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Shaun McCray	935-9701

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As Archie Williams took the stage for his two minutes to shine on America's Got Talent, my heart began aching as I gasped, hoping, "Please don't fail." While I had yet to hear him sing, and I was unaware of his story, I just saw what appeared to be a broken man take the stage. He wore a light blue suit that hung on him; actually it wore him more than he wore it. He walked with a bent knee, almost struggling as if he was carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders. The truth is, he was.

Simon Cowell began the interview. Archie survived thirty-six plus years in the brutal and bloody Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, often referred to as the Alcatraz of the South. But he was innocent. Sure, he was convicted, not only of rape, but also of attempted murder of a woman in 1983. But he had witnesses saying he was home. His fingerprints didn't match the ones at the crime scene. The woman couldn't identify him in a picture array, at least not at first. But the public was crying for "justice," and no one really cared if the right man was caught or not. So Archie was innocently walking down his street when the police arrested him. And since he was poor - and since he was black - he couldn't afford a lawyer and get proper representation. He was found guilty and served a life sentence plus 80 years in hell. The woman and victim was white.

Redemption, though, came from two sources. He threw himself into Jesus, praying and singing gospel songs with other prisoners, until DNA evidence exonerated him from his sentence. Sure he lost thirty-six years of his life. But in his own words, and in the spirit of Nelson Mandela, "Freedom is of the mind. I went to prison, but I never let my mind go to prison."

So the music began with a simple piano, and I was hoping beyond hope that he wouldn't fail. With courage in his heart, his soulful voice began to sing Elton John's, "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me." He slowed the tempo and uttered the words in new and refreshing tones. Listening to his song, it was like hearing it for the first time. It wasn't long before the audience, stunned in reverent silence, had given him their hearts. When he finished, he brought the crowd to its feet in cheers and me to tears. In one moment he was offered redemption. The weight of the world was lifted. And in that same moment he shared that redemption with love and mercy.

I looked at my phone. Social media had blown up, not about Archie Williams' performance, but about George Floyd. The news reported that four Minneapolis police officers were fired from the force for their role in the death of Floyd. Following reports of a forgery, they found Floyd sitting on his car. Suspecting he was guilty, they placed cuffs on him, then claimed he was resisting an arrest. Soon he was on the ground with one of the officers, one of the white officers, pressing his knee on the neck of Floyd, a black man. The move violated police protocol and ignored standard apprehension procedures. The white officer took a knee on the neck of a black man, while Floyd was pleading for his life. "I can't breathe!" "I can't breathe!" "I can't breathe" were the last words spoken by George Floyd.

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Prayers For Sunshine Family.

Roger Cooper Please remember him in your prayers as he recuperates at home.

Lia & Addilynn Coriell

They are doing very well. They are continuing with therapy at home . Please continue prayers for them and their family.

Nola Kelley Please remember Nola and her family at this time as they mourn the passing of her son Tim.

Teresa Moonyham Requesting prayer as she prepares for surgery in June.

Janine Morris Please pray for a speedy recovery from surgery and complete healing. She is being treated for multiple myeloma.

Melissa Rase . Please continue prayers as she receives treatment allowing her to recover at home.

We have many who are dealing with very difficult situations at this time. Please lift them up to The Father for help.

<u>Judi Allison</u>	Elbrooke Room#535
<u>Esther & Gene Crisp</u>	Riverbend Room#123
<u>Sarah Gilliland</u>	Hillview Room#213
<u>Helen Hayward</u>	Homebound
<u>Ruth Morris</u>	Best Care Room#10

Prayer Requests

Derek Brothers Please pray for his safety, also for Taylor and Lilly while he is away.

Pat Carr(Jamie Forbes Mom) Please continue prayers for her and her family.

Andy Dettwiller(Friend of Dale Kuhn) He is battling cancer. Please pray for him..



06/07/20 Sunday Morning Worship
07/26-7/31 Church Camp

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

Sunday June 14 & 28

Prayer Session: Thursday June 25



Good Morning Sunshine!

We invite you to please join us for on-line services.

Sunday Morning @ 10 AM

Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday Eve. Class @ 7:30 PM

If you'd like to follow along during the service, today's lesson comes from:

Sunday AM Luke 22:1-6

Sunday PM Luke 22:7-38

Wednesday Eve. Mark 5:1-20

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**We extend our deepest sympathy to the Family & Friends of Tim Kelley. Our prayers are for you all to feel God's love, peace & comfort.**  
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Church Camp 2020

Howell's Mill Christian Assembly

In Ona, W Va. (Huntington)

Sunshine's week is July 26-July 31

Register online @ www.howellsmill.org

Please see Shaun or Lisa for more information.

Mid-Western Children's Home

is looking for active Church of Christ members that are interested in serving as "House Parents". If you would like more information about this ministry, please call 513-877-2141 or reach out to barry.boverie@mid-western.org
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Suppose we start this very day

To live our lives in a different way;

Suppose we vowed and constantly tried

To help those in trouble on life's wayside.

If we showed by our deeds

A hint of His love,

Wouldn't earth be a bit more like

Heaven above?

Author Unknown

## Sunshine Church of Christ Covid-19 Update

We will have one service Sunday 10:00am.

Please plan to arrive between 9:45 and 10:00am  
Seating will be properly spaced to conform with recommended social distancing guidelines.

Please plan to sit with your family.

Only the foyer, auditorium and back hallway will be accessible.

Hand Sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available.

All song books, Bibles and other commonly used items will be stored until a later date.

Please pick up the single serving communion supplies as you come in and dispose in the trash on your way out.

There will be no classes.

At the end of worship, we will be dismissed by row.

Please confine fellowship with one another to the parking lot while maintaining proper distancing. Although we have missed each other immensely, please abstain from physical contact with others. Instead use a kind word and a smile.

We will meet in person on Sunday mornings thru June 28 and continue our online Bible studies Sunday night and Wednesday night.

No other use of the church building will be permitted until further notice.

We will continue to update the congregation as we transition back to normal. We look forward to the day when all restrictions are lifted, and we may worship the way we all love and long for!

The Sunshine Elders

## Family Bible Time

### Week 75 Text:

May 31 Lesson 357 Romans 7-8

June 3 Lesson 358 Romans 9-10

### Week 76 Text:

June 7 Lesson 359 Romans 11-12

June 10 Lesson 360 Romans 13-14

# Those Who Serve

| <u>Sunday Morning</u> | <u>05/31/2020</u> | <u>06/07/2020</u> | <u>06/14/2020</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Welcome               | Service Online    | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gampp       |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   | Caleb Miller      | Jon Coriell       |
| Communion             |                   | Shawn Gragg       | Dale Kuhn         |
| Reading               |                   | Eric Miller       | Steve Williams    |
| Closing Prayer        |                   | Shane Mougey      | Jason Coriell     |
| <u>Sun. Evening</u>   | <u>05/31/2020</u> | <u>06/07/2020</u> | <u>06/14/2020</u> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <u>Wed. Evening</u>   | <u>06/03/2020</u> | <u>06/10/2020</u> | <u>06/17/2020</u> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |



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

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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## Sermon Series

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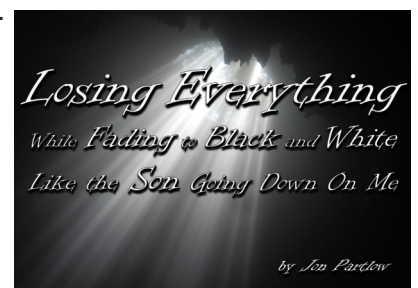
## REFOCUSING ON JESUS

We are losing everything while fading to black and white, and the Son is going down on me.

To say "we're struggling to "love our neighbor" is an understatement. At present, it's clear we don't even know who our neighbor is. Anger. Hatred. Resentment. Pride. Prejudice. Denial. A festering cancer is metastasizing in our society, destroying the very fabric of our own humanity. At best we're looking the other way as another story appears on our newsfeed that a person of color suffers at the hands of the privileged. At worse, we're the guilty throwing shade on someone because of their skin's color. Our actions continue to betray our words. We claim, "Man was made in the image of God," then disqualify our truth with, "just not that man." So John reminds us that if we can't love the people of color, how can we say we love the God who made the people of color (1 Jn. 4:20)?

If we don't turn the tide toward racial reconciliation, then we'll lose everything while fading to black and white, with the Son going down on me.

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



Have a wonderful day! :)