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Elders

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Jon Coriell	820-6145
Wayne Gampp	820-3444
Shaun McCray	935-9701

Deacons

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Gabe Coriell	820-8652
Josh Coriell	981-6717
Rick Coriell	935-0717
Ryan Coriell	357-5933
Shawn Gragg	820-5346
Dale Kuhn	820-4690
Aaron Kallner	285-0738
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Alone ... Despair ... Uncertainty ... Doubt ... Second Guessing ...
Fear ... Worry ... Anxiety ... Abandonment ... Forsaken.

When you're left to your own thoughts, you can easily fall into a dark hole by over analyzing everything. As John the Baptist sat in Herod's prison these are some of the words that came to my mind that may describe the prophet.

I always saw John as bold and courageous. With his Elijah-like ruggedness, he prepared the way for Christ by calling people to repentance. When soldiers came for baptism he challenged them to act with integrity. When the religious leaders showed up to hear him preach, he called them out for their hypocrisy. And even behind bars, when given a hearing before Herod, he confronted the immoral relationship with his brother's wife.

But maybe living in a dungeon kinda gets to you.

So when his own disciples brought him news of what Jesus was doing, the doubt surfaced. Was Jesus the One they were waiting for? Was his preaching to prepare the way for Jesus on task? So he sent two of his disciples to inquire of the Lord (Lk. 7:18-19). And the response John received was far from a simple "yes" or "no" answer. Jesus forced John to connect the dots.

First, Jesus returns to the Jubilee theme of Luke 4:18-19 by reminding John's disciples what they've witnessed: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cured, deaf hear, dead are raised and good news is preached to the poor (Lk. 7:22). If the proof is in the pudding, then sit back and look at what Jesus has done. Beyond the miraculous nature of Jesus' ministry lies a more important message. Jesus is pointing John back to Isaiah to remind him how he's fulfilling Isaiah's Messianic prophecy (see Is. 29:18-19; 35:5-6; 42:18; 43:8; 61:1-2).

Secondly, Jesus utters a blessing (i.e. a beatitude?) for John's disciples, "Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me" (Lk. 7:23). I've struggled to understand why Jesus saw himself as a possible stumbling block to faith. Sure, I heed the warning. My actions and my words can (and sadly have) drive someone away from Christ. I get that. But how does Jesus own such words?

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Prayers For Sunshine Family.

Faye McGinnis She is in need of many prayers, as she struggles with multiple health issues.

Deann Gammon Please pray for her as she recovers from successful Neuro. Surgery

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

Elijah Young diagnosed with RSV & Ear Infection. Please pray for healing.

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.

Nancy Clark (June Books Niece) Please pray for her as she struggles with neuro. problems.

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, but starting to respond. Continued prayer is requested for him and his family.

Phyllis White (Kaye Hammonds Sister) being treated at Riverside Hosp. for a brain bleed. Prayer is requested for her.

Expecting Mothers

Vanessa Coriell - 4/27

Meaghan Miller - 5/6



02/14-16 Winterfest 2020

02/15 Father/Daughter Gala

03/01 Teachers Meeting

03/14 Ladies Game Night

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

February 2020

Meetings:

Sunday February 9

Prayer Session:

Thursday February 27



Welcome Adlee Marie Oesch!

Born Jan.27, 6'14 oz. Congratulations!

Aaron & Brittney

Grandparents John & Lori Oesch,
Great Grandparents Dale & Barb Gampp

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### **"Blessing Bags"**

#### **The item for next week is:**

#### **Heavy Socks (Adult Size)**

We appreciate your help, as we learn to help others that are less fortunate.

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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)

Contact information:

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or jjriley22@gmail.com

*Shaun McCray (740)935-9701

or samccray@gampps.com

*Tim Gampp (606)356-3345

or timgampp@yahoo.com

Winterfest Schedule and Information can be found at www.winterfest.org

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### **Tyler Meredith and his AIM Class**

will graduate March 16, in Lubbock, Texas. However; Tyler will continue his study's at the Sunset School of Preaching.

The other students will each go their own way into the world teaching the gospel of Christ. Please pray for all these young people as they begin their journey.

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Directly Affected is a weekly, peer led support group of teens ages 12-18 with a family member who struggles with drug addiction. The teens meet here at Sunshine on Monday Eve.at 6:00.They are choosing a life of abstinence from drugs, by leaning on each other for support to break a cycle.

Help is needed with transportation.

Please contact Kendra Cram for details.

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 February Item is Dish 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 58 Text:

Feb.02 Lesson 323 Luke 13:10-21, John 10:22-42

Feb.05 Lesson 324 Luke 13:22-14:14

Week 59 Text:

Feb.09 Lesson 325 Luke 14:15-35

Feb.12 Lesson 326 Luke 15

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	02/02/2020	02/09/2020	02/16/2020
Welcome	Shaun McCray	Rich Book	Don Coriell
Midservice Prayer	Eric Meredith	Gabe Coriell	Mike Gamp
Communion	Aaron Kallner	Eric Miller	Eugene Risner
Reading	Josh Coriell	Jordan Book	Dewey Cordle
Closing Prayer	Caleb Miller	Greg Shepherd	Mark Gamp
Sun. Evening	02/02/2020	02/09/2020	02/16/2020
Song Leader	Zach Coriell	Shawn Gragg	Matt. Hoskins
Reading	Jay Coriell	Jim Jacobs	Frelon Sparks
Communion	David Deacon	Steve Williams	Jeff Vannatta
Assist	Johnathan Miller	Dusty Henry	James Hallam
Prayer	Lonnie Hollback	Mark Risner	Jason Coriell
Wed. Evening	02/05/2020	02/12/2020	02/19/2020
Song Leader	Rich Book	Jared McCray	David Deacon
Prayer	Wayne Gamp	Jon Coriell	Mike Coriell



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

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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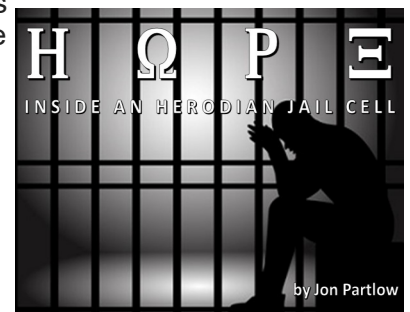
REFOCUSING ON JESUS

To say Jesus' ministry was controversial is an understatement; it certainly held a scandalous layer to it. Simeon had predicted the fall of many in association with Jesus' presence (Lk. 2:34). Throughout his ministry, Jesus offended the established to the point they were willing to execute him. Families divided will found themselves pitted against each other as some were whole heartedly willing to follow Jesus and others rejected him (Lk. 12:51-53). And even now, John's imprisonment was a sign of Jesus's coming.

So the blessing that Jesus pronounces (v. 23) is clearly owned by Jesus. He knew the controversy surrounding himself and feared losing people on the "drop-out track." Thus, John can find strength and security in knowing Jesus is exactly who he thought he was before the doubt set in. His suffering in prison continues the preparatory role for Christ as one who must suffer himself (see v. 27).

And what about us? Following Jesus can still carry a divisive layer to discipleship. Sometimes Christ is lightening rod in relationships. We can be shunned, rejected and abandoned by friends and family because of our loyalty to Jesus. In our walk with him we can face loneliness and feel we walk alone. But like John, it's in the solitude of our faith we find hope.

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



Have a wonderful day! :)