

The PRISM



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The Sweetest Fragrance of All

My yard and most of the yards around us (except for the neighbors willing to pump gallons of water on their lawn) were drying up. The only thing thriving seemed to be my crabgrass and even it was getting a little brittle. I'm thinking, "I should be about done with mowing this season. I don't think the grass can recover." Then it rained all day on Tuesday, a slow, steady soaking. On Wednesday, I see green spreading across the yard. On Friday, I mowed. Ironically, the rain that came on Tuesday came from the same system that wreaked havoc and destroyed lives in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia on Monday. Yet, on Tuesday in Ohio it gave life.

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)

We may be able to understand how is it possible for one storm to give such different results. What seems harder to understand is how one God can have such different results. How can the aroma of God give reactions that are so drastic? "To one the smell of death; to the other the fragrance of life." The same aroma, different responses. So what is the difference? The answer lies in the heart of the one whom God has come into contact with. To a heart unwilling to yield, and/or hangs onto its own selfish desires, the aroma of God is death because that person is willingly, (whether consciously or subconsciously) giving up their hope of salvation. Of course, there is nothing worse than the stench of death. Yet Christians place their focus on Hope! If our hearts are willing to understand the gift given us, if our hearts are soft enough to change, if we are able to let go of the selfishness that hardens our hearts; then God is the sweetest fragrance of all—life!

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7).

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Prayer Requests

For those in the gulf area that are suffering through the effects of Katrina

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.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampp's coworker) is scheduled for another surgery in the near future. Prognosis is not good for Chris.

Brian Holbrook (Nola Kelley's cousin) is facing brain surgery to alleviate extreme headache pain. Surgery is scheduled for September 20 in Columbus.

Mary Collins' tests have shown all things normal up to this point.

Vivian Woodworth continues her recovery in Nashville. She is at home with her daughter Renee.

Ola Cunningham was released from the hospital last week.

Russell Gilliland is home but still is not doing well.

Travis Scott requests prayers for himself and his marriage.

Geneva Miller is scheduled for knee surgery on both knees at SOMC on September 27.

Linda Smith (Mary Collins mother) is having chest pain but the cause is undetermined.

Mike Darnell (friend of the Books) is in a Cleveland hospital for tests on his heart.

Betty Rase (June Book's mother) is undergoing tests.

Ruth Miller will be having cataract surgery tomorrow in Chillicothe.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

This Thursday at 7:30 pm, the shepherds of the congregation and Jamie and Steve are meeting to pray for the members and families of the congregation. If you have a specific request you want included in that prayer, please give it to one of the bishops of the church.



Sunshine Leadership Retreat

October 7 and 8 our deacons, elders and preachers will be meeting at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp to do some planning and praying about 2006 and the direction that our congregation will take. Part of the Retreat is devoted to setting up our budget for the next year. **If you have anything new that needs to be included in the 2006 budget, get with the deacon in charge of that area and start talking now.** The deacons' areas of responsibility are listed on the back of the bulletin and in the new Program of Work publication.

Big News

Tuesday evening, **Derek Gampp** confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized in His name. All of us are rejoicing over Derek's decision. Congratulations to Derek and all of his family. Derek was a member of the group that went to Mississippi Labor Day weekend.

Delivery from Heaven

Friday evening, 8 pm, **Allison Kristine McCray** was born to Kim and Aaron McCray, at the SOMC Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs, 7 oz and measured 22 inches. Kim and Aaron give their thanks to their heavenly Father and they also say thanks to for your prayers. Everything is going well and both Kim and Alison should be coming home today.

Deacons Meeting Today

This afternoon at 5 pm, the deacons will have their quarterly meeting in the annex. This meeting is especially important. Materials and information for our Leadership Planning Retreat will be given out. Be there.

Spirit Club Starts Today

For the past several months some members of the congregation have been working on developing a scripture memorization plan for children and parents to utilize. This plan will be introduced this morning in the AM assembly.

Gary Bradley Coming

October 9-11, Gary Bradley of the Mayfair congregation in Huntsville, Alabama, will be with us for a special series of lessons: **The Two Families of God**. He will be speaking at our Leaders Planning Retreat on Friday evening (October 7) and then on Sunday through Tuesday he will be speaking to the congregation. Mark the dates, begin to pray for Brother Bradley and about who you could invite. There are many "in the box" who need to hear these messages. Invitation cards are on the table in the foyer.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 10/1 Coriell Hayride
- 10/7-8 Leadership Retreat—FHCYC
- 10/9-12 Gary Bradley at Sunshine
- 10/23 Sunday PM Home Groups **Begin**
- Nov. Sunshine's month at Elbrooke
- 11/20 Sunday PM Home Groups **End**
- 11/27 Men's Thanksgiving Service

Other Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 9/18-21 Meeting at Grant & Summit Church
Mike Grose speaking
- 9/18-23 Meeting at Elm Grove Church
Todd Parsley speaking
- 9/21 See You at the Pole - MHS, 7 pm
- 10/7-9 Rager Rd - Columbus

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	
9/11	Acts 25	9/14	Lv 1-7& 10
9/18	Acts 26	9/21	Lv 16
			Nu 1-4 & 26
9/25	Acts 27	9/28	Nu 9-12

In the News

Heather Moore (Etta Lewis's granddaughter) was crowned Miss River Days 2005 over the Labor Day weekend. See the article on the bulletin board.

Coriell Hayride

Every October the church is invited to Bud Coriell's place for "the hayride." Of course, this thing has gotten much bigger than "the hayride." But go ahead and mark the date October 1 and watch for more details.

Change in Teaching Program

Starting in January, 2006, the elders would like for all Sunday morning classes from Teen through Adult to begin meeting in the auditorium. They would like to cover some important topics with the congregation through this class. After the sessions are completed (6 months?) we will be going back to the regular curriculum and class divisions.

Hurricane Relief Update



Last Sunday the contribution for Hurricane Relief from our congregation was \$30,790.65. In addition to what we as a congregation gave, we had contributions from other individuals, churches and businesses as well as pledges that were in the mail, giving us a total of \$35,098.07. Since Sunday new monies have been given in the amount

of \$1585.00 (including one check for \$1000.00 from a 91 year old couple in Portsmouth). The grand total at this point is \$36,683.07. *"Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible—the only wise God—be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen."* I Timothy 1:17.

Our second semi load left Friday evening about 6 pm and was delivered in Jackson, Mississippi, Saturday around noon. Due to some shortages at the warehouse, we did not receive all the things we ordered to put on the truck—one pallet of baby formula did not arrive and most of a pallet of peanut butter did not come in. However, the cost of goods sent was about \$13,514.00 plus whatever the fuel for the trip takes. We're estimating about \$1000.00--\$1200.00 for fuel. We do have some money left—I don't want to say how much at this point. We need to let the dust settle and see where we are.

We have an email report from Gulfport, Ms (Orange Grove church of Christ) that details how our supplies are being given out and how needed and appreciated they are. There are copies (salmon color sheets) of the email on the table in the foyer. Pick up one and see for yourself.

All the reports relating to our Hurricane Relief effort can be accessed through our website at www.sunshine-church.org.

Change in Bulletin E-mail Address

Steve and Al were getting flooded with spam (over 50 a day) at the bulletin@sunshine-church.org e-mail address so it has been temporarily deactivated to stem the tide. For the time being, bulletin information should be sent to them at their regular e-mail (tech1@algraff.com or srmiller1522@yahoo.com) or do it the old fashioned way . . . hand them a note or call on the telephone (their phone numbers are on the back of the bulletin).

Sunday PM Services

Tonight we will be covering Revelation 15 and 16.

Teen Devo

Don and Pam's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

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

September 18

Acts 26
Wayne Gampp
Ralph Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie
Kevin Stimpert
Price Gammon
Matt Cram
Mark Risner
Dewey Cordle
Ira Coriell
Jerry Gampp
Al Graff
Steve Miller
Shawn Gragg

September 25

Acts 27
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Terry Sullivan
Lane Raiser
Greg Coriell
Terry Royster
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Troy Gahm
Josh Coriell
Tim Coriell
Jamie Riley
Aaron Kallner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Jon Coriell
Jacob Miller
Jamie Riley

Mark Gampp
Wayne Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Tim Gampp
See inside bulletin

Zach Coriell
Tim Gampp
Numbers 9-12

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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