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God looks more at the giver than the actual gift.

When Samuel was in the process of anointing the new king for Israel, God told the prophet not to be consumed with their looks but their heart (1 Sam. 16:7). David's brothers looked more royal than the scrappy boy tending his father's sheep. But Israel had already been down that road with someone looking kingly but not acting kingly. God wanted someone whose heart was set on him, not on the power kingship brings to the monarch.

The theme of weakness into strength recapitulates throughout Scripture. The humble will be lifted. The rejected will be accepted. The powerless will find power. So it's no wonder that somewhere along the way someone creates a story like the drummer boy.

In the story the little boy found his way with the throng of people who heard that the Messiah had arrived as a baby in a manger. People were bringing gifts, but the little boy had no gift to bring. Many of the people had the means to travel and the resources to present great gifts. The little boy had nothing and the long journey was beyond both his means and his ability.

When the boy finally reached Bethlehem and stood before the baby king, he watched the adults present their gifts to the child and his parents. Shame swelled over him. He neither had a gift nor could afford such luxuries. He stood there like he was out of place and overwhelmed. It was a teaching moment. As Jesus was watching the contributions go into the temple treasury, he noticed a widow. She was placing two copper coins into the box. Jesus drew the disciples' attention to the widow and noticed her generosity. Where others gave out of their wealth, she gave out of her poverty (Lk. 21:1-4). Where the rich, who gave a lot, only gave a small portion of their wealth, she gave everything she had though the total amount was the sum value of maybe a penny. Jesus' commentary on her giving was Kingdom of God valued; she gave more than anyone else.



Pa Rum Pum Pum Pum
A Simple Christmas Gift

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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 Dec.30.

Faye McGinnis Please continue prayers for her healing, as she recovers at home

Derek Miller Please continue prayers for him as he goes through the chemo treatments.

Teresa Mooneyham Please pray for a successful surgery, scheduled Jan.17.

Hux Rase Prayer is needed for a quick recovery for baby Hux, as he struggles with RSV. He has been admitted to Adena Hospital.

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

12/31 New Years Eve Party

01/05 Church Service at 10:00AM

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

January 2020

Meetings:

Sunday January 5

Prayer Session:

Thursday January 23



Please Note:

The Sunshine Church Service time is changing:

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM.

We will no longer be meeting at 8:15 AM.

Sunday Evening 6:30 PM

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**The 2020 Teaching Schedule** is available 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

**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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

## **Girls Lock In**

Jan.17 @ 6:30 PM - Jan.18 @ 10:00AM  
Girls plan to come and bring a friend! You will have a great time! Please sign up on the list at the Welcome Center by Jan .8. See Sharon Hallam for more information.

## **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!

*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 53 Text:**

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

### **Week 54 Text:**

Jan.05 Lesson 315 Mark 7: 31-9:1  
Jan.08 Lesson 316 Matthew 17

| <b>Those Who Serve</b>       |                          |                          |                          | <b>Regular Service Times</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b><u>Sunday Morning</u></b> | <b><u>12/29/2019</u></b> | <b><u>01/05/2020</u></b> | <b><u>01/12/2020</u></b> | <b><u>Sunday</u></b><br>Early Worship - 8:15 am<br>Late Worship - 10:00 am<br>Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Welcome                      | Shaun McCray             | Rich Book                | Don Coriell              | <b><u>Wednesday</u></b><br>Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Midservice Prayer            | Jason Coriell            | Aaron Kallner            | Caleb Miller             | <p>This bulletin is a publication of the Sunshine Church of Christ. To learn more about the Church of Christ you may contact us at the telephone number or address on the front cover. Deadline for each issue is 8 am Friday. Content should be emailed to <a href="mailto:info@sunshine-church.org">info@sunshine-church.org</a></p> <p><b>Visit us on the web:</b><br/><a href="http://sunshine-church.org">sunshine-church.org</a></p> |
| Communion                    | Josh Coriell             | Rick Coriell             | Ryan Coriell             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Reading                      | Steve Williams           | Troy Gahm                | Dewey Cordle             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Closing Prayer               | Mark Risner              | Jordan Book              | Shane Mougey             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b><u>Sun. Evening</u></b>   | <b><u>12/29/2019</u></b> | <b><u>01/05/2020</u></b> | <b><u>01/12/2020</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Song Leader                  | Jon Coriell              | Shawn Gragg              | Zach Coriell             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Reading                      | Sam Williams             | Jim Jacobs               | Adam Cordle              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Communion                    | Gabe Coriell             | Josh Coriell             | Jacob Book               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Assist                       | Levi Coriell             | Ira Coriell              | Jordan Book              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Prayer                       | Rich Book                | Lonnie Hollback          | Gabe Coriell             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b><u>Wed. Evening</u></b>   | <b><u>01/01/2020</u></b> | <b><u>01/08/2020</u></b> | <b><u>01/15/2020</u></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Song Leader                  | David Deacon             | Matthew Partlow          | Jared McCray             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Prayer                       | Jared McCray             | Eugene Risner            | Dusty Henry              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

Finally his opportunity to present his gift came to him. His hands were empty. His poverty spoke volumes as he stepped forward. Confessing his lack of gift, he offered the one thing he had. He offered to play his drum. With the mother's blessing, he started to play. Amazingly, the crowd grew silent, the animals joined in the song and the baby smiled.

Such a small gift, such a simple song. Yet it strikes at something near to the heart of God. For God continues to look not at how big the gift is, but how big the heart that gives the gift.

A hug. A cup of water. An encouraging text. A lunch at a fast food restaurant. A meaningful prayer. An offer to babysit. A phone call. Cleaning up a mess. Holding a baby so a mother can have a moment of peace. Dropping your last few coins in the collection plate because it's all you have.

Where we're consumed with how big and impressive our gift to God is, God is far from amused. He's looking at the heart of the giver, such as the level of generosity, the amount of cheerfulness and the volume of faith when the giver gives.

Maybe that's why we're drawn to a little drummer boy.

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

Have a wonderful day! :)