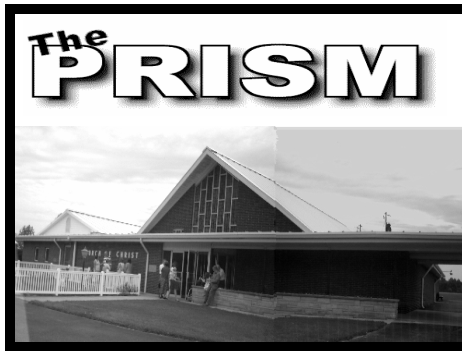




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If Worship Were Like Fishing!

Yes, indeed! If worship were only like fishing, there would never be any problem in getting me out to the services of the church. Every time the weather's nice, I'm ready to go after that big one. There isn't anything that could be more important to me than that ol' fishing hole. Wild horses couldn't keep me away. Too bad worship isn't like that. If it were, why, you'd see me at every service and hear me complain because there are too few opportunities to assemble with my brethren.

Why, of course, if worship were like fishing, I'd be one of the most zealous Christians you ever saw. I never go on a fishing trip that I don't learn something or find something to tell my friends about. I hardly talk about anything else! But worship, the church, it's not like that. If it was anything like fishing, that's all I'd ever talk about. There wouldn't be any of my friends with whom I had not talked about the church, and encouraged them to attend.

If worship were like fishing, I'd rarely ever be "too tired" to attend. Why, I can go the entire night without a wink and then go fishing the next day. It just has so much interest for me that it overcomes all such considerations. Now, if I were as much of a Christian as I am a fisherman, you would seldom hear that as an excuse for my absence.

Let me tell you, if worship were like fishing it would be the easiest thing for me to give of my means cheerfully and generously. It's nothing for me to spend eighty, ninety dollars or more on a weekend fishing trip or for equipment. I like the sport so well that I've even sacrificed to get that new reel or rod. If worship affected me and the rest of my brethren like that, there would be no limit to what the church would be able to do.

I'll have to admit, if worship were like fishing, I'd never get tired sitting for a mere hour (or a little longer if the preacher gets long-winded). You all know that I have been known to sit in a boat or on a bank the entire day without complaining. Even when I'm wet, sunburned, dirty, hungry and worn out, I come home and tell everybody what a good time I had! Sure wish worship were like that. But, as it is with me, it's like pulling teeth to sit for an hour at the church building and if it goes five or ten minutes over - I've had it!

Sure is a tragic thing that worship isn't like fishing. Otherwise I'd attempt to live the life my Lord has out-lined for me in His word. I'd study, I'd attend, I'd teach my friends, I'd.....What was that you said????????.....The bass are hitting minnows at the lake?????.....Sorry to cut this article short, friends. You see, there's a very important matter at the lake I must attend to. Now if writing articles were like fishing.....But, well, you know how it is with us fishermen.

Bob West,
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Prayer Requests

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

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 Gamp's coworker) is scheduled for another surgery in the near future. Prognosis is not good for Chris.

Brian Holbrook (Nola Kelley's cousin) had brain surgery this week in Columbus to alleviate extreme headache pain. The surgery went well.

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

Linda Smith (Mary Collins mother) had a stress test on Thursday.

Praise Report: Julie Ball (friend of Cathy Coriell) who had a recurrence of leukemia is now in remission.

Troy Gahn was hospitalized last Saturday with viral meningitis causing severe pain in his head. He has remained in pain and hospitalized through the week. He is now home but is still suffering with extreme pain in his head and hypersensitivity to sound and light. Pray for him and Julie and family.

Judi Allison has a brother and sister-in-law in Galveston, TX. She is asking prayers for their safety thru the hurricane.

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.

Teen Devo

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

Fall Costume Party

Mark your calendars for October 29 for the Fall Costume Party in our annex. See Kristin Riley for details.

Coriell Hayride

Be sure October 1 is marked on your calendar! The Coriell Hayride & Weiner Roast at Bud Coriell's farm (53 Coriell Road) starts at 5:30 p.m. and goes until ? Bud promises cider making, hayrides, a baking contest (pies, cobblers, cakes, cookies and breads), live entertainment and games (horseshoes included). Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair (drinks, wieners & buns will be furnished).



Teen Hayride

Saturday, October 22, the teens will be hosting a hayride at the Miller's for themselves and for the youth groups from Woodsfield, Piketon and Waverly. More details later.

Home Groups Begin Soon

Our home groups are scheduled to begin October 23 and continue through November 20, five weeks in all.

Homes Needed!

We need homes to have the groups in. If you are willing to have your home be a home group location, please sign up on the pad on the table.

Group Changes

Based on input we received after our last round of home groups, we will be using some material from Family Life Ministries called **Keeping Your Covenant**. Based on scripture the manual teaches practical ways on how to make marriages good for both partners and how to make them last. These discussion groups will be led by mature Christian couples. More details later.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight we will be covering Revelation 17 and 18.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 10/1 Coriell Hayride
- 10/7-8 Leadership Retreat—FHCYC
- 10/9-12 Gary Bradley at Sunshine
- 10/22 Teen Hayride @ The Miller's
- 10/23 Sunday PM Home Groups **Begin**
- 10/29 Fall Costume Party
- 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 for these events:

- 10/4 Singing on the River - Marietta
- 10/7-9 Rager Rd - Columbus
- 10/9-12 WV Christian Lectureship
Pennsboro, WV

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
9/25 Acts 27	9/28 Num 9-12
10/2 Acts 28	10/5 Num 13-14
10/9 Rom 1-2	10/12 Num 15-17
10/16 Rom 3-4	10/19 Num 20-21
10/23 Rom 5-8	10/26 Num 22-24
10/30 Rom 9-10	11/2 Num 25-27, 31

Budget Info Due

Deacons, your revised budget sheets are due today. Turn them in to Shaun or Jason.

Hurricane Relief Info

All the reports and pictures and videos that relate to the Hurricane Relief effort can be accessed through our website at www.sunshine-church.org.

GYAT Class Meets Next Sunday

Next Sunday morning, October 2, 7:30 am, the Men's GYAT class will meet. Read Chapters 9 & 10 in your Five Love Languages book and be ready to discuss the "good stuff."

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.

Lunch with Gary and His Wife

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday during our meeting, Gary and his wife will be available for lunch with someone. If you would like to take them to lunch, sign up on the bulletin board for the day.

Spirit Club Update

More Books Available: We ran out of books last Sunday, but we have more available now. Check the table in the foyer. Also, there is a little **song book** that has songs for the memory work for the 3,4 and 5 year olds.

Picture Day Next Sunday: Don't forget that next Sunday is the day we take pictures for memory work completed. Have your son or daughter say their memory work. **Write the child's name and memory work on a note, sign it** and make sure your son or daughter shows up at the designated place next Sunday to have their picture made. The following Sunday, we will have our video presentation.

Correction Labels: There is a mistake on Page 7 of the Spirit Club Handbook (Days of Creation) which can be corrected by using the self-adhesive labels we put on the table in the foyer. Use the label to cover what is printed on the original page. Books laid out today are already corrected.

Explanation: Also, for the Beatitudes, we did not make a check off box by each Beatitude; however, each Beatitude is a unit of memory work and qualifies your child for recognition. The newer version of the Handbooks has been corrected.



T h o s e W h o S e r v e

Scheduled Services

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 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

October 2

Acts 28
Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Steve Williams
Mike Gamp
Jacob Miller
Dewey Cordle
Ike Hardin
Mike Coriell
Matt Cram
John Gamp
Ed McLaughlin
Chuck Allison
Steve Miller
Mark Risner

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 Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Mark Gamp
Wayne Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Shaun Gragg
Gary Glispie
Terry Sullivan
Jason Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Numbers 9-12

Nick Davis
Ira Coriell
Numbers 13-14

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