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Unlike Pearl Harbor, President Kennedy's assassination, the Challenger explosion, or 9-11, the COVID-19 pandemic did not have a defining "Where were you when" moment. In December of 2019 we started hearing reports of a new virus in China, but like other news stories, it was emotionally discarded and soon believed to be long forgotten in the news cycle. But it wasn't. More stories and reporting was highlighting the disease.

Three weeks into January 2020, the city of Wuhan went into lockdown. This was no rural town, but a metropolitan epi center boasting of modern technology and eleven million in population. I remember seeing workers in protective suits spraying the city streets down with disinfectant chemicals while citizens were in isolation/quarantine. By February the government, with amazing speed, built two new hospitals in Wuhan to treat the overflowing number of people suffering from this disease. By all accounts they were taking the virus seriously.

This was the defining moment for me. I began contemplating, "What if the virus comes to America?" "Will we go into lockdown" and "What will be the plan if we do?" Even more so, "How will the church adapt and respond?"

On March 15 Taylor and Lilly were riding home with me from worship services. Rumors were swirling that American cities were going into their own lockdown. Basketball tournaments had already been shelved with baseball's season on the brink. I didn't know what kind of travel bands might be activated. With Taylor's husband deployed, I suggested she decide on one spot to live with us or her in-laws. She chose to live with us and did so for the next four months. And as it turned out March 15th was the last in-person worship service Sunshine experienced till June.

I wish the story ended in June, but it didn't. As we came into fall, the number of COVID cases surged. Hospitals were overrun and the medical personnel on the front lines were physically and emotionally depleted if not traumatized by the death toll reaching a half a million people – and just in America alone. The constant isolation and general fear was wearing society out. On my own Homefront Cile was recovering from her own COVID infection; we canceled our yearly trip to Tennessee for Thanksgiving and Christmas. But with the New Year, the vaccine now in play and places of worship meeting for in-person services, hope is on the rise.

While God is the only one who holds tomorrow in his hands, we move forward with every step taken. Yes, we take him by the hand, but sometimes we're stumbling around to find our way. Where we go from here is cautious, but filled with renewed faith.

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Prayer Requests

Roger Cooper Please pray his procedure was successful and for better health in the future.

Dave Hallam He is hospitalized in New York with diabetic problems. Please pray for God's healing.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Dave Hinzie Please pray the testing will show good results.

Mike Lemon Please pray for him as he cares for his family.

Norm McGinnis Please pray for God's strength and comfort during this time.

Sue Mefford (Penny's friend) Having health problems.. Please pray for her.

Janine Morris Please continue prayers for her strength and healing as she continues treatment.

Ida Partlow Please pray that she will continue to heal after the hip surgery.

Margaret Reed Please keep her in your prayers for strength and healing.

Missy Sissel She is still at OSU in ICU. Please pray her condition will improve soon. Please remember her family.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please continue to pray for healing.

Please pray for comfort for all those mourning the loss of loved ones.

Judi Allison Elbrooke Room #535

Esther & Gene Crisp Randall Res. #123

Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room #213

Helen Hayward Homebound

Ruth Morris Best Care Room#10

Lord Please Heal Our Nation

Elders Meeting Together

Prayer Session:



WELCOME BACK!
Children's Bible Time Today

Teen Devo Today
5:30 @ the Church Building

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**

**You may also call 855-565-7670
to hear the lessons by phone.**

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**Kids You Are Invited To  
The Sunshine Easter Egg Hunt  
Apr.3 @ 11:00**

**We would appreciate donations of  
wrapped candy to fill the eggs.**

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**We are looking for helpers that
would like to make plastic canvas
baskets (3 in. long, 2 wide, 1 1/2
deep) to hold individually wrapped
candies to be given to the elderly at
our Area Nursing Homes at Easter
time. Or please donate the candy
for the baskets. If you have
questions about this project,
Please contact:**

**Sharon Hallam at 740-357-7413
We would like to have the baskets
returned to the building by 3/28 to
be delivered by Easter, April 4.
Thanks for your help!**

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**There are several fluorescent lights  
that were replaced by LED here in  
the building. If you would like to  
have them, please take as many as  
you want today. They are in the  
back of the annex by the door.**

## **Habits**

**If a habit- any habit- does not  
build up, but tears down your  
physical strength... if it does not  
increase, but depletes your  
financial condition ... if it does  
not add to, but detracts from the  
beauty of your personality... if it  
does not commend, but reflects  
upon "the worthy Name by  
which you are called"... if it sets  
an example you are unwilling for  
your child to follow... if it calls  
for an unnecessary expenditure  
of money that might otherwise  
contribute to the well-being of  
your family— in all honesty,  
what should you do with that  
habit???**

**"Prove all things; hold fast that  
which is good; abstain from  
every form of evil."  
(1 Thessalonians 5:21-22)**

## **Family Bible Time**

### **MARCH**

**Goliath was an evil, Giant man defeated  
by a boy named David slinging a single  
stone hitting him in the forehead.  
Read all about it: 1 Samuel17**

**What Does Your Giant Look Like?  
How Can It Be Defeated?**

# Those Who Serve

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| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>03/07/2021</b> | <b>03/14/2021</b> | <b>03/21/2021</b> |
| Welcome               | Wayne Gamp        | Shaun McCray      | Rich Book         |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> | <b>03/07/2021</b> | <b>03/14/2021</b> | <b>03/21/2021</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>03/10/2021</b> | <b>03/17/2021</b> | <b>03/24/2021</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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First, we begin recognizing how vulnerable and fragile we really are, as Rich Mullins sings, "We are not as strong as we think we are." COVID didn't create dilemmas as much as it exasperated and exposed problems already present. For instance mental health issues were present before 2020, but the isolation and shutting down of needed social relationships created more room for anxiety to take hold. Marriages that ended this past year didn't just happen to go bad. They were well on the divorce road before COVID hit. The anxiety and stress of a pandemic was the final straw. Peter looked really brave and strong as he stepped out of the boat, but all that was stripped from him when the waves took his focus off Jesus (Mt. 14:29-30).

Secondly, we have a deep desire to break the social distancing by re-engaging with each other. We miss the interaction of the in-person community. Still, getting together continues to feel like porcupines snuggling. Renewing relationships look good on paper, but acting it out still feels like a pipe dream. The political and ideological divide is widening as distrust on both sides of the isle escalates. Finger pointing and name calling is eroding the very foundation for which relationships are established and maintained. Paul warned the Galatians of "biting and devouring each other" and predicted destruction unless they began allowing the Spirit to control their lives (Gal.5:13-15, 22-26).

Finally, we're called to display a sacrificial love for each other even though we're very selfish at heart (1 Jn. 3:16-17). Jesus demonstrated his love for us by sacrificing himself for mankind. He gave up his rights, his position and his power to die for us, calling on us to do the same (see 1 Pet. 2:21-23). Like preschooler children lining up for a drink at the drinking fountain, we demand to be first. We have to have it our way. Following 9-11 an elder commented to me that America was not in a position to sacrifice again like it did for the War Effort. He may have been right. We're so consumed with our own personal rights, we fail to consider how our personal decisions are damaging and destroying those around us.

Where do we go from here? We take hold of Jesus and keep our eyes fastened on him, even with the waves crashing around us. As we're nurturing our relationships, we allow Jesus to be the unifying factor, not our personal ideology. Then we follow him, emptying ourselves for each other. Such steps are far from easy, but when we arrive at our destination, it will be worth it.

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



Have a wonderful day!