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Jesus re-counts a series of parables in Matthew 13, most of which deal with agriculture and farming. Following the story of the sower sowing seeds (v. 1-23), he tells about the wheat and the weeds (v. 24-30). Here a farmer sows good seed, but during the night his enemy sowed a weed that grows to look like wheat. In fact, this particular weed is almost indistinguishable from the wheat. Almost. More so, the weed is destructive and can devastate the entire crop, and not just this crop but corrupt the field for years to come. When the workers asked the owner what to do, they assumed the right action was to go out into the field to pull up the weeds. Instead, the owner feared for the wheat. "While you're pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let them grow together until harvest" (v. 29-30a).

"Let them grow together" is a risky move. I'm not sure I can agree with it, either. Neither do you. We know the sayings, "Birds of a feather, flock together." "If you lie down with the dogs, you wake up with fleas." "One bad apple can spoil the whole bunch." "You're known by the company you keep." Even Paul, not satisfied with saying it once, said it twice, "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough" (1 Cor. 5:6b; Gal. 5:9). So allowing the weeds to grow with the wheat is a risky move and clearly gives bad has an open lane to overtake the good in the process.

But what is the alternative solution? If the workers go out and uproot the weeds, the owner fears that they'll be unable to distinguish the difference between the weed and the wheat. What looks like a weed may in fact be uprooted wheat and what is passed over as wheat may in fact be weed destroying the wheat around it. Allow each scenario to play out in your mind and it's like a catch-22; either choice is fraught with risk.

The parable gives us cause to pause. We tend to be like the workers, believing that we can clean up the field by rooting out the evil. We know and can spot the difference between the wheat and the weed, and uprooting them is possible without destroying the wheat. Or so we believe. But in our attempt to clean up the world, we do more damage and destruction than if we were patient. Allowing the wheat and the weed to grow together until the harvest provides clear distinction between the two so that the Owner himself can oversee the separation process.

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Prayer Requests

Roger Cooper Thank God for this successful procedure. He answers prayer.

Dave Hallam Please pray for God's healing with the diabetic issues.

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

Dave Hinzie No cancer! Thank you God for this answered prayer!

Mike Lemon Please continue prayers for him as he cares for his family.

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

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

Missy Sissel Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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

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

*** Directly Affected Group are meeting at the New Boston Community Center each Monday Evening at 6:00-7:00 if you need a ride to attend - call 614-928-0552.**

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.



We Are Glad You Are Here!

SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST

We Invite You To Join Us
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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**Sunday Evening Lesson**  
**Matthew 7: 3-5**  
**Wednesday Evening Lesson**  
**Matthew 7: 6**

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Kids You Are Invited To
The Sunshine Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 3 @ 11:00

**We would appreciate donations of
wrapped candy for the egg hunt.**
There are LOTS of eggs to fill!

There is a box in the back for candy
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### **Address Update:**

**Norm McGinnis**  
**2249 Cleveland Ave.**  
**Portsmouth, OH. 45662**  
**(He will turn 88 on April 20,**  
**Let's shower him with lots of**  
**Happy Birthday Wishes.)**

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In April we will begin our
monthly collection of items to
be donated to Mid Western
Children's Home.

April Item is Canned Soup

**"Why do you look at the
speck of sawdust in your
brother's eye and pay no
attention to the plank in your
own eye? How can you say
to your brother, 'Let me take
the speck out of your eye,'
when all the time there is a
plank in your own eye?
You hypocrite, first take the
plank out of your own eye,
and then you will see clearly
to remove the speck from
your brother's eye.**

Matthew 7:3-5

Have A Great Day!

Family Bible Time

**Hyssop is an herb/plant men-
tioned several times in the Bible
used for different reasons.**

Do you know why?

**Here are two times it was used and
there are others.**

Read more about it:

Exodus - Chapter 12

John - Chapter 19

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	03/28/2021	04/04/2021	04/11/2021
Welcome	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp	Shaun McCray
Midservice Prayer			
Communion			
Reading			
Closing Prayer			
Sunday Evening	03/28/2021	04/04/2021	04/11/2021
Song Leader	Service Online	Service Online	Service Online
Reading			
Communion			
Assist			
Prayer			
Wed. Evening	03/31/2021	04/07/2021	04/14/2021
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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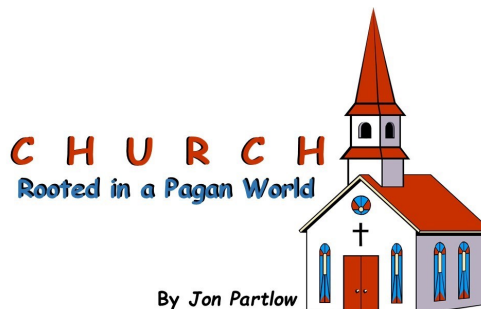
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God's Church is rooted in a pagan society. The biblical story is clear and does not gloss over the reality that we live in a fallen world. Sin is prevalent and pervasive. Like a weed it takes hold of people at their roots to steal nutrients and to suck out life. We're called to grow and thrive in a field that has more than its fair share of weeds. Our calling sets the bar very high. We're planted in a pagan society, but the pagan society is not to take root in or lives.

Herein lies the problem. We've convinced ourselves that the society we live in is better, sanitized and even "Christianized;" sometimes it feels like it is while other times it's as pagan as any other society. We've come to believe that we're planted in a field without weeds or at least the weeds are minimal at best. Thus, we're confused and disorientated when we see society acting so un-Christ-like, or see morals and ethics continue its decline. We pray for our leaders, but it feels like we're wasting our breadth. We pray for a society that ultimately is choking us out.

So as we tend to our field, we trust in the Owner's wisdom. We shy away from rooting out the weeds in fear of rooting out the wheat. Instead, we continue to work the ground so that the wheat will grow and bear fruit (Gal. 5:22-23). So when hate ravages, we cultivate love. When despair expands, we nurture joy. When conflict and turmoil overtake, we foster peace. When intolerance extends, we develop patience. When cruelty chases, we pursue kindness. When stinginess rears its ugly head, we enrich with generous goodness. When disloyalty and falsehood dominates, we plant truthful faithfulness. When self-indulgence influences, we encourage self-control. Because, when we're rooted in a pagan world, we still have to grow.

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



Have a wonderful day!