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Sunday, September 20, 2020

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Where we cast our eyes is generally where our bodies tend to follow. So Jesus tells his disciples that looking back makes as much sense as a farmer plowing a field, who instead of looking forward keeps turning around to see where he's been (Lk. 9:62). A straight line will never be plowed if the farmer keeps looking behind him/her. So we keep our eyes looking forward.

When Lot fled Sodom and Gomorrah, the angels told him not to look back, instead run to the hills. But too much was going on behind them as a sulfur fire hailed down on the twin cities. Their past was calling to them louder than their future was. Lot's wife couldn't fight the temptation. She slowed her pace and turned her head so that her eyes and heart was now in sync. Immediately she was turned into a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:26).

When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea it was supposed to be their own burning of the bridges back to Egypt. And for a while it was. But wilderness wanderings was difficult. Hot in the sun with the heat escaping at sunset to significantly cooler temperatures, especially in the winter, conditions were far from ideal, even for nomads. With the wind blowing, sand of plenty and water's scarcity, it's not farfetched to believe that Egypt then was viewed better than the Promised Land there. For their short-sighted rebellion, God gave the next generation the Promised Land (Num. 12).

A magnetic force pulls us to keep looking back. An addict longing to be clean keeps going back into the pills, the porn, or the booze. A small child at camp painfully begs for her parents to come get her, even though they try to convince her to stay. A Christian seeking grace cannot get untangled from the legalistic doctrine ingrained in their minds. The abusive wounds of the past keep haunting us as we relive those moments in our minds, instead of allowing for healing to take place. We make a clean break from our past only for our past to keep enticing us, luring us, guiltig us to come back to them, while God continues calling us to a better promise.

Because we're so inclined to turn back and look, Paul reminds the Philippians to keep pressing forward. Our future is before us, not behind us (Phil. 3:12-14). So important is it to move forward that he tells them (i.e., us) twice to press on. Part of moving forward is to forget the past – not to ignore it, but never allowing it to control us. We accept a memory wipe. Neither the bad we've done or experienced nor the good we've embraced define us. Because we've failed doesn't mean we quit, and when we've succeeded, it doesn't mean we've arrived. We just keep pressing forward.

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Prayer Requests

Vanessa Coriell recently diagnosed with POTS. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

Teresa Evans (Sharon Gampps's Niece) Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Bill Gammon Please keep him in your prayers.

Peggy Hollback Please pray for her health to improve and God's blessings on her.

Gene Kuhn (Dale Kuhn's Dad) Please continue to pray for him to regain strength and better health. Please comfort his family as they care for him.

Sherry McCray (Shaun & Aaron's Mother) Please continue prayers for her as she recovers at home.

Janine Morris Please pray she continues to regain strength and make progress towards healing.

Ruth Morris She has tested positive for Covid. She is not showing any symptoms yet, so please pray she will recover quickly.

Charles Shumway Please pray for him as he is still admitted to OSU in the ICU fighting COVID.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) She is being treated for an aggressive breast cancer. Please pray for strength and courage as she goes through chemo. Please bless her family with comfort during her illness.

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



Sunday Morning Worship

**Sept.27 Come Back Home
Breakfast 8:45 Worship to follow**

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, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, pick up your gift just for being our guests today.

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

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

Prayer Session: September 24



Good Morning Sunshine! WELCOME!

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

Sunday Morning @ 10:00 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 Acts 14:1-20

Sunday PM Acts 15:1-35

Wednesday Eve Matt. 5:1-12

Sunday Morning Worship Service
will continue here at the building,
with Sunday Evening & Wednesday
Evening lessons presented on line.

Welcome Back Breakfast

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 27 @ 8:45

Behind Wayne & Irmalee's house. Worship service will begin immediately afterwards. Safety precautions will be practiced.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Lawrence Shoemaker. We pray for God's comfort at this time.

Bridal Shower

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring

Kathleen Kuhn & Wesley Book

Sunday, October 11, 2020 @ 1:00-3:00

Porter Township Community Center

408 Bulwer Street

Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694

RSVP to: Tonya Coriell 740-285-2780 or

June Book 740-727-2689

Kathleen is registered at Amazon, Walmart, Belk, Target, and Williams Sonoma

Sometimes It Takes A Mountain

Gaither Vocal Band

I faced a mountain

That I never faced before.

That's why I'm calling on You Lord

I know it's been a while

But Lord please hear my prayer

I need You like I never have before.

Sometimes it takes mountain,

Sometimes a troubled sea,

Sometimes it takes a desert,

To get ahold of me.

Your love is so much stronger

Than whatever troubles me.

Sometimes it takes a mountain,

To trust You and believe.

Forgive me Jesus

I thought I could control

Whatever life would throw my way

But this I will admit,

Has brought me to my knees

I need You Lord,

And I'm not ashamed to say

Sometimes it takes a mountain,

Sometimes a troubled sea,

Sometimes it takes a desert,

To get ahold of me.

Your love is so much stronger

Than whatever troubles me.

Sometimes it takes a mountain,

To trust You and believe

Family Bible Time

Week 91 Text:

Sept. 20 Lesson 389 2 Kings 6:1-23

Sept. 23 Lesson 390 2 Kings 6:24-7:20

Week 92 Text:

Sept. 27 Lesson 391 2 Kings 8 & Obadiah

Sept. 30 Lesson 392 2 Kings 9-10

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	09/20/2020	09/27/2020	10/04/2020
Welcome	Wayne Gampp	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Midservice Prayer			
Communion			
Reading			
Closing Prayer			
Sun. Evening	09/20/2020	09/27/2020	10/04/2020
Song Leader	Service Online	Service Online	Service Online
Reading			
Communion			
Assist			
Prayer			
Wed. Evening	09/23/2020	09/30/2020	10/07/2020
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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On the Columbia River Gorge, about thirty miles east of Portland, is Multnomah Falls. With a reach of 600 some feet, it's the tallest waterfall in the continental United States (I've often imagined what Lewis & Clark thought when they first laid eyes on her as they rafted down the Columbia River). A path has been carved and paved from the bottom of the falls to the top of the falls. The two plus mile hike weaves back and forth and takes the hiker about forty-five minutes to complete the course. The view is beyond spectacular.

When Cile and I visited my family in 2002 we went to The Falls but never attempted the climb. Jonathan and Matthew would not have made it. Nine years later, we found ourselves in Portland with the goal of making the trip to the top. But even with Matthew being twelve years of age, the climb was still steep and hard. Scattered along the path were benches to rest and catch a view of God's handiwork along the Gorge. We took full advantage of those benches. We were often tired and easily worn out, if not discouraged. But we pressed on and refused to turn back. We came not to quit half way up the path, but to reach the summit of The Falls. And once there, every single step was worth it.

So Jesus calls us to keep moving our faith forward. For "though the hills are steep and the valley is deep, and we may be weary with the outlook dreary, the up-look always points to victory." We press on because what God has for us lays in the future not in the past. We press on because Jesus is leading us. We press on without a U-Turn as the song says, "No turning back. No turning back."

No Turning Back!

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



In the Face of a Fast Forwarding Faith
By Jon Parflow

Have a wonderful day!