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Everyone has a story. We shape it early in life, not only in our experiences, but even more so in how we frame the telling. It doesn't take long for the disclosing of our story to begin shaping our identity. We're either the smartest person in the room or we feel we have a low IQ. We're either athletic or lack the necessary coordination skills. We're either popular or we're rejected. We're either the bully or the one being bullied. How we craft our story often reflects how we engage with life.

Such experiences not only shape the story we tell about ourselves but it also bleeds into our relationship with God. The result is a spiritual polarization and a distorted telling of our story. For instance, some feel they deserve God's salvation and believe their worthy of his relationship. Others feel like God hates them. For the arrogant it's probably a front for feelings of unworthiness; in the deep crevices of their minds God really is angry and disappointed in them.

One man had a story he told time and time again. When he woke up in the morning, he looked in the mirror and rehearsed his lines, "I know you're a hard man," When he engaged his friends, he practiced his speech, "I know he harvests where he has not sown." As he hung out with his fellow workers, he bounced his ideas off of them, "I know he gathers where he does not scatter seeds." And at the end of the day, he looked in the mirror one more time, uttering, "That's why I was afraid. So I hid the money in the ground" (Mt. 25:24-25).

At every turn the feedback was positive and encouraging. As he shared his story, his narrative was reinforced by those listening. They patted him on the back. They supported and fortified his telling. They agreed and believed his story was their story. With every telling his confidence in the story grew. He delivered his lines flawlessly like he was sure to win an academy award. He was ready for his final performance.

The curtain call came. He was to perform before an audience of one.

His master had returned from a far journey. The servants were now to give an account of their dealings. The master wanted to hear their stories while he was away on business. One by one they came and told their success stories. They were great stories too. Whether they had five or two sums of money didn't matter, they had woven a beautiful story of faithfulness, doubling his investment, which made their master beam with pride. He loved their stories.

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Prayer Requests

Teresa Evans (Sharon Gampps Niece)

Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Bob Havens Please continue prayers for Bob, Rose and family.

Jeff Hayward Please pray his back pain will ease as he awaits treatment.

Peggy Hollback Continue prayers 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.

Mike Lewis (A Minford Friend) Please pray for his recovery from Covid. He is in very serious condition at this time.

Janine Morris Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Margaret Reed Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home from successful 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.

Please remember all the families that are suffering with Covid in need of healing.

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

Please pray that God will heal our country.



**ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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 f8oyer 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:



WELCOME TO SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST

We invite you to join us for Online Services.

Sunday Morning @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM
Wednesday Eve. @ 7:30 PM

All Services will be held Online
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**We have “Blessing Bags” available on a table in the front entrance to be given to someone in need. Please feel free to pick them up to give away to anyone that it could help.**  
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Hope For Haiti's Children

You are invited to join Hope for Haiti's Children for Coffee for a Cause, a live **Online Event on Saturday, **Dec.5 @ 10:00 AM.****

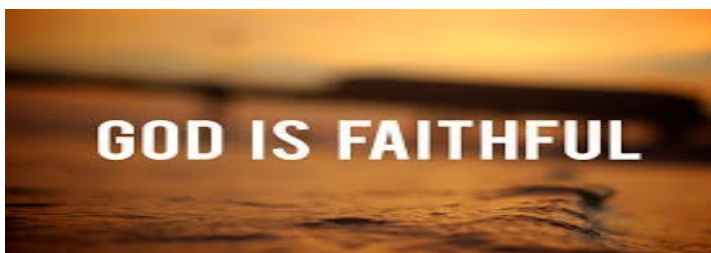
You will learn about:
HFHC's Mission, Updates, See Interviews and Hear the new initiative — Project Hope 2030

To register for the live webinar, visit www.HopeForHaitisChildren.org/Coffee

Making a Difference

One Child At A Time

Watch Them Soar



Count Your Many Blessings

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; count your gains instead of your losses;

Count your joys instead of your woes; count your friends instead of your foes;

Count your smiles instead of your tears; count your courage instead of your fears;

Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean;

Count your health instead of your wealth; and yes, above all, Count on God instead of yourself.

—Anonymous

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble...

Family Bible Time

Nov 29 Lesson 409
Esther 1-3

Dec.02 Lesson 410
Esther 4-6

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	11/29/2020	12/06/2020	12/13/2020
Welcome	Rich Book	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp
Midservice Prayer			
Communion			
Reading			
Closing Prayer			
Sunday Evening	11/29/2020	12/06/2020	12/13/2020
Song Leader	Service Online	Service Online	Service Online
Reading			
Communion			
Assist			
Prayer			
Wed. Evening	12/02/2020	12/09/2020	12/16/2020
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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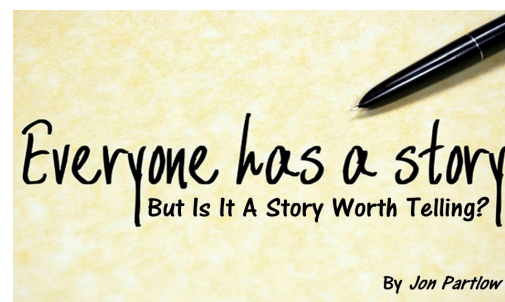
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Then came the last man. He stood before the master and delivered his lines with the boldness and smoothness he'd practiced. His telling was technically flawless. But his story garnered the opposite effect of what he hoped. Expecting to be praised or forgiven, the master wanted anything but an encore. He saw the servant for what really was, wicked and lazy. If he was scared, and if the master was as shrewd as he supposed, then depositing the money for interests was far more honorable than digging a hole for the money. Doing something, and even failing, was better than doing nothing at all. He fired the servant and had him thrown to the street (Mt. 25:26-27).

The cataclysmic failure of this man's storytelling was wrong on so many levels. He had a wrong view of his master. Even if his view of the master was accurate, his actions failed to line up with his views. Also, his story was so very wrong. While he waxed eloquently among his peers, holding them spell-bound in his hands, the master cut through smoke calling him out for what he was: slothful and evil. Having bought into the wrong story, the end result was devastating. And where were his those friends now who validated his words so many times?

Everyone has a story. We spin it. We tell it. We sell it. As the words flow from our lips the rationale we use sounds right. Our friends nod in agreement as they endorse our words. The more we tell our story, the more we believe our words and the more it begins to shape our lives. But when the story distorts God by villainizing him, or the story shapes the teller into the hero by justifying pride, arrogance or sinful behavior then the story needs to come to an end. For, just because everyone has a story doesn't mean it's a story worth telling.

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



Have a wonderful day!