)