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Why Aren't People Afraid of God and Hell Anymore?

Fear, or the lack therefore, is very much a part of our pop-culture. Allow two opposing bumper stickers to illustrate (with apologies in advance), **"Fear This"** vs. **"Ain't Skeerd!"**

Both of these stickers are trading on fear. It seems our society is obsessed with fear- on one side by promoting it through intimidation, and on the other by claiming immunity from it.

Let's consider a biblical example of this "Ain't Skeerd" bravado.

The "thief on the cross" made a now-famous request of Jesus for salvation, but previously had asked a lesser- known question to his comrade in crime as they hung upon their crosses.

The other criminal was hurling the same abuses at Jesus as was the crowd, Luke 23:39.

In the next verse, the penitent thief rebuked him and asked, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

The rhetorical implication of his question is that the impenitent thief should have been afraid of God, and hell, but wasn't, despite the peril of his circumstance.

Perhaps this impenitent and unafraid criminal is all too representative of people today, who, despite their spiritually perilous lifestyles, have no real fear of God, or hell.

Why is it that so many people seemingly have an "Ain't Skeerd" audacity toward their eternal Judge and destiny?

It's not necessarily an atheism problem, as even those who claim to believe in God, heaven, and even hell are largely no longer afraid.

Why? Here are a few possibilities...

Some have been so inundated with "grace and love" preaching/ teaching that they've concluded that the concept of eternal punishment is just not possible from such a loving God. But there is a major problem here. The same Book that manifests the "grace and love" of God also reveals His justice and willingness to punish. "For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who inflict you...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,"

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9.

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Prayer Requests

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.

Christi Davis (Tamara Harris Sister) Please be praying for her to have better health.

Julie Davis (Gahms Market) Recently diagnosed with leukemia. Please pray for her.

PJ Glauder Please continue praying for God's healing.

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

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

Nola Kelley She is still not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Scott Lindeman Please be praying for his recovery. He is still not able to tolerate food well.

Rusty McCleese (Chris's Dad) He was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Please be praying for God's healing for him.

Alexandra Nolan (Hayward Family Friend) She is a 22 year old with a reoccurrence of Hodgkins Lymphoma. Please be praying for this young lady.

There are several people in need of prayer right now.

God knows who they are and the need they have. Please ask Him to touch each one.

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| Esther & Gene Crisp | Randall Res.  | Rm. #123 |
| Sarah Gilliland     | Hillview Room | L306     |
| Helen Hayward       | Homebound     |          |

**Elders meet to pray  
December 22**

**Please let them know if you have a  
special prayer request.**



**\*Sunshine's New Years Eve Party - Dec.31  
8:00 - 12:00 (Midnight)**

**\*Teen Lock In – Sunday, Jan.1**

**\*Moonlight Bowling - January 15  
8 PM - Midnight**

**\*Girl's Lock In - January 27 & 28**

### **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.**

Come Join Us!

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

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## 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.

We extend our sympathy to Inagene  
Wilson and Family at the passing of  
Bernie. May God send blessings of  
comfort and peace to you.

### Sunshine's New Years Eve Party

We hope you'll plan to join us bring in the 2023  
New Year.

Please bring your favorite board game, a snack  
to share, your Sunshine stories and a prayer  
for the New Year before us.

### Teen Lock In - Sunday, Jan.1

Teens will stay after church service that  
evening until 6:00 the next morning. We will  
have games, movies, nerf wars and food.

### Congregational Moonlight Bowling

at Sunset Lanes in Portsmouth  
January 15, Sunday Evening after service,  
8:00 - 12:00

More details coming soon

### Girl's Lock In

Friday, January 27 at the Sunshine Church  
Building  
More details to come later.

### Area Agency on Aging

A free Fall Prevention Class is being offered  
here at Sunshine to anyone over age 60.

The class is 2 hours long, 1 time a week for 8  
weeks.

It is scheduled on Mondays 12:30- 2:30  
beginning March 6, going thru April 24.

Please let Tammy know if you are interested in  
coming.

God does not explain the why of  
every misfortune that may come  
upon us, but he does assure us that  
there is a blessing for those who  
endure.

"Blessed is the man that endureth  
temptation; for when he hath been  
approved, he shall receive the crown  
of life, which the Lord promised to  
them that love him"

James 1:12

\*Just a Quote:

"We do less than we ought,  
unless we do all that we can."

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\*We hope to have a group of people from  
Sunshine meet at W'Burg Toro Loco this  
Evening after service to spread a little  
holiday cheer to the employees there.

Please plan to come!

See Jennifer with any questions

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The December Item Is

Canned Soup

For Mid Western Children's Home

Thank You!

## Family Bible Time

ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF Dec.18

\*Sunday Evening Auditorium

Romans Gabe Coriell

\*Wednesday Evening Auditorium

Acts 20 Tim Gamp

\*Wednesday Evening Ladies Class

June Book

God is Faithful to Fulfill His Promises

Please Read: Luke 12:13-34, Philippians 4:4-13,  
John 14:25-27

\*Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8

# Those Who Serve



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

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

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| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>12/18/2022</b> | <b>12/25/2022</b> | <b>01/01/2023</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Leader        | Zach Coriell      | Shaun McCray      | Jared McCray      |
| Scripture Reading     | Jesse Tunell      | Steve Williams    | Mark Risner       |
| Prayer                | Derek Miller      | Josh Coriell      | Shane Mougey      |
| Communion             | Eli Cordle        | Wayne Gampp       | Don Coriell       |
| Message               | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       |
| Announcements //      |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                | Shaun McCray      | Rich Book         | Jon Coriell       |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> | <b>12/18/2022</b> | <b>12/25/2022</b> | <b>01/01/2023</b> |
| Worship Leader        | Shaun McCray      | Zach Coriell      | Dave Deacon       |
| Communion             | Josh Coriell      | Isaiah McQuade    | Rich Book         |

Some seem to think they'll live forever - or just don't want to think about dying and eternity. Regardless of whatever healthcare we do or don't have, everyone is going to die- some sooner rather than later, and harder rather than easier. Refusing to accept and prepare for this reality doesn't change it. The rich man, who "habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day," died as did the "certain poor man named Lazarus," Luke 16:19-20. The only difference was that the rich man's spirit went to the place of "torment" because of the way he chose to live his life, and Lazarus' spirit was taken to the place of comfort for the way he chose to live his, cf. vv.22ff. Refusing to accept and prepare for the realities of death and eternity do not negate them. Some have been so influenced by PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) in thought generally, and preaching specifically, that there is a cultural bias against "negative" motivations such as fear. PMA has its place and benefits, but remember that God chose to use fear as a (not the, as in only) motivator for us spiritually. Otherwise, why are we given graphic and horrifying pictures of hell, such as: Mark 9:42, "it would be better for him if with a heavy milestone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea;" or v.43, "the unquenchable fire;" or vv.47b-48, "cast into hell, where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched;" or Matthew 8:12, "cast into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth"? Preachers/ teachers that proclaim "the gospel" must proclaim these realities just as they do the joys of heaven, for the same Book provides them both. While God's saving grace is available to "all men," Titus 2:11-15 it comes in the form of instructions, and is, therefore, only applied to those who are willing to follow them, . Two realizations of these truths must thus be concluded: 1) God's saving grace is applied only to those willing to obey Him; and, 2) Our opportunities to be saved by God's grace are limited to our willingness to obey Him now- for it is the only time we are guaranteed, Hebrews 3:12-15. When our willingness to obey ends, or our life does, so also do our chances of redemption. These things ought to scare us, and such fear isn't a bad thing! "Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men..." 2 Corinthians 5:11. (9-9-14). Take careful consideration of the Word of God, and follow closely in its footsteps.

God Loves You and We Love You Too

Have a wonderful day!