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Christian living is filled with power as well as weakness, mountain top experiences along with valley occurrences, promises accompanied by fulfillments, and exhilarating moments together with mundane ones. Such is seen in a “throwaway” kind of statement Luke makes when Jesus returned to his hometown, Nazareth.

As Jesus entered the town, the Spirit was powerfully working in/through him (Lk. 4:14). One can only imagine what Luke meant. Jesus’ ministry had yet to begin (at least as laid out by Luke), so what demonstration of “power” is on him? Clearly, we can point to his baptism (3:21-22) and his defeat of Satan in the wilderness (4:1-13). And as Jesus’ ministry unfolds, we’ll note his miracles, his teachings, his love for folks, his insightfulness to people’s hearts, and his ability to thwart or absorb verbal attacks and criticisms. Yes, his unmistakable evidence is present that the Spirit had taken root in Jesus. And as we sit on the edge of our seats, we can’t wait to read what Jesus does next.

What we do read, though, is kind of a letdown. What he did next was that he simply attended the local synagogue, “as was his custom.” He had a pattern, a routine, a habit, a schedule. On Saturday, when his fellow Jews gathered at the Synagogue, he joined them. It’s a moment that doesn’t grab your attention or “wow” you. Jesus simply shows up where Scripture is read, prayers are led and encouragement is offered. And, according to Luke, he did this every Sabbath (i.e. Saturday). Every. Single. Sabbath.

The Synagogue history is a bit of a quagmire. When we close the books on the Old Testament, we have no mention of the Synagogue and it’s clearly not endorsed by Moses and the Law. Some have found possible hints of the Synagogue in Ezekiel and Nehemiah, but those are strongly debated. Most scholars will tell you that the Synagogue arose during the diaspora as a means to fill a void in the Jewish spiritual life. With Jews (i.e. people from Judea) having no access to a temple where sacrifices were made and with their national identity in question, a void was instantaneously created that needed filled. Priests required a place to read Scripture and to instruct on matters of faith. Israel craved local places to meet together to pray and to be instructed. Thus, most likely, the Synagogue came into being during the Babylonian exile. The acceptance of a local place to pray and hear instruction from Scripture was so relevant and popular, the Jews brought it back with them from captivity. And 400 years later, it’s woven into the very fabric of Jewish culture. So much so that Jesus makes it his own weekly priority to gather with the saints.

But let’s be honest, the weekly gathering with the saints is far short of sensational. It’s mundane.

We witness the struggle from within. The singing is too often off pitch, too slow and, who wants to learn a new song anyway? The prayers usually reflect the spiritual shallowness of the person praying. The Lord’s Supper feels rushed because of the uncomfortable silence. The sermon is too long and irrelevant. Relationships with each other is strained and drains the time together. In the process we forget that the “audience” for the worship is not the people who gather, but the One who gathers us together.

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Prayers For Sunshine Family

Roger Cooper Please remember him as he continues to have health issues.

Faye & Norm McGinnis They are feeling better, but still not well. Please continue to remember them in prayer.

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

Teresa Mooneyham Please pray for a speedy recovery from a successful surgery. She's doing well at this time.

Special Members

Judi Allison Elbrooke Room#535

Esther & Gene Crisp Riverbend Room#123

Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room#213

Helen Hayward Homebound

Ruth Morris Best Care Room#10

Prayer Requests

Derek Brothers Please pray for him, Taylor and Lilly while he is away.

Larry Hawkins (Sharon Gampps brother) Please pray for him as he recovers from surgery at Encompass Rehab. Hospital in Huntington.

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

Vanessa Coriell - 4/27

Meaghan Miller - 5/6

Congratulations to Crystal & Chason Voss. They have a baby boy, Maxton Paul. He was born Jan.14, 6lb.10oz. 21 in. long. He arrived 4 wks early so he's needing some time in the hospital to allow his lungs to develop more. Please remember him and his mom & dad in your prayers.



01/26 Speaker/Mid Western C.H
02/14-16 Winterfest 2020
02/15 Father/Daughter Gala
03/01 Teachers Meeting
06/21-26 Save The Date - VBS

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>



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 may simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

January 2020

Meetings:

Sunday January 26

Prayer Session:

Thursday January 23



Moonlight Bowling Event

Jan.19, 8:00PM-2:00AM (tonight after Sunday Night Worship Service) we'll be having a Moonlight Bowling Event at Sunset Lanes in Portsmouth. Please bring chips, cookies or other snack food. Pizza will be provided.

**This event is for everyone!!!
So if you like bowling, Come on down!**

The Children's Classes will be making

"Blessing Bags" to help those in need. They are asking for our assistance with this project. Here is a list of items they intend to include: Hand Warmers, Mints or Hard Candy, Deodorant, Lip Balm, Band Aides, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Breakfast/Protein Bars, Heavy Socks (adult), Tuna & Cracker Snack Pack, Comb/Brush or Pic, Vienna Sausage (flip top), Wet Wipes

The item for next week is:
Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste

We appreciate your help as we try to help others! Please read the flyer for details.

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**Winterfest 2020**

**Date: Feb.14-16                      Cost:120.00**

**To Register: Text the following information to (740)935-9701.**

- \* Name (First & Last)**
- \* Email Address**
- \* Cell Phone Number (to confirm.reg)**

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VBS Preparation will begin soon!
What?? Yes!! In only 5 months or
22 weeks or 153 days is Day 1 of VBS.
Start thinking about it. Pray for all the little ones we can teach about God.

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 January Item is Bath Soap

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 56 Text:

- Jan.19 Lesson 319 John 8
- Jan.22 Lesson 320 John 9:1-10:21

Week 57 Text:

- Jan.26 Lesson 321 Luke 10:1-37
- Jan.29 Lesson 322 Luke 10:38-11:13

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	01/19/2020	01/26/2020	02/02/2020
Welcome	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp	Shaun McCray
Midservice Prayer	Justin Spengler	Mike Coriell	Eric Meredith
Communion	Shawn Gragg	Dale Kuhn	Aaron Kallner
Reading	Troy Gahm	Steve Williams	Josh Coriell
Closing Prayer	Greg Shepherd	Jeff Vannatta	Caleb Miller
Sun. Evening	01/19/2020	01/26/2020	02/02/2020
Song Leader	David Deacon	Matt Hoskins	Zach Coriell
Reading	Garris Coriell	Mark Gampp	Jay Coriell
Communion	Rich Book	Sam Williams	Dave Deacon
Assist	Frelon Sparks	Eric Miller	Johnathan Miller
Prayer	Jared McCray	Price Gammon	Lonnie Hollback
Wed. Evening	01/22/2020	01/29/2020	02/05/2020
Song Leader	Zach Coriell	Matthew Partlow	Rich Book
Prayer	Mike Gampp	Mike Lemon	Wayne Gampp



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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REFOCUSING ON JESUS

We witness the struggle from without. Everything seems to keep luring and pulling us away from Sunday. Sleep ties us to our beds. Stress from the week builds to a point we cannot cope with the stress of getting ready for "church." Apathy sets in because, "Who really cares if I show up or not?" The work around the house still needs done. The kids are all committed to sports or other extracurricular activities. Vacations. And all the while, the people down at the lake are all a lot nicer than the ones at church.

And the weekly gathering with the saints is so monotonous. And yet where do we find Jesus?

So Jesus shows up for "church"* because that "was his custom." And if we point to his baptism as a logical argument for our baptism (e.g. "what's good enough for him is good enough for me"), then that logic applies to his weekly attendance with saints too. And in the tediousness of making it to services, every ... single ... week, I think even he finds some joy,

"I will declare your name to my brothers;

In the presence of the congregation* I will sing your praise." (Hebrews 4:12 quoting Psalm 22:22)

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



* The word "congregation" is the Greek word, *ekklesia*, which means, "assembly" but is often translated "church."

Have a wonderful day! :)