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As I sat listening to the speaker address a room full of teenagers, I was mesmerized by his message. On the table before him were placed multiple types of crosses. A rugged six foot cross made from tree branches. A dainty necklace pendant. A table-top cross suitable for an executive desk. A bookmark with John 3:16 written on it. A decorative wall hanging with the name, Jesus, as the cross beam.

Referencing Luke 9:23, the speaker called the young people to pick up their cross and follow Jesus. One by one individuals from the audience came to the speaker, accepting the invitation with a desiring passion to pick up their cross. But when the speaker showed them which cross they had to bear – the one with their own name on it – none were willing to carry that cross. The petite girl wanted to wear the necklace, not carry the six foot cross; it was too heavy. The burly young man was hoping to muscle the big cross, but his name was attached to the book mark; he didn't like reading. So one by one the individuals responded to the call, but they each wanted to pick their own cross. Each wanted to follow Jesus on their own terms.

And isn't that where we live? We want to follow Jesus, as long as we set the conditions. We're willing to give, but unwilling to sacrifice. We talk about forgiveness while harboring ill will toward individuals. We discuss submission scenarios while demanding our own way. We demand attendance to the assembly takes priority until it's no longer prioritized in our lives; everything else in life takes precedent. We cry out for mercy, but demand justice when looking at others. We say we embrace humility while our pride stands in our way. We've convinced ourselves that we can gain the whole world and have Jesus at the same time. We'll take up a cross as long as we get to choose which cross, when to carry it and where we'll take it. When we do that, it's not the cross we're carrying, it's just a shadow of the cross.

So the speaker continued his message, and refused to randomly hand out crosses that belonged to someone else. Fleshing out the Lukan context, he told us how Christ had to suffer and face a horrible death at the hands of the Jewish leadership. He then added the irony of those saving their lives will actually lose it, but those who lose their lives for Jesus will save it (Lk. 9:25). Jesus had to pick up his cross and he's asking us to pick up ours. The speaker ended by reminding the audience that we don't set the terms for discipleship, Jesus does.

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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..

Jean & Greg Ferrell Please pray for them to recover soon, as they both were recently diagnosed with the Covid virus.

Phyllis Glauder (PJ Glauder's Wife) Please pray she has a speedy recovery and returns to better health soon.

Bobbie Havens Please pray for him to be more cooperative with his mom & caregivers.

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 and his family.

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

Ed McLaughlin He is admitted to Riverside Hospital. Please continue prayers for healing, peace and comfort for all.

Janine Morris Please pray she will receive the medication that will be most effective for her treatment to continue making progress to heal this disease.

Joe Preston Please pray he has a complete recovery from recent heart surgery.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) 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

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: October 22



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 James 1:13-15

Sunday PM Hebrews 2:10-13

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.

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**Thank you to our Deacons** for the wonderful breakfast, fellowship and arranging the worship service held outside last Sunday Morning. And to The Lord for the beautiful morning He provided for all of us to enjoy. It was so good to see so many here again.  
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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

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**Please pray for the safety of all our kids.**

### Will Your Anchor Hold?

During World War II at the age of twenty-one, Barney Colson was a skipper of an amphibious ship in the South Pacific. His and three other ships had unloaded their cargo on an island at the end of the day. They backed away from the shore and dropped their anchors as the sun was setting. An anchor watch was assigned to make sure the ships did not drift. Everyone else went to sleep. When morning light came, all four ships were within sight of one another with about a quarter of a mile of spacing for safety. When Colson questioned the sailor on watch, the sailor pointed to each of the ships nearby. But then Colson asked him: "Where is the island?" During the night with the limited light available on the dark ocean, the watch had been able to discern the nearby ships. He did not think they were drifting, because the other boats were nearby all night long. What he did not realize was that all four ships had drug their anchors and were drifting together. They drifted over twenty miles, so the next morning the island was completely out of sight over the horizon.

By comparing themselves with one another instead of a fixed point such as the island, they were able to drift all night long while thinking they were securely anchored....

When we compare ourselves with one another, we may think we are making progress, even though we may be drifting slowly away. If we compare ourselves to a reprobate, even the lukewarm person will be deceived in a smug self-satisfaction and false security.

2 Cor.10:12.

Joel Stephen Williams

## Family Bible Time

### Week 93 Text:

Oct. 04 Lesson 393 2 Kings 11-12

Oct. 07 Lesson 394 2 Kings Joel & 2 Kings 13

### Week 94 Text:

Oct.11 Lesson 395 2 Kings 14-15

Oct.14 Lesson 396 Jonah 1-2

# Those Who Serve

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| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>10/04/2020</b> | <b>10/11/2020</b> | <b>10/18/2020</b> |
| Welcome               | Shaun McCray      | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gampp       |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sun. Evening</b>   | <b>10/04/2020</b> | <b>10/11/2020</b> | <b>10/18/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>10/07/2020</b> | <b>10/14/2020</b> | <b>10/21/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |



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Bible Study - 6:30 pm

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

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As the high school students rejected the cross, I remember thinking to myself, "I'll carry it. I'll carry the cross of Jesus! I don't care what the cross looked like or felt like, I'm willing to carry any cross for Jesus." That's what was running through my mind, but something else was telling me that the message was preplanned. Those volunteering had rehearsed their roles to help drive home the speaker's message. So I just sat there in my innocence, watching the events unfold before me. Secretly, I wanted to come forward to get my cross.

Sure enough, the same individuals relented and repented. One by one they came back to the speaker. Humbly and with contrition, they were willing to pick up the very cross that had their name on it. With broken pride, they claimed the cross Jesus wanted them to bear. They were now following Jesus, not on their terms, but on his terms.

While the messages ended with resolution, as it should, we live with the tension. Are we following Jesus on our terms or his? Maybe that's why Luke adds the word "daily" (Lk. 9:23) to the charge to pick up your cross. For every day, and even every moment, we decided if our following Jesus is genuine or coming with conditions. One is substance. The other simply casts a long shadow on our discipleship.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

(i.e., only God is glorified!)



Have a wonderful day!