

The PRISM



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They Want a Meeting with You

It was not long ago that I, a relatively new deacon here at Sunshine, received the dreaded and fearful word from the elders. “They want a meeting with you.” “What! With me? Did they meet with you? Why me?” I asked my other deacon friends. “The next meeting is in two weeks. You better not be late.”

As the time grew closer my fears grew larger. My imagination was running wild as I pictured Bibles being thrown at me in anger or hysterical laughter just after I closed the door to leave the mysterious upper room. “Why me Lord?” was all the comfort I could find.

When the dreadful time finally arrived I was a nervous wreck. Not too early. Not too late. I could see the light on in the upper room as I made my way through the dark and cold auditorium. They were up there, just waiting for me. Or maybe not! The door to the stairway, it’s locked! Should I use my key? They might say “Why do you have a key?” Should I knock? They might say “Why didn’t you use your key?” As I thought “Oh no, what do I do?” I jerked on the door in frustration and it popped open. There before me were two steps and a platform in a dark narrow stairway. Here I go.

On to the platform I took a deep nerve cleansing breathe and turned right. This was the steepest, narrowest stairwell I had ever seen. As I tripped over the next step, I wished I had turned on the light. I should have taken off my shoes, the woods stairs were deafening! Wouldn’t that look great, an elders meeting without my shoes! Why does climbing straight up toward heaven feel like I’m headed the other way? With the loud creaking and popping of each step I may end up going down real fast. Into the downstairs closet!

As I reached the top I was sure I would find behind the door seated around a long narrow table scouring at me over metal framed reading glasses four clones of Ebenezer Scrooge. “What do you want? We’re doing the Lord’s work here!” I would probably hear as I prepared to duck a flying Bible.

Actually what I found was four clones of Ebenezer Scrooge seated around a long narrow table scouring at me over metal framed reading glasses! But they were the Scrooge from the end of the Christmas story. The one forever changed by the spirit that had visited him. The Spirit has visited our elders. They are eager to listen, give advice, pray, study, talk... like the changed Scrooge they were dancing around the room showering praise and blessing... well maybe that’s a little exaggerated. But don’t let your fears stop you from seeking the council of our eldership. They are here to serve. And the meeting? “We need someone to contact a missionary in India. Would you be interested?” “Sure” “Thanks so much for coming.” I love these guys!

Scott Gamp



Prayer Requests

For the millions affected by the tsunami
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.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For **Tim and Jennifer** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

Tim Jennings (Jack's brother) is at home now but is far from 100%.

Darcy Gafeira, (a friend of Jennifer Gamp) is having heart problems and is in need of prayer for healing.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Jonathon Morris** (Ruth Morris's son) who passed away Tuesday. The funeral was Friday in Portsmouth.

Sunday PM Services

This evening we will be having an introductory lesson on prophecy and the Book of Revelation.

Donations for Youth Rally

Sunshine youth group will be having it's annual youth rally (Back to the '60's) on February 22-24, at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Youth groups from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky show up every year. We need donations of "teen friendly" breakfast cereals, chips, cookies and pop of all kinds in two-liter plastic bottles (no cans, please). A big "thank you" to all who are going to help. Bring your donations here to the building as you come to services.

Bible Study Text

Sunday

4/3 Mt 28:1-15
Mk 16:1
Lk 24:13-43
Jn 20:1-8
4/10 Mt 28:16-20
Lk 24:44-49
Jn 20:26-31
4/17 Mk 16:19-20
Lk 24:50-53
Acts 1:9-12
4/24 Acts 1:1-8
Acts 13-26

Wednesday

4/6 Gen. 39
4/13 Gen. 40
4/20 Gen. 41:1-36
4/27 Gen. 41:37-42:38

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 4/22-24 Youth Rally at Fort Hill Camp
- 5/21 H.S. Senior Graduation Banquet
- 6/17-20 Jr. Impact at DLU
- 6/20-25 Sr. Impact at DLU
- 6/27-7/1 Vacation Bible School
- 7/10-16 Sunshine's week at FHCYC

Other Area Events

Details and flyers are posted on the bulletin board.

- 4/9 - Ladies Inspiration Day—Zanesville

Teen Devo

At Terry & Debbie's house, 6:30 pm, Tuesday.

Skit Practice

4:00 p.m. today at the building.

Dishes in Annex

Dishes and bowls used to deliver food for the recent funeral are in the annex on the counter. Be sure to pick up your wares today.

Last Call for VBS Leaders

This is our last call for planners and leaders for VBS. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. We need at least 6 Planner/Teachers; currently we have 2. We need at least 3 Planner/Craft People; currently we have 2. We need at least 3 Planner/Program People; currently we have 0. At the end of services tonight, we will take a few minutes and discuss this situation. If you have any interest or desire for the VBS program, please be here tonight.

Sunshine Wellness Program

A few weeks ago the Health Ministry Team announced the formation of a Sunshine Wellness Program. Currently we are in the sign-up phase of the program. There is a handout on the table in the foyer that gives full information about the purpose and direction of the program. Please pick up one of the handouts and, if you are interested in participating, sign up on the pad located on the table.

Home Group Meeting Today

If you were a host or co-leader in this last round of home groups, please meet for a few minutes today after morning services with Steve Miller in the Annex. We need some feedback on the groups.

Home Group Hosts & Co-Leaders

Hosts, don't forget to record the attendance for your group on the chart in the foyer. Co-leaders, please turn in your video tapes to the office so that we can reuse them.

Senior Graduation Banquet

Friends and relatives of graduating high school seniors from the Sunshine congregation are invited to a banquet in their honor on May 21 at 6 p.m.

VBS Sign Up

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 27-July 1 this year. Our theme is **Jesus: Master and Commander of Our Ship**. We'll be taking a trip on four different ships with Jesus: Worship, Discipleship, Friendship and Leadership. If you would be willing to serve this year as a teacher, a craft supervisor, or a program director (that means you get to create and direct something for your group to perform on Program Night), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please sign up in all areas (teacher, craft or program) where you would be willing to work and indicate the age group that you prefer. I cannot guarantee that you will get the very thing your heart desires, but we will try. All we are asking for now are people who are willing to do some preparation and planning for VBS. Later on we'll get our support people lined up.

The Talking Parrot

A fellow went to a pet store and bought a parrot. He thought the bird might fill some of his lonely hours. The store owner guaranteed the bird could talk. The next day he came back to complain, "This bird doesn't talk."

The store owner asked if he had a mirror in its cage, and the man said he didn't. "Parrots love mirrors," he explained. "When he sees his reflection in the mirror he'll start talking away."

The bird owner was back the next day, his parrot still hadn't said a word. "How about a swing? Birds love little swings and a happy parrot is a talkative parrot."

But he was back the next day with the same story. "Does he have a ladder to climb?" the salesman asked. "Once he has a ladder he'll probably talk your ear off!"

The man was back in the pet store when it opened the next day. "Didn't your parrot like the ladder?," he asked. His customer said, "The parrot died."

"Did he ever say anything?" "Well, yes, he finally talked just before he died. In a weak little voice he asked, 'Don't they sell bird seed at that pet store?'"

Some folks think happiness consists of lining our cages with toys, gadgets, and other stuff. Jesus told us "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Mt. 5:6). He knew that our souls could never be satisfied with anything less than eternity.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

April 3

See inside bulletin
Wayne Gamp
Ralph Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie
Dewey Cordle
Jerry Gamp
Price Gammon
Don Coriell
Jamie Riley
Terry Royster
Jack Jennings
Al Graff
Steve Miller
Shawn Gragg

April 10

See inside bulletin
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Jamie Riley
Tim Coriell
Chuck Allison
Ira Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Greg Coriell
Troy Gahm
Steve Miller
Josh Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Jon Coriell
Jacob Miller
Matt Cram

Mark Gamp
Wayne Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Mike Coriell
Genesis 39

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Genesis 40

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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