

The PRISM



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One-Sided God...

"I know I can talk my dad into it, but I'm not sure about my mom," were the words that came out of my mouth right before, "Mom can we please get a gerbil?" I'm not sure why they had to come in pairs, probably because our neighbor was trying to get rid of as many as possible. Mom finally agreed based on the premise we get either two male or two female (our neighbor assured us she could tell the difference) and that I would feed and water them.

Upon the birth of their first litter we discovered that Jeanie and Samantha, were really Jeanie and Sam. I will stop there and not go into any other details of this family tale. As I look back on it now, I wonder why mom ever gave in. She knew that this covenant we entered into would be one-sided. I would eventually end up not fulfilling my part and she would be stuck with feeding and watering the rodents. Still, she went through with it, fulfilling her end and more.

God is the creator of the "covenant." He started with a covenant in the garden with Adam and Eve. *"I will protect you, and you will live forever as long as you stay away from that fruit!"* He also made covenant with Abraham, *"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."* Then God said to Abraham, *"As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come"* (Genesis 17:7&9). Of course, Adam and Eve broke theirs and the Israelites dropped the ball, but God renewed the covenant with a promise of salvation through a new covenant made available in Jesus Christ. This new covenant was foretold through several prophets, including Malachi. *"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty*" (Malachi 3:1.)

In a One-sided way God made a covenant with mankind. Even though He knew we would fall down on our end, He was not willing to give us up. He fulfilled His end and more in the form of an everlasting, ever-cleansing covenant through Jesus Christ.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant (Hebrews 9:15).

We obey, Christ intercedes, God forgives. God's covenant continues.

Wade McKnight

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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**.

Janet Risner had gall bladder surgery on Friday and will be recuperating at SOMC for a few days. Prayers requested.

Vivian Woodworth has foot surgery in Proctorville on Monday and will be going to Elbrooke Pavilion for rehab and convalescence on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

James Howard (son of Al Graff's coworker) was injured by an RPG in Iraq. It will take about a month for him to recuperate.

Kieffer Kane (Jack & Janie Jennings grandson) is in the hospital in Columbus for about a week.

Helen Hay (John Berry's aunt in Grove City) is in the final stages of cancer.

Judy Jordan (Esther Crisp's niece) is in hospice care in Vanceburg.

Kathryn Mead (wife of Bill Mead) hospitalized at SOMC this week.

Garnet Lindeman having severe pain from a nerve disease affecting her head. She is somewhat better from early in the week. She is seeing a specialist on Wednesday to see about changing her medicine.

Bill Gilpin (Cheryl Sims stepfather) is suffering with advanced emphysema and stomach problems.

Tommy Easter (Penny Ball's cousin) had a heart catheterization this week.

Earl Kelly (Shaun Kelly's father) also had a heart catheterization this week. No blockage was found. The doctor is changing his blood pressure medication.

Roy Slone (Nola Kelley's brother) is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Prayers requested for the

success of the treatments.

Sally Adams (Nola Kelley's friend) has lung cancer and needs our prayers and encouragement.

Melissa Hayward, injured at softball practice this week; eight stitches required around her lips.

Earl Gampp is having a slow recovery from his recent fall. Prayers, cards, and visits would be appreciated.

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>
4/10	Mt 28:16-20 Lk 24:44-49 Jn 20:26-31	4/13 Gen. 40
4/17	Mk 16:19-20 Lk 24:50-53 Acts 1:9-12	4/20 Gen. 41:1-36
4/24	Acts 1:1-8 Acts 13-26	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

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Elza Hawkins** (Sharon Gampp's uncle) who passed away Friday. Funeral services are in Kentucky on Monday. After making arrangements for the funeral, his wife, Wilma, had a heart attack and will be unable to attend the funeral. Please pray for Wilma.

Youth Services Next Sunday PM

Next Sunday evening (April 17) the young men of the congregation will be conducting our services. Zach Stimpert will be speaking for us. After services, the Lord's Army will be presenting some of their new skits.

Public Reading of Scripture

In conjunction with the **National Day of Prayer (Thursday, May 5, 2005,** established by an act of Congress as the first Thursday in May of each year and officially proclaimed by the President) there will be a public reading of scripture at the Scioto County Courthouse throughout the entire week: Monday, May 2-Friday, May 6. We have participated in this public reading of scripture for several years. Our time slot is Wednesday, May 4, from 3-5 pm. If you would like to be a reader, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We are doing half hour segments; however, if more than four want to read, go ahead and sign up for the time slot you can take. We'll divide it with however many people sign up for that slot. For more information about the National Day of Prayer, see their website at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.



Graduating High School Seniors

Young people from Sunshine who are graduating this year are: **Emily Belcher, Tim Coriell, Jeff Gampp, Morgan Gampp, Matthew Hoskins, and Becca Nogueira.** We honor our graduates with a banquet, which is set for Saturday, May 21 this year. More information about the banquet will be forthcoming. If we have inadvertently left someone's name off this list, please give the information to Steve Miller or Terry Sullivan.

Donations Needed for Youth Rally

Sunshine youth group will be having its annual youth rally (Back to the '60's) on April 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 thanks to all of you who are going to help. Bring your donations to the building as you come to services.

Tie-Dye Day

All teens are invited to come to the building this Saturday (March 16) at 10 a.m. to help tie-dye t-shirts for the upcoming Youth Rally.

VBS Planner Meeting

Those of you who have been contacted lately by Steve Miller concerning VBS, please come to the organization meeting next Sunday morning after services. We will be going over the plan for this year's VBS.

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.

Directory Update

Matt and Kendra Cram moved last week to their new address. Phone number stays the same.

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.

Sunday PM Services

This evening we Scott Gampp will be preaching for us.

Skit Practice

Today, 4 p.m. at the building.

Teen Devo

Location for Tuesday's devo had not been determined when the bulletin went to press.

Revelation Lessons

Last Sunday evening we started our study of Revelation with a lesson called The Language of Prophecy. For those who missed it, there are tapes and handouts from the lesson on the table in the foyer. The next lesson is coming the second Sunday in May.

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 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

April 17

See inside bulletin
Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Tim Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Ike Hardin
Jack Jennings
Gary Glispie
Jason Coriell
Eric McLaughlin
Ed McLaughlin
Price Gammon
John Gamp
Steve Miller
Tom Kelley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Mark Gamp
Wayne Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

*Youth
Service*

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Genesis 40

Jeff Hayward
Greg Coriell
Genesis 41:1-36

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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