

The PRISM



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Com + Passion

It rankles me when a television reporter asks a person how he feels when his house is going up in smoke. I think “bad,” would be a good answer in this case. The reporter would rather you say, “I feel like all my hopes and dreams have flown away,” but just tell him, “I feel bad.” More to the point would be to ask the reporter, “How do you feel about my home being destroyed?” To question the onlooker raises both a moral and a practical issue. Do you feel the sorrow? Will you help the man out?

When the scripture speaks of Jesus having “compassion”, it uses a two-part word: “Com” means “with,” and “passion” means “to suffer.” Compassion is “to suffer with.” The Bible word is derived from the inner physical organs of a sacrificial lamb. With us, it is the very center of our being—the spirit. Thus, Jesus was deeply moved in spirit as the sisters of Lazarus grieved for their brother (John 11:33). When you and I are deeply moved over someone’s trouble, and when we help, we are actually offering up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (1 Peter 2:5).

We are taught both to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn (Romans 12:15). There are deep feelings to be shared at both ends of the emotional spectrum. It can be as spiritual to celebrate at a wedding as it is to grieve at a funeral. Indeed, we should be found at both kinds of events and taking part in both sorts of feelings. Jesus did. Brothers and sisters in Christ are a Family under God. When a member of our Family journeys through the lowlands and the highlands of experience, he needs traveling companions. There are events in a person’s life that mark him. These happenings are like pegs, driven into his consciousness; the birth of a child, a child leaving the home, the marriage of a child, the loss of a child, the loss of a parent, the loss of a wife or husband, retirement, getting a job, serious illness. There are others you could add, but all of them are characterized by profound joy or deep sadness. Our brothers and friends need our help.

At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” Could it be that compassion of our Lord had an evangelistic effect on others—will it today? Evidently. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 11:35,36 and John 13:35). When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36). His compassion led him to shoulder their burdens and share their joys. So should ours.

JD Cash

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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, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

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

Jeremiah Gayheart (8 yrs old) has an inoperable brain tumor.

Kathy Glispie as she nears her delivery date. If the baby does not come by Tuesday, labor will be induced.

Donally Grant (friend of Marta Brown) in Golden Years Home with lung cancer.

Wanda Coriell who suffered a mild stroke in Springfield, Ohio on Wednesday. She was transported to SOMC late Friday night.

Kara Jo McCray was hospitalized Tuesday/Wednesday for dehydration caused by virus.

Larry Stewart (brother to Patsy Graff) was involved in a motorcycle-ATV accident on Wednesday and suffered a head injury and broken shoulder blade. He is home recuperating.

Harry Woodworth had a biopsy for a tumor in his lung on Wednesday. The results came back negative for cancer. The doctors want to retest.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Bill Cason (Cathy Coriell's father in Springfield) who passed away last weekend after a long struggle with emphysema. His funeral was Wednesday in Springfield.

Special Deacon's Meeting Today

Attention all deacons! Please meet at the building this afternoon at 5 pm to discuss the church schedule of activities and book of ministries. Gary Glispie needs your help.

Welcome Visitors!

We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that if you are seeking Christ you will find Him here. If sorrowing you will receive comfort, if troubled in spirit you will gain the blessing of peace, if discouraged you will rejoice in hope, if friendless you will find companionship and Christian love. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

Area Events

- April 11-13 Meeting with Mack Lyon at Nitro church of Christ--Details posted.
- April 20 Ladies Inspirational Evening--Alkire Road church of Christ--Details posted.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Jacob Miller's house.

Home Groups News

- * **Hosts**, don't forget to write your attendance on the chart posted on the board in the foyer.
- * **Co-Leaders**, please turn in your videos to the counter in the church office.
- * **Tonight**, we will be resuming our services here at the building at 6:30. Home Groups are concluded.

Sunday PM Services

Sunday PM Home Groups have concluded. We are meeting at the building tonight. We will continue with our study of the Gospel of John utilizing the video.



Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Apr. 17-18 - Richland Road Youth Rally
Apr. 23-25 - Sunshine Youth Rally
Jun. 18-21 - Junior Impact
Jun. 21-25 - Senior Impact
Jun. 28 - Jul. 2 - Vacation Bible School
Jul. 11-16 - Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
4/11 Mt 2:19-23 Lk 2:21-40	4/14 I Kgs 20-II Kgs 2
4/18 Lk 2:41-52	4/21 II Kgs 3-4
4/25 Mt 3:1-12 Lk 3:1-20	4/28 II Kgs 5

Marion Youth Rally

The Lord's Army will be performing next weekend at a youth rally at the Richland Road Church of Christ in Marion, Ohio. It's an overnigher, details on when they will be leaving, etc. will be announced ASAP. See Terry Sullivan for more information.

Special Skit Practice

Lord's Army will hold skit practice session at a special time this week. It will be on **Monday at 11 a.m.** All skit group members that can are encouraged to attend this special practice to prepare for the Marion Youth Rally.

Thank You from Cloteen

Cloteen Creekbaum sends us a thank you note for the Christian fellowship she enjoyed with us while attending Sunshine. She also included her new address, telephone number and directions to her apartment which are posted with the thank you note on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Important Questions & Answers

Q: Am I accountable to God?

A: *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 "For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23*

Q: Does God know all about me?

A: *"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Hebrews 4:13*

Q: Will God punish sin?

A: *"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9*

Q: Will I perish if I don't obey God?

A: *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9*

Q: How can I escape?

A: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

Q: Is He willing to save me?

A: *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15*

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

April 11

Mt. 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40
Don Coriell
Taylor Hoskins
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Kallner
Caleb Miller
Dewey Cordle
Jerry Gamp
Kevin Stimpert
Aaron McCray
Terry Royster
Steve Miller
Rick Brown

April 18

Luke 2:41-52
Jon Coriell
Scott Gamp
Al Graff
Jason Coriell
Mike Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Ike Hardin
John Oesch
Chuck Allison
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Jon Coriell
Rich Book
Tim Coriell
Troy Gahm

Jeff Hayward
Gabe Coriell
Greg Coriell
Bud Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jamie Riley
Tom Kelley
1 Kings 20 - 2 Kg 2

Zach Coriell
Don Coriell
II Kings 3-4

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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