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Someone said it was a good year for cancelling. They may be right in that the number of moments in the Cancel Culture war seemed to have escalated in 2020; it feels like everyone jumped on the bandwagon. No doubt the movement has been fueled by three unique factors merging into a perfect storm. First, the toxic behavior of social media where people feel free to post their unhinged thoughts without fear of backlash. Secondly, cultural norms have and are shifting faster than our comfort zones can process. And thirdly, a pandemic that has forever changed our world. Whether you believe the pandemic is a real threat or hyped up fake news, the result is the same: we are in a very different place coming out of pandemic than we were two years ago going into the pandemic.

Cancel Culture is a form of group shaming, usually issued to a public person or company for decisions or actions that are deemed offensive (yea, I Googled it). One might say that the shaming is an attempt to reform behavior through pressure, while others admit it's simply a political power-grab. While the term, "cancel culture," has only recently been coined, the idea has been around for many years and both sides of the spectrum has participated in its game.

The summer I graduated from college, a movie about the life of Christ was generating a lot of buzz. Long before social media, televangelists and local preachers were urging viewers and churches to boycott The Last Temptation of Christ. I was trying to complete course work to graduate and get married so I wasn't tuned into the debate. Later in the summer a preacher I knew was given an opportunity for a private screening with other community leaders to view the movie for themselves. Yes, the movie was controversial and undermined the gospel account of Jesus. However, he added his perspective, while the movie wasn't good, its bad publicity will draw people out to see it for curiosity's sake. Had Christians not drummed up such noise, it would have gone under the radar and bombed in the theater.

About a year later the Exxon oil tanker, Valdez, struck the Prince William Sound Bligh Reef, spilling ten million gallons of crude oil. The spill was the worst on record, ever. While multiple factors were in play to cause to spill, the captain and Exxon Company were deemed guilty of negligence. Cile and I decided to forgo purchasing gas from Exxon to protest the spill. Our weekly tank of gas did nothing to curtail the some 400 billion dollar enterprise.

When Disney decided to offer health insurance to LGBTQ partners, as if they were recognizing a benefit only for married couples and families, the Southern Baptist Convention pushed to boycott the company. That was in 1997 and today, after buying the rights to Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars, the threatened boycott was like flies being swatted by an elephant.

Yes, these are my experiences, but I've found both sides of the ideological isle use "cancel culture" in their arsenal. When deployed the tactic doesn't work and often backfires in the process. On one side, those cancelled are viewed with sympathy or curiosity which draws more attention to them or their cause, while on the other side their personal lives are ruined: the punishment of public shaming is far greater than the original offence that ignited the shaming.

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Prayer Requests

Addilyn Coriell Her surgery went well. Please be praying she will heal quickly.

Esther Crisp Please continue to pray for her.

Mr & Mrs Glispie (Gary's Parents) Please give them peace and comfort. And bless the family as they care for them.

Teresa Hayward Please be praying her foot will heal quickly.

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

Paige Jacobs Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers from surgery.

Janine Morris Please continue to pray for her healing.

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

Janet Risner Please be praying she will recover and be back with us soon.

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
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: 13-14**

**Wednesday Evening Lesson**  
**Matthew 7: 15-20**  
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Bryleigh Grant "Welcome"
She was baptized into Christ
last Sunday Evening. We are
thankful she is with us.
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**Thanks for breakfast Deacons!**  
**We appreciate you!**  
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Sunshine's Week at Howes Mill
Church Camp is July 11-16.
The Early Bird Discount Deadline is
coming up soon, April 22.

The camp fee is 170.00 if you
register before the deadline.
Please call Shaun & Lisa McCray if
you have questions about camp.
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**The April Item to be donated to**  
**Mid Western Children's Home is:**  
**Canned Soup**  
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Jesus said, Father, Forgive them;
For they know not what they do.

Matthew 7:13-14

**"Enter through the narrow
gate.**

**For wide is the gate and
broad is the road that
leads to destruction, and
many enter through it.**

**But small is the gate and
narrow the road that leads
to life, and only a few find
it."**

Have A Great Day!

Family Bible Time

Prophecies of Messiah: Is.53:3

**He was despised and rejected of men; a man
of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we
hid as it were our faces from Him; He was des-
pised, and we esteemed Him not.**

John 1:11

**He came unto his own, and his own received
him not.**

Luke 23:18

**And they cried out all at once, saying, Away
with this man, and release unto us Barabbas.**
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	04/11/2021	04/18/2021	04/25/2021
Welcome	Shaun McCray	Rich Book	Jon Coriell
Midservice Prayer			
Communion			
Reading			
Closing Prayer			
Sunday Evening	04/11/2021	04/18/2021	04/25/2021
Song Leader	Service Online	Service Online	Service Online
Reading			
Communion			
Assist			
Prayer			
Wed. Evening	04/14/2021	04/21/2021	04/28/2021
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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While the catchphrase, “cancel culture,” is not in the Bible, the theme is a reoccurring motif. And it doesn’t always unfold like we think it should. Cain kills his brother, but God chooses not to cancel him (Gen. 4:11-12). In fact, he protects him from being canceled (Gen. 4:13-16). Saul sins and God cancels his dynasty, handing the kingdom over to David (1 Sam. 16:1). Then David sins – arguably sinning greater than Saul – and God forgives David (2 Sam. 12:13). Paul tells the Corinthian church to expel a man sleeping with his father’s wife (1 Cor. 5:9-13). But when Paul wants to cancel John Mark, Barnabas will have nothing to do with it (Act. 15:36-40). It seems the Bible sends some mixed messages regarding Christians living with a “cancel culture.”

From a wider lens, the biblical narrative not only draws us away from the “cancel culture,” but gives us the means to counter it. First, embrace the imagery of pilgrims (1 Pet. 1:1; 2:1) by avoiding political baggage. Not only do we not belong or feel at home in this world, but every cultural battle has a political bent to it. Instead of the Gospel bending culture, the political culture bends the gospel to something palatable for us to taste. We can feel more comfortable with our surroundings. Secondly, make room for righteous reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:16-21). Because, at its core, the “cancel culture” polarizes people, pitting us against them or you against me. Thus, the Gospel becomes ineffective at either bringing righteousness or reconciliation.

Someone said it’s a good year for cancelling. I’m pretty sure sarcasm was dripping from their pen while they wrote it. In truth it’s never a good year for cancelling. But it is a good year when pilgrims promote righteous reconciliation.

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



Have a wonderful day!