

The PRISM



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The Cost of Seeing

I was watching a documentary about an experimental procedure they are doing in Europe for those who have lost their sight. In this procedure they open up the brain and place a plate with one hundred plus electrodes on the optical center. This plate then fires electrical impulses into the brain allowing the patient to see a dot of light. The patient then carries around a computer, which is attached to the optical plate, that allows the patients to see a rough outline of contrasts in color, such as the line of a wall, building, car or possibly even human outline. In this documentary a woman who had been blind for forty years had mortgaged her home on the hopes of seeing again, even in a dot image. Her biggest dream was the ability to see her husband's face. It reminded me of the parable that Jesus gave in Matthew 13...

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." (Matthew 13:44)

Are you living your life like you have something that valuable within your grasp? I do not blame this woman one bit for risking everything she had to regain her vision. I cannot even fathom the trials the blind go through. I just hope she knew one thing...If she lives her life with the fervor for Jesus that she has put into regaining her sight, she will be given a much greater gift than just her sight...she will be given LIFE!

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (1 John 5:11)

While hoping for an incredible ending for this story, I was left melancholy. While she could make out some lines, the woman was unable to make out even a crude outline of her husband. Her final statement was, "It isn't what I thought it would be." We are at times just as spiritually blind toward the important things in life as this woman is physically. We view God in a crude image of dots, not realizing the indescribable montage of colors, views and vistas, which are available if we are willing to place a greater value on Him than we do on everything else in our lives.

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P l e a s e p r a y f o r ...

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.

Wanda Coriell is in ICU at SOMC. She is in critical condition. Wanda's family is having to make some very difficult decisions right now. Please be praying for them.

Harry Woodworth goes back to Cincinnati on Tuesday for a final decision on treatment of his cancer. The cardiologist also has to give his approval.

Margaret Reed is scheduled for knee replacement surgery (both knees) on May 17 at SOMC.

Mary Williams (Steve's Williams mother) remains in SOMC recuperating from her hip surgery.

Chuck Short (Karren Griffith's brother in Columbus) is struggling to rebuild his strength for another round of chemotherapy.

Becky Conley (Penny Ball's former daughter-in-law) is having serious back problems.

Fredia Gampp was in and out of SOMC this week with blood pressure problems.

Buzz Rogers (30 year old son of Sharon Rogers, living in PA) struggling with personal, legal and medical problems. Most important issue is his salvation.

Evan Allison is asking for our prayer support as he goes through an endurance exam for a new job in Ashland, KY on Tuesday.

Danny Deveck (Rhonda Berry's uncle in New Philadelphia, OH) has been diagnosed with lymphoid cancer.

Charlie Rose (former CVS pharmacist and friend of Jon Coriell) needs a liver transplant but may not be strong enough to have the surgery.

Harold Gilliam (Shirley's husband) had a pacemaker installed in Columbus this week. All has gone well so far.

Sympathy Extended

- To the family of **Joanne Reed** (Becky Jarvis's aunt in Rubyville) who passed away early this week after a long bout with cancer.
- To the family of **Minnie Fisher** who passed away Friday evening in ICU at the hospital. Visitation is at Erwin-Dodson-Allen in Minford on Monday from 6-9 pm. The funeral is Tuesday at 2 pm at the church building.
- To the family of **June Holbrook** (aunt to Jill and Janine Williams) who passed early in the week. Her funeral was Thursday in Sciotoville.
- To the family of **Bill Berry** (uncle to Mary Collins) who passed away at Heartland on Friday. Prayers for his family requested.

Funeral Dinner for Minnie's Family

If you would like to contribute food items or help with serving, set up and/or clean up for a funeral dinner on Tuesday, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer. The building will be open at 8 am on Tuesday if you need to bring food early. See Judi Allison for more information about food needed or helping with the dinner.

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Terry and Debbie Sullivan's house.

Sunday PM Services

This evening we are having a singing-prayer-scripture devotional.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

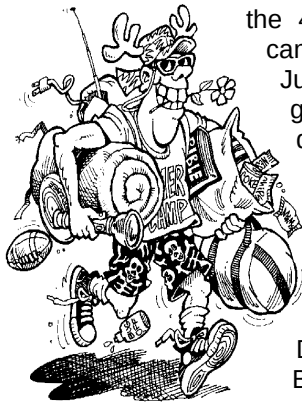
Jun. 12 - Father/Son Campout
Jun. 18-21 - Junior Impact
Jun. 21-25 - Senior Impact
Jun. 28 - Jul. 2 - Vacation Bible School
Jul. 11-16 - Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
5/16 Jn 1:29-51 Joel 1-3	5/19 II Kgs 6:24,13:25
5/23 Jn 2:1-12	5/26 II Kgs 14-15 Jonah 1-4
5/30 Jn 2:13-22	

Scheduled texts and teachers through the end of the year are posted on the church web page.

Father-Son Camp Out



Plans are being made for the 4th annual father-son camp out for Saturday, June 12. This will be a great opportunity for dads to spend some time with their sons and fellowship with each other.

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. See Dewey Cordle or Rich Book for details.

Children's Bible Time in May

During the month of may the children in CBT will be having lessons that focus on money principles from the Bible. A collection will be made each Sunday to teach the children about giving to God. Would you be sure that your child has something to put in the collection when it is made? The monies collected will end up in the general collection for the church.

Skit Practice

The Lord's Army has a practice on May 19 at 5 pm. All members please attend.

Impact Money

Attention. If you are going to Impact in June and have not turned in your money yet, please do so ASAP! Give your money to Jason Coriell or Shaun McCray.

Online Directory

Al Graff is in the process of creating an online version of the church directory for our website. It will include your name, address, phone number, e-mail, and photograph if they are listed in the paper version of our directory. The online directory will be password protected so that non-member visitors to our website will not be able to view it. If you want a sneak peek, see Al for the password and web address.



If you do not want your information listed on the Internet for any reason please contact Al Graff and let him know to leave you out.

While we are on the subject of our website, I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at it the next time you're on the Internet. There's something new happening all the time! Just go to www.sunshine-church.org.

If you haven't registered in the message forum, please do so. Over 40 of you have registered, but only about 5 or 6 people are regularly leaving messages there. We won't get into the garden gnomes and rubber chickens here, you'll have to see that for yourself. The message area has a great potential if folks will use it.

Special Service

Our youth will be leading services the evening of May 30. Speaker will be Jacob Miller. The Lord's Army may do a short performance for the congregation after services also.

Those Who Serve

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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Sunday Morning

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

May 16

John 1:29-51, Joel 1-3
Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Jason Coriell
Jeff Hayward
Rick Brown
Mark Risner
Dewey Cordle
Greg Coriell
Jerry Gampp
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

May 23

John 2:1-12
Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
John Berry
Bud Coriell
Gabe Coriell
Chuck Allison
Ira Coriell
Rick Coriell
Ryan Coriell
Steve Miller
Mark Gampp

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Aaron McCray
Troy Gahm

Zack Coriell
Matt Cram
Greg Coriell
Caleb Miller

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Aaron Kallner
II Kings 6:24,13:25

Jeff Hayward
Jason Coriell
II Kgs 14-15, Jonah 1-4

Advance listings for Those Who Serve are posted on our website

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Scott Gampp	820-3545	Worship, Special Events
Gary Glispie	776-4279	Church Directory, Program of Work
Alan Graff	776-7905	Bulletin, Advert., Front sign, Computers
Dick Havens	456-5009	Building Maint., Supplies
Taylor Hoskins	820-4645	Worship, Insurance, Budget
Shaun McCray	776-7738	Treasurer, Office Supplies
Homer Miller	776-7550	Funerals, Hosp. Visit., Attendance
Eugene Risner	820-2256	Fire, Health, Seniors, Joy of Giving
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