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When JRR Tolkien set out to write a sequel to *The Hobbit*, he ran into a couple of obstacles. First, he never intended to write a follow up to the story and felt like he had no place to go. That said, his public was calling for more information and stories about Hobbits and Middle-earth. Secondly, his background of Middle-earth, *The Silmarillion*, was never a great narrative, and without a cohesive plot, it kept getting bogged down. His publishers were not excited about going to press with it.

Backed into a corner, Tolkien began thinking creatively how to write another Middle-earth novel. He began wondering about the ring Bilbo found in Gollum's cave. What if that ring was far more important than just a magical ring, allowing its bearer to turn invisible? So began the backstory to his trilogy novel, *The Lord of the Rings*.

Briefly, Sauron is the villain who learns the craft of forging rings by the elves. He himself made a series of powerful rings to present them as gifts to the rulers of Middle-earth: men, elves and dwarves. Then, in the fires of Mt. Doom, he forged the One Ring of Power. In it he poured all of his malice, hatred and wicked evil. As long as he wore the One Ring, he controlled all of those who wore the rings he gave as gifts.

The Ring, though, had been lost. As Tolkien began writing his sequel, he decided that the simple ring Bilbo found in Gollum's cave was the One Ring of Sauron. Because it was in the possession of Sméagol/Gollum, it gave him an unnatural long life and lived some 500 years with the Ring. But the Ring's "unnatural long life" corrupted Sméagol and malformed him into the hideous creature, Gollum. When Sméagol found the Ring he was one of the river folk like a Hobbit, but after 500 years of holding onto the Ring, he was the nightmarish creature, Gollum. Bilbo, who carried the Ring for sixty years, was on the same path as Gollum. It was giving him an unnaturally long life, but it was already beginning to rot Bilbo from the inside.

So comes the decisive moment in Tolkien's mind, explored at the Council of Elrond. The Ring of Sauron will only destroy and can never be used for good. It corrupts all who wear it because it has one Master. And it, the Ring, is trying to return to its Master. While the story unfolds, those who sought to use the Ring, even for good, were utterly corrupted the Ring, as powerful as it is, can only be used for evil purposes. It cannot save, but only destroy.

Herein, I fear, is where Christians have struggled and even failed. The temptation to wear the evil Ring on our finger is almost irresistible. In our desire to accomplish good, how many times have we chosen evil as the venue for our crusade, and then justified our behavior? Gossip, anger, lies, deception, lust, abuse, backstabbing, etc. have corrupted our so-called, "higher moral ground." Even more so when we've partnered with people and organizations standing against our core values because we fear without their help we won't win the "war."

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WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS
WEAR THE RING OF THE
EVIL-ONE



BY JON PARTLOW

Prayers For Sunshine Family.

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

Jean Ferrell Recently found to have a blood clot blocking the jugular vein. She is home now on blood thinner hoping to dissolve the clot. Please pray for her.

Bill Gammon Admitted to SOMC ICU with several blood clots in his Rt. leg and lungs. Please pray for him.

Teresa Moonyham Please remember her as she recuperates from recent surgery.

Janine Morris Please pray for her as she recovers from surgery and for 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..



Sunday Morning Worship

Serve Day 2020 - July 11

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! WELCOME!

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 22:66-23:25

Sunday PM Luke 22:26-43

Wednesday Eve. Daniel 6

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**Tyler Meredith** will be home visiting from Lubbock, Texas this week.

Welcome Home!

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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.

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### **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](mailto:barry.boverie@mid-western.org)

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You are invited!

- Kendall's Graduation Party
Open House @ The Riley's
June 27 from 5:00-8:00 PM
Please bring a lawn chair!

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"But as for me and my household.

We will serve the Lord"

Joshua 24:15

## 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 77 Text:**

|         |            |              |
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| June 14 | Lesson 361 | Romans 15-16 |
| June 17 | Lesson 362 | Acts 20      |

### **Week 78 Text:**

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| June 21 | Lesson 363 | Acts 21      |
| June 24 | Lesson 364 | Acts 22:1-29 |

# Those Who Serve

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>06/14/2020</b> | <b>06/21/2020</b> | <b>06/28/2020</b> |
| Welcome               | Wayne Gampp       | Shaun McCray      | Rich Book         |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sun. Evening</b>   | <b>06/14/2020</b> | <b>06/21/2020</b> | <b>06/28/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>06/17/2020</b> | <b>06/24/2020</b> | <b>07/01/2020</b> |
| 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

Paul was concerned about such alliances. In a passage often mistaken for instructions on marriage he questions Christians seeking union with pagans. Yes, 2 Corinthians 6 can be applied to marriage, but nowhere does Paul mention "marriage" in the passage. He does ask a question: "What do righteousness and wickedness have in common" (2 Cor. 6:14b). His question is rhetorical, because the answer is "Nothing." Righteousness and evil have absolutely nothing in common. So when the righteous decide to use evil as a means to for good, only more evil unfolds. When the righteous chose to wear the evil Ring, instead of the good we hope to accomplish, we end up being used by the evil. Once used, destruction always follows in its wake. Always.

So the next time you think that using evil to accomplish good, think about the times Frodo slipped the Ring on his finger. Because when you sat there (reading the book or watching the movies) and was telling Frodo to stop using the Ring, ask yourself why we ourselves are so willing to put it on our finger?

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



Have a wonderful day! :)