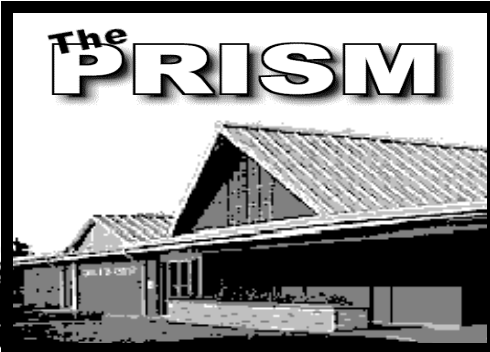




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Stay Off Sin's Slippery Slope

“Closed for the Winter”, the sign said, but it was too late. The road was sloping down the hill, and just beneath the coating of snow were two inches of ice. I braked so my wife and I could turn around, but we just slid farther and farther down the hill. I put the gear-shift in park; we were still sliding. I took it out of park and steered, riding the brake, hoping we could make it to the bottom of the hill without sliding off the road.

James 1:13-15's description of the process of sin is like a slippery slope. Our own desire unites with temptation, conceiving lust. Lust gives birth to sin. That sin starts to grow, ending in death.

The icy road has a warning sign at the very beginning, and at various stages along the way. “Treacherous Road.” “Danger!” “Turn back now!” “Sharp curve ahead!” Those who heed the warnings are still alive. Those who don’t are headed for hell.

We didn’t know it, but waiting ahead of us, halfway down the hill, was a big turn to the left. I could feel the truck gaining momentum as the slope became sharper. It was too late. There was nothing we could do but hold on and try to ride it out.

In Romans 6 Paul warns that if we yield our body to sin, the result will be ever-increasing wickedness until finally, we slam into death. But he says that this “slip-sliding away” is not inevitable. Christ redeemed us! Our union with His death and resurrection sets us free from slavery to sin. “Sin shall not be your master,” he promises, “because you are not under law but under grace!” We can get onto a different road altogether, a road that is going up, not down. “Yield the members of your body to righteousness,” Paul tells us, “leading to holiness, and ending in eternal life.”

What happened at the big turn? We fish-tailed, but didn’t go off the road, finally sliding to a stop. It was scary. I promised myself and my wife we would never get on such a road again.

Take my advice: Stay off the slippery slope of sin. The so-called thrill isn’t worth the risk.

Steve Singleton
Saturn Road Church of Christ
Garland, Texas



Please Pray For...

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

Jeremiah Gayheart (7 yrs old) has an inoperable brain tumor.

Mary Royster (Terry Royster's mother) remains in SOMC recuperating from pneumonia.

Kayla McGraw (Eloise and Hayes Hayward's granddaughter) is being tested at Children's Hospital in Columbus as to why her blood platelets are so low. No answer as yet.

Brian Demsich (4 month old son of Joe and Karen Demisich, friends of Miller's in Detroit) has suspected testicular cancer. Prayer for his healing and safety is requested.

Harry Woodworth's foot injury not as bad as we first thought. He has a fractured bone and a bad sprain. He has to wear an inflatable boot for a few weeks and stay off his foot.

Jim Cunningham has injured himself at work and is being tested for a possible surgery which he would very much like to avoid.

Donnie Miller is having a series of oral surgeries over the next few weeks to correct some long-standing problems.

Andy Graff goes in for a job interview tomorrow. He has gone without work for quite some time and needs to get back to work.

Sam Miller flies with his unit of the Ohio Air National Guard to Duluth, MN and then to Arizona this weekend. Prayers for a safe journey requested.

Richard Sizemore, a friend of the Brown's, is not doing well after carotid surgery.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Feb. 1 - Islam Unveiled Seminar

Feb. 7 - Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

Feb. 8 - Scout Sunday

Mar. 7 - Apr. 4 - Sunday P.M. Home Groups

Sunday PM Services

Sing.

Skit Practice

Lord's Army will have a practice session today at 5 p.m.

Teen Devo

Tuesday at Terry & Debbie Sullivan's, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday PM Services

Come and be surprised!

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Walter Buckle** (Delores Gamp's uncle) who passed away in Middletown, Ohio this week. The funeral was Thursday in Lucasville.

Greeter Sign Up

Those who are willing to serve as greeters for any month in 2004, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. There are various jobs to be filled. See the description posted next to the sign up sheet. More information, see Mark Gamp.

Thank You

From the family of Donnie Miller to all at Sunshine for the food, prayers, cards and flowers that were given in support of his family in the passing of his mother.

Dishes in Annex

Most of the dishes from recent funeral dinners are back on the counter in the fellowship hall.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
1/11 II Pt 1-3	1/14 II Sam 22
1/18 I Jn 1-2	1/21 II Sam 23-24
1/25 I Jn 3-4	1/28 I Chr 22-29
2/1 I Jn 5	2/4 I Kgs 1-2
2/8 II Jn, III Jn	2/11 I Kgs 3-4
2/15 Jude	2/18 I Kgs 5-6
2/22 Rev-Intro	2/25 I Kgs 7
2/29 Rev 21-22	

Prayer Chain Revamped

Our current Emergency Prayer Chain list is outdated. We are taking this opportunity to invite new people to become involved and to recommit current prayer chain members. The Emergency Prayer Chain is a way of mobilizing several Christians on short notice to begin praying about things that just can't wait till our next assembly. Besides praying there is a need for people willing to make a few phone calls on short notice to pass the prayer information along. If you are willing to participate as a prayer maker and/or caller on the prayer chain, please sign up on the list in the foyer and indicate if you are willing to make phone calls in addition to praying by making a check mark in the appropriate column by your name. For more information, see Steve Miller.

Winterfest Meeting

After our morning services today, Jamie Riley would like to meet with all those who would like to go to Winterfest for a few minutes in the fellowship hall. Allow him about 10 minutes to shake hands and then the meeting will start.

Special Presentation This Morning

This morning during our announcement time, Terry Sullivan will be making a special presentation to our teens for their participation in the special classes held over the last 4 months.

Youth Committee Meeting

A short follow-up meeting for the Youth Committee is planned for this evening. Come 15 minutes early for evening services.

Islam Unveiled

Sunday, February 1, **Bruce Gleim** from Dayton, Ohio, will be here to talk about Islam. Lessons are scheduled at our normal times for class and worship. Bruce is known to many here at Sunshine since he grew up in this congregation. He has spent a lot of time studying the Koran and will be contrasting the Christian faith with Islam. This is an opportunity for us to understand better what is happening in our world.

Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

It's that time of year again. The Father-Daughter Valentine Gala is set for Saturday, February 7, at 7 pm in the MHS gymnasium. Tickets will be available at Minford Pharmacy. This event is to celebrate and honor the special relationship between fathers and daughters. Even if you do not have a daughter to bring, you can help us with this event. We need food servers, decorators, clean-up people, set-up people, etc. We will be saying more next week about these jobs. We also need a crowd at 7 pm in the bleachers to clap and cheer when each father-daughter couple is introduced in the Grande March. There is no charge to participate in this part of the program. Sign up to clap and cheer on the bulletin board.

Directory Update

Eldon and Carol Conkel indicated their desire to be part of this congregation last Sunday morning. We certainly welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ and look forward to working and worshipping with them here at Sunshine. Please add the following information to your directories: Conkel, Eldon and Carol; 5199 Lucasville-Minford Rd; Minford, Ohio 45653 820-8223.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Wine
Bread
Assist
Assist
Assist
Assist
Message
Closing Prayer

January 11

II Peter 1-3
Jon Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Alan Graff
Mike Coriell
Bud Coriell
Rick Brown
Jerry Gampp
Caleb Miller
Greg Coriell
Ed McLaughlin
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

January 18

I John 1-2
Wayne Gampp
Taylor Hoskins
Mark Gampp
Jamie Riley
Terry Sullivan
Jason Coriell
John Gampp
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Chuck Allison
Jack Jennings
Steve Miller
Gary Glispie

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Scott Gampp
Tom Kelley
Josh Coriell
Jim Cunningham

Shaun McCray
Mark Risner
Rich Book
John Berry

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Mike Gampp
II Samuel 22

Jeff Hayward
Don Coriell
II Samuel 23-24

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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