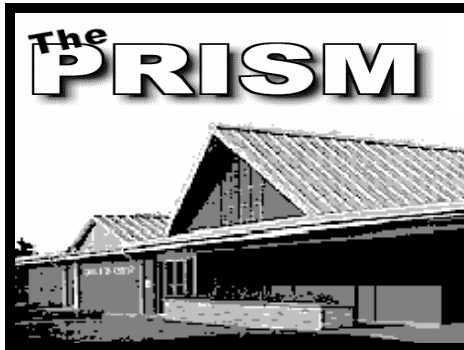




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Here's Your Sign!

Unless you were driving with your eyes closed this morning, you probably noticed that we have an attractive new sign in the front yard. Thanks to everyone involved in getting the old one replaced, it was getting to look a bit shabby.

While we're on the subject of signs....

Country comedian Bill Engvall says "Stupid people should have to wear signs that just say, **"I'm Stupid."** That way you wouldn't rely on them, would you? You wouldn't ask them anything. It would be like, "Excuse me...oops...never mind, didn't see your sign." He proceeds to tell about some rather stupid questions people have asked him, to which he gives an equally stupid answer and then says, "Here's your sign!"

I think Jesus probably felt the same way when the Pharisees asked him to show them some kind of miraculous sign from heaven in Mark 8. He had just finished feeding four thousand people with seven loaves of bread and a few fish. In the previous chapter he cast out demons and healed a deaf mute. What more did they need? Apparently even his disciples occasionally needed "I'm Stupid" signs hung around their necks as well. When Jesus warned them about the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod, they immediately started talking about getting some bread to eat. Jesus reminded them of the miracles he had recently performed and then asked them "Don't you catch on yet?"

I am reminded of the comic strip, "B.C." by Johnny Hart. The cartoonist has done many strips over the years on the topic of signs, but the one I recall best starts with one of the cavemen on his knees praying: "God, if you're up there, give me a sign!" In the next panel a gigantic advertising sign with flashing lights all over it falls out of the sky and crashes into the dirt in front of him. On the sign, in large bold letters is the message: **"I'M UP HERE!"**

Signs that God exists are all around us if we just open up our eyes and take a look. Yet some people still beg for some sort of miracle to prove to them that He exists. I don't know what God could do to convince these folks. Even when a miracle happens, they attribute it to coincidence or just sheer luck. I suspect God probably feels like saying to them **"Here's your sign!"**

Al Graff



Prayer Requests

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**.

Albert Cunningham (Janie Jennings father) has been moved to Best Care in Wheelersburg.

Ola Cunningham (Janie Jennings mother) has been moved to Riverbend in Wheelersburg.

Praise Report: Alex Cram had his surgery Tuesday at Children's in Columbus. The surgery went well and he is home recuperating. Multiple problems were corrected with one time under anesthesia. Praise the Lord.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampp's coworker) is suffering with thyroid cancer. There are postoperative complications. Chris has a wife and 2 young children.

Sharon Stewart (Patsy Graff's sister) is hospitalized in Mt Carmel East in Columbus with severe problems related to diabetes.

Mary Ott (friend of Shaun Gragg) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

George McCain (Cheryl Sims father) had to have emergency aneurysm surgery on Monday morning. He came through fine and is doing remarkably well.

Brandon Reed (19 year old grandson to Lou Reed at the Minford Elementary School) is having terrible problems with seizures and the doctors are searching for medicine that will control them.

Aaron Kallner was admitted to SOMC with pneumonia. He is expected to be released Monday.

Jeff Hayward had carpal tunnel surgery on Wednesday.

Madley Sexton (friend of Andy & Amy Graff), prayers are requested for her and her premature infant.

Carl Shepherd is scheduled for prostate cancer surgery on June 3.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **William Clay** (Arlene Knore's brother-in-law) who passed away last week. The funeral was Tuesday in South Shore.

To the family of **Major Hayes** (husband to Alma Jane Hayes) who passed away last Sunday evening. The funeral was Wednesday in Minford.

The Lamb's Book of Life

Abraham Myers confessed Christ and was baptized in his name last Sunday morning at the conclusion of the morning services. We are thankful that young hearts can be touched by the gospel. Abraham is the son of Judy and Randy Myers. Congratulations to Abraham and his family. Let us all continue in prayer for him.

Sunday PM Services Moved Up

In order to make it possible for us to attend the MHS Baccalaureate Service this evening, we are moving our services up to 6 pm. We will be having a singing devotional with the Lord's Supper served near the end of the devotional. We plan to dismiss about 6:45 p.m.

Teen Devo

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

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	
5/22	Acts 6-7	5/25	Gen 48
5/29	Acts 8	6/1	Gen 49-50
6/5	Acts 9:1-31	6/8	Exo 1-2, 18:2-4

CBT Information

Parents, we are working on memorizing Ephesians 6:11 this month. There will an "armor of God" surprise on the last Sunday in May for the children who can recite this verse! Please work with them. Also, we are reviewing the tithing/giving lessons from a few months ago. Please be sure your child has some money to contribute to the box during CBT. Funds collected will go to the general fund. Kristi Cordle

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 6/4 Wedding Shower
- 6/5 Skin Cancer Screening
- 6/11 Baby Shower
- 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

HMT Skin Cancer Screening

On Sunday afternoon, June 5, before evening services, the Health Ministry Team will be sponsoring a free screening for skin cancer here at the building through the services of Dr. Inoshita. There is a sign up sheet for appointments posted. You must have an appointment. Simply sign up for the slot 10 minutes before the earliest taken appointment. See Aaron Kallner for details.

Wedding Shower

Saturday, June 4, at 2 pm, there is a wedding shower being planned for Mark Coriell and Megan Kurtzman here at the building. See Becky Jarvis for details.

Sunshine's College Grads

We would like to give a list of all those who are completing degree programs this spring or summer. If you have a son or daughter, or wife or husband, etc., who is graduating from an institution of higher learning, please note that information on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer sometime in the next two weeks.

Grades 4-Teen, Look!

This morning (May 22), after the morning services, you will be meeting with Scott Gampp in the Teen Room to recite the 66 Books of the Bible. Practice. Practice. Practice. Scott will be making a video of you saying the 66 Books in order. You'll be working in groups of three. Eventually the entire congregation will see this video. Be sharp. Be prepared.

GYAT Class Shifts Gears

Sunday, June 5, 7:30-8:30 am is the next meeting of the GYAT class. We are starting some new material using a book by Gary Chapman, **The Five Love Languages, Men's Edition**. The books can be picked up from the box in the foyer. Cost is \$10.00. Be sure to get your instruction sheet.

Baby Shower

Saturday, June 11, at 2 pm a baby shower will be given for Amy Graff here at the building. It's a girl. More details later. See Stephanie Copas.

Memorial Quilts

The Sunshine Quilters have made 10 baby quilts that are going to be donated to Touching Little Lives, an organization that supplies needs to premature babies in the Ohio area. If you would like one of these baby quilts donated in memory of a loved one, please see foyer for details or Rhonda Berry.

In The News

The following students connected to Sunshine congregation were honored Tuesday evening at MHS at the Scholarship Banquet. Congratulations to one and all. Freshman: Kayla McGraw and Jenny Williams. Sophomore: Ashley Hayward and Vanessa Veach. Junior: Donivan Kay and Jacob Miller. Senior: Holly Hayward.

Open House

Dr. Inoshita invites the public to the **Open House** for the new Portsmouth Cancer Center, today, from 12-2 pm. Refreshments served. Dr. Inoshita is helping the Health Ministry Team with the Skin Cancer Screening project mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin.

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

May 22

Acts 6-7
Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
John Berry
Matt Cram
Ike Hardin
Ryan Coriell
Gabe Coriell
Mike Coriell
Terry Royster
Lane Raiser
Harold Gampp
Jamie Riley
Steve Miller

May 29

Acts 8
Wayne Gampp
Ralph Gampp
Shawn Gragg
Don Coriell
Jacob Miller
Eric McLaughlin
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Mark Risner
Mike Gampp
Jack Jennings
Matt Hoskins
Jerry Gampp
Steve Miller
Dewey Cordle

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Bud Coriell
Taylor Hoskins
Gabe Coriell
Scott Gampp

Aaron McCray
Matt Cram
Gary Glispie
Mike Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Al Graff
Shawn Gragg
Genesis 48

Jeff Hayward
Aaron Franke
Genesis 49-50

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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Gary Glispie	776-4279	Church Directory, Program of Work
Alan Graff	776-7905	Bulletin, Advertising, Front Sign, Computers
Dick Havens	456-5009	Building Maintenance, Supplies
Taylor Hoskins	820-4645	Worship, Insurance, Budget
Shaun McCray	776-7738	Treasurer, Office Supplies
Homer Miller	776-7550	Funerals, Hospital Visitation, Attendance
Eugene Risner	820-2256	Fire, Health, Seniors, Joy of Giving
Willis Shumway	820-2833	Building Use & Security, Baptistery
Terry Sullivan	776-7056	Youth Ministry