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Jesus Promised

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted” (Matthew 5:4)

The moment I read and concentrated on this beatitude yesterday, a light went on inside of me, and compelled me to write these few comments. “You’re no mourning expert” I thought. I admitted that I had always found it strange that Jesus would expose such an obvious riddle. In essence, He said, “How happy are those who are sad.” I confess I have a lot to learn about what Jesus actually meant by those words. But one thing that I knew he did not mean was that grief, sorrow, and loss are not real or not painful. I also admitted I had never felt such overwhelming sadness as I’d felt when my Precious Sherry passed into a new life. Clearly “blessed are those who mourn” does not mean we are happy in our sorrow because our sorrows, losses, pains, or sadnesses are not real or deeply felt. They are. What followed my eruption of sorrow has been a deep and almost indescribable feeling of consolation/comfort. That comfort came from the realization that my pain was pulling me into a story greater than my own small story of tragedy — a story of a Father who had endured the suffering of His own Son and who felt, who understood, who could sympathize with and comfort me in my pain. How does the blessing come through mourning? I’m still no expert on mourning, but the blessedness of God’s comfort — the sense of peace, unshakable joy, love, consolation, life, and communion — did not and could not circumvent the pain of mourning. They came through it and in the midst of it in several ways.

First of all, these moments of mourning enabled me to see the world as it really is — as both dignified and broken. When God became incarnate, He dignified the material world by making it the dwelling place of His holiness. Yet the world is also full of sin, death, injustice, suffering, and evil. Mourning acknowledges both good and evil in the world.

Second, through mourning, we see ourselves as we really are — as those created in God’s image to know God and commune with Him in perfect love. But our sin has marred that image. Evil and death are not just at work out there in the world; they exist inside of me. Through mourning, we linger over the effects of our sin on others, including the Son of God. The resulting sorrow leads to repentance and change.

Third, and most important, moments of intense suffering and loss and the mourning that follows give us a glimpse of God as He really is — as the crucified God who “was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering” (Isaiah 53:3-4).

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Prayer Request

Penny Ball. Thanking God her surgery went well. She expects to come home Friday afternoon. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Dick Coriell (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers. He is suffering with multiple health problems.

Esther & Gene Crisp Please keep them in your prayers.

Scott Gampp Please remember him in your prayers. Surgery coming up soon.

Marleigh Gilbert 4 yr.old battling leukemia. Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Penny Gilliland Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through treatment.

Mr Glispie (Gary's Dad) Please pray God will bless him with peace and comfort and bless those caring for him.

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

Vicki Harlow Please pray for God's healing for her.

Oaklyn Keller Prayers of Thanks for this child.

Cheryl Lemon Please pray she'll have better health And strength for Mike as he cares for her.

Missy Sissel She is home. Please pray the new meds helps her to feel better soon.

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

Judi Allison	At Home
Marie Coriell	Elbrooke Room #506
Esther & Gene Crisp	Randall Res. #123
Sarah Gilliland	Hillview Room #213

Please share your prayer concerns
with your Elders
They are always ready to help.

Next Scheduled Prayer Session
March 24



Welcome Today's Guest Speaker - Jeff Garrett
Guest Speaker-Robert Berghorst - April 10
Spaghetti Dinner - April 10, After Morning Service
Easter Egg Hunt - April 16 @ 11:00
Ladies Luncheon - May 7
VBS - June 6-10
Church Camp - July 10-15
Children's Day Camp - July 11-14 10:00-1:00

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 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.  
It includes a short & fun video  
reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday.

\*Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class:  
We're studying Women of the Bible,  
This week we will study about Leah  
and Rachel. Please read:

Genesis Chapters 29-31  
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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We extend our condolences to JoAnn Miller and Family at the passing of her brother Fred Ramsey. May God bless you all with His comfort and peace.

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We extend our sympathy to Gary Glispie and Family at the passing of his Mother. Please pray for God's comfort and peace at this time of great loss.

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Robert Berghorst will be our guest speaker on Sunday Morning, April 10. He will also lead the adult class Sunday Evening.

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You are invited to stay for a Spaghetti Dinner April 10 after morning service. Please bring dessert.

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The Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will be April 16 at 11:00. We would appreciate small individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. Thank You!

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10 Home Group Hosts are Needed April 24- May 15 Please sign up if you'd like to have a group meet at your home. The list is at the Welcome Center.

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Ladies Luncheon
May 7 12:00 PM

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Sunshine Vacation Bible School - June 6-10

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Church Camp Registration is now open. Sunshine's Week is July 10-15
www.howellsmill.org to register early
Campers you may also go to Howell's Mill Facebook page to vote for your favorite camp t-shirt design!

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Sunshine Day Camp Ages 3-7  
July 11-14 10:00am - 1:00pm

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You Are Invited
At Baby Boy Shower
For Michaela & Jacob Miller
Saturday, March 26 @ 10:00 am
Sunshine Church of Christ
Please RSVP to Michaela on Messenger

The Put Down

"Where did you get that shirt? I used to have one like that, then my dad got a job!"
"You are like school on Saturday, no class!"

A true mark of a good put down is audience participation. If you can tell a good one, everybody laughs and thinks you are cool. It is a good feeling being liked and we all want to be accepted. When was the last time you added something to the "Put Down Hall of Fame? Who was it on? How did they take it? When was the last time you received a put down? How did you feel?

Most of us are used to classic put downs, we use them all the time and sometimes on our closest friends. You both usually laugh it off and go on, but what if the only thing you heard from your friends were put downs? Not good.

Just a suggestion: Next time you're with a friend, say something good about them. In Ephesians 4:29 Paul tells us to encourage and build each other up and Philippians 2:3, He says to "consider others better than yourselves."

Keeping this advice in mind try do or say a good thing. We all need encouragement. You'll know you have done something good for someone else and feel better about yourself too.

Welcome 1st Day of Spring
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**The March Item is**  
**Paper Plates**  
**For Mid Western Children's Home**

## Family Bible Time

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind ..."

**Roman's 12:2**

# Those Who Serve

| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>03/20/2022</b> | <b>03/27/2022</b> | <b>04/03/2022</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Leader        | Jared McCray      | Zach Coriell      | Jonathan Partlow  |
| Scripture Reading     | Roger Cooper      | Ben Vanatta       | Zane Miller       |
| Prayer                | Justin Spengler   | Jon Coriell       | Roger Cooper      |
| Communion             | Jeff Hayward      | Price Gammon      | Shane Mougey      |
| Message               | Jeff Garrett      | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       |
| Announcements //      |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                | Rich Book         | Shaun McCray      | Wayne Gampp       |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> | <b>03/20/2022</b> | <b>03/27/2022</b> | <b>04/03/2022</b> |
| Worship Leader        | Matthew Partlow   | Jacob Bowe        | Nick Davis        |
| Communion             | Mike Gampp        | Eli Cordle        | Mike Lemon        |
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**Sunday** Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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What role does mourning play in our faith? My conversations with people after experiencing deep pain, suffering, and grief of losing my Precious Sherry fueled my search for answers to the questions I knew God would not have left unanswered. When I do experience more deep suffering and loss, my heart would be able to take refuge in knowing what Jesus said about mourning. Mourning can bring us into a deeper understanding of the gospel. The blessedness of God’s comfort (the peace, joy, love, life) does not circumvent mourning, however.

Blessedness comes through mourning. Whether you have suffered, are suffering, or one day will suffer, you can take comfort in knowing that our crucified God will be there in the midst of it for you.

God Loves You and We Love You Too

Have a wonderful day!