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When the serpent tempted Adam and Eve in the garden, he attacked a vulnerable area: pride. First, he cast doubt on God's promised provisions (Gen. 3:1). Then he deceptively undermined God's authority by casting suspect on sin's fallout (Gen. 3:4). Finally, he fueled their arrogance by questioning God's motive for keeping them away from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:5). In their new found inflated ego, they wanted a "piece of the pie" or a "piece of the action." God was holding out on them, they believed. Since the fruit looked like it was ripe and juicy to the taste buds (Gen. 3:6), they ate it, dealing with the consequences later.

They say "pride comes before the fall" (see Prov. 16:18), and the ominous overtones to such a statement carries cataclysmic ramifications with the Genesis 3 narrative overlaying Proverbs 16.

Pride. As the world moved into the 20th Century, the uptake was positive and filled with optimistic hope. The world felt like it was sailing on a sea of blue skies and gentle breezes. Humanity was maturing, evolving and advancing. The Industrial Revolution created wealth while fast-tracking international trade. Science based engineering was producing better sanitation and living conditions while long plaguing diseases were about to meet their end through vaccinations. Air conditions, radio waves, steam engine turbines, gas-motored and manned airplanes were sweeping the country. Albert Einstein developed the theory of relativity while Thomas Edison unveiled talking motion pictures. Wars, regulated only to the history books, were no longer susceptible to dawn out affairs and were now far more sanitized. Yes, man was on top of the world and nothing was going to stop him now.

Fall. The very nature of man's existence was challenged when a massive, four year-drawn-out war engulfed the world. Machines, intended to shorten the war, only exasperated it. Picturesque terrain was burned and destroyed. Trenches were dug, ripe for diseases to spread. And spread they did. Men were sickened by lice, rats and its feces. Kidneys were inflamed and feet swelled; amputations were far too common. The soldiers could not escape the cold and damp winter days leading to multiple infectious diseases. Twenty million deaths with nearly 21 million casualties suffered during the war. Those who survived lost more than their limbs, they lost their humanity. No, they lost their soul. Modern technology, the glory of mankind, became the very element that dehumanized and destroyed humanity.

Scripture reminds us that humility is the path to walk. Both James and Peter quote the verse from Proverbs 3:34, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (Jam. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5). Peter is the one who adds for us to clothe ourselves in humility and to humble ourselves before God for he will be the one who lifts us up (1 Pet. 5:6). Micah tells us to embrace mercy and justice while walking humbly with God (Mic. 6:8b). Some of Jesus' teachings were prefaced with a rebuke to those who were prideful of their own self-righteousness (e.g., Lk. 18:9).

Since pride and humility are abstract concepts, the need to describe them in concrete terms is a difficult process. They are also polar opposites, so that sometimes the best way to experience them is to see them in contrast.

Prayer Requests

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.

Faye McGinnis Please continue prayers for her.

Norm McGinnis Please pray for him to regain strength..

Janine Morris Please continue prayers for her strength and healing.

Margaret Reed Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through the treatments.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please pray for strength and courage for her at this time. Please bless her family with comfort during her illness.

Please remember the Havens Family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Bobbie.

Please remember all the families that are suffering with Covid in need of healing, and for protection for all of the caregivers.

<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

Please pray that God will heal our country and protect us from the Evil One.

Elders Meeting Together

Prayer Session:



**ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

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.



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 Are Held Online

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Thank You Sunshine  
Thank you for the cards, thoughts  
and prayers during my recent  
surgery and recovery.  
I am very thankful for the answered  
prayers.

“Trust in the Lord”  
Sincerely, Janet Risner

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We extend our deepest sympathy to
the Graff Family at the passing of
Patsy’s Father-in-law Arval Graff.
We ask a special blessing of
comfort for the family at this time.
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## **Happy 2021**

### **Thoughts For The New Year**

The new year lies before you  
Like a spotless tract of snow;  
Be careful how you tread on it  
For every mark will show.

## **I Am The New Year**

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled  
page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of  
living.

I am your opportunity to practice  
what you have learned about life  
during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn’t find is  
hidden in me, waiting for you to  
search it out with more determina-  
tion.

All the good that you tried for and  
didn’t achieve is mine to grant when  
you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn’t dare  
to do, all that you hoped but did not  
will, all the faith that you claimed but  
did not have— these slumber lightly,  
waiting to be awakened by the touch  
of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your  
allegiance to Him who said

“ Behold , I make all things new.”

And give you a New Year.

## **Family Bible Time**

Jan.03 Lesson 415  
Nehemiah 9-12

Jan.06 Lesson 416  
Nehemiah 13 & Malachi

# Those Who Serve

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>01/03/2021</b> | <b>01/10/2021</b> | <b>01/17/2021</b> |
| Welcome               | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gampp       | Shaun McCray      |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> | <b>01/03/2021</b> | <b>01/10/2021</b> | <b>01/17/2021</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>01/06/2021</b> | <b>01/13/2021</b> | <b>01/20/2021</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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Pride forces people to serve themselves while humility willingly serves others. When Jesus addressed leadership concerns among the Twelve, he described the power-down model where the guy at the top tells those below him what to do. Then he turns the table and admonishes them to invert the pyramid by using their position to serve others (see Mk. 10:42-45). A humble person hears the voice of Jesus to model his behavior after him and look for an opportunity to help aid others. Serving maybe as simple as busing a table or as complex as cooking a meal or as degrading as washing feet.

Pride demands to be right while humility allows room for error. That "room for error" part is the key, because none of us have a monopoly on perspective. We don't see perfectly, as we're blinded by our own bias. So Paul's plea for the Philippi church (Phil. 2:3-4) is to stop pushing and pursuing a personal agenda, but entertain the possibility that your neighbor may actually be right, or just be more right than you.

Pride seeks a God who performs loudly while humility knows God acts in the stillness. One of the problems with Elijah was that he felt that his God always did the big stuff, like the fire from heaven to consume the altar (1 King. 18:16-39). But God works far more behind the scenes and in the quietness of the heart (1 King. 19:11-14). Instead of seeking God to outdo what he did last week, we simply seek God for his continual presence. We slow down and listen to a God who already is speaking to us (Ps. 46:10).

The problem in the garden was pride and it has continued to be humanity's Achilles heel. We can figure out how to deflate our egos and tone down the rhetoric ourselves and begin walking humbly with God, or we can take the fall when it comes. Because it will come.

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



Have a wonderful day!