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Empathy - Understanding The Emotions of Another.

Empathy, which should not be confused with sympathy, is the ability to understand the emotions, situations, thoughts, or attitudes of another person. It takes great emotional capacity to be able to feel what others feel, and while this comes easier for some than for others, we can all practice participating in the emotions of others as a way of loving them. To me it is a great part off Loving.

The Bible frequently refers to acts of empathy. Loving one another often means becoming deeply personal with each other, and we see this in the Scriptures as Paul encouraged Christians to "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). By sharing these emotions, we live life together as a Christian family, through all of the ups and downs. The apostle Peter also encouraged Christians to show compassion to others by having "unity of mind" and a "tender heart" (1 Peter 3:8).

Empathy is often the catalyst for action. The apostle John phrases this relationship between empathy and action in this way: "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17).

The love of God leads us to compassion (and empathy) for one another. If we do not have compassion on those who need material possessions or food or water, we are far less likely to act. Although we have intention of acting as God's hands and feet in this world, we often miss opportunities because we lack the empathy to perceive needs.

Christians are called to love one another earnestly (Matthew 22:39; 1 Peter 4:8).

One way we can begin to love others is to practice growing our empathy so we can understand each other.

Of course, Jesus is our best example of empathy. He was born as a human so He could experience every human emotion (Hebrews 4:15). We can rejoice that Jesus has complete empathy for what we go through in our lives.

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Prayer Request

Ellis Coriell He is having some health issues. Please remember him in prayer.

Esther & Gene Crisp Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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

Jim Jacobs Please pray for God to strengthen, comfort and give him peace.

Marlene Kelly Please pray her lungs are clear.

Sue Mefford (Friend of Penny Ball) She is having brain seizures. Please pray for her.

Ruth Morris She is now in hospice care. Please continue prayers of comfort for her and her family.

Alicia Newman (Eric Miller's Sister) Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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

***Please remember all the families with loved ones suffering with Covid, and also for protection of the caregivers.**

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.**

**Bob's Memorial Walk
Benefiting The National Down
Syndrome Association
Tracy Park in Portsmouth
August 30 5-9 PM**



Teen Devo Sunday Evenings - 7:00
Kid's Club Wednesday Evenings - 7:00
Sunshine Ladies Craft Day- August 28
Teen Work Camp - Sept. 10 & 11
Friends & Family Day Sept.12 @ Noble Farm
Ladies Retreat - Nov.12 & 13

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

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!

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#### **KID'S Club**

**\*Kids Pre-K - 6th grade, each Wednesday Evening. Kid's Club will be the Wednesday evening Bible class, to include a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday. Come join us!**

**\*Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class taught by Nola Kelley will be studying "What happens when you die?"**

**Please read:**

**Luke 23:43, 2 Cor.12:4, Rev.2:7**

**We'll meet in the annex.**

**Come join us!**

**SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST**  
**We Invite You To Join Us**  
**Sunday Morning 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM**  
**You may also call 855-565-7670**  
**to hear the lessons by phone.**

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Please pray for God to watch over all the
Students and Teachers as they start
back to school.

Bless them with a wonderful year.

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We extend our sympathy and ask for  
God's comfort for Sarah Gilliland and  
Family at the loss of her sister Ruth  
White who passed away this past week.

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Ladies of Sunshine!

Are you interested in getting together
and learning a new craft? On August 28
at 9:00am, Melinda Stevens will be
teaching us how to make chunky
blankets. The cost is \$20/person and
lunch provided. You will need to bring
yarn, 10 skeins of Yarn Bee, Eternal Bliss
found at Hobby Lobby. Please sign up in
the foyer. Class size is limited to 27
participants. If we have more ladies than
that interested, we will try to have
another day later on.

See Lisa McCray if you have questions.

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**Song Fest 2021 at Woodfield Church**  
**with Keith Lancaster Saturday,**  
**September 18, 3:00-5:00 PM.**  
A dinner will be provided for anyone that  
would like to stay.  
Please RSVP to 740-472-5321 by Sept. 1.  
**Everyone Is Invited!**

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I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where
does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

Sunshine's Annual Friends & Family Day **September 12**

Worship Service begins at 10:00 AM
At Noble Family Farm (St.Rt.335)
with guest speaker David Edmonds
from the Cassel Hills Church of
Christ near Dayton, Ohio.

Worship service will be followed by
lunch provided for you.

Please bring a dessert to share and
your lawn chair.

You will have the day to enjoy with
friends and family, access to the
farm's attractions, as well as an
opportunity to participate in a corn
hole tournament.

We hope to see you there!

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**The August Item is**  
**Fruit Cups OR Snack Bars**  
**For Mid Western Children's Home**  
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Family Bible Time

(Just a little Humor)
Wasting My Time

A little girl had just finished her very
first week of school.

"I'm just wasting my time," she said to
her mother. "I can't read, I can't write,
and they won't let me talk!"

Laughter is the best medicine —
Prov.17:22

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	08/22/2021	08/29/2021	09/05/2021
Worship Leader	Jared McCray	Zach Coriell	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Mike Gampp	Steve Williams	Levi Coriell
Prayer	Jordan Book	Shane Mougey	Eric Meredith
Communion	Jacob Bowe	Aaron Kallner	Troy Gahm
Message	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Announcements / Prayer	Shaun McCray	Rich Book	Wayne Gampp
Sunday Evening	08/22/2021	08/29/2021	09/05/2021
Worship Leader	Dave Deacon	Jared McCray	Jacob Miller
Communion	Mark Risner	Rick Coriell	Eric Miller



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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The Gospels are full of stories of Christ showing compassion on people who need it. In Luke 7:11–16, Jesus saw a widow's pain and was filled with compassion for her. He felt her deep sorrow and grief and brought her son back to life, and everyone there glorified God because they saw how He understands and heals pain. Jesus was always sensitive to others' experiences and stories (Matthew 9:36).

Just as we are able to show love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19), we are also able to show empathy because God is the greatest empathizer. David cried out to God in the Psalms, and his poetry teaches us how God intimately understands us. "You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?" (Psalm 56:8).

We can be comforted through knowing that God has the capacity to know our each and every struggle and emotion. We can cast our anxieties on Him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

God Loves You and We Love You too.

Have a wonderful day!