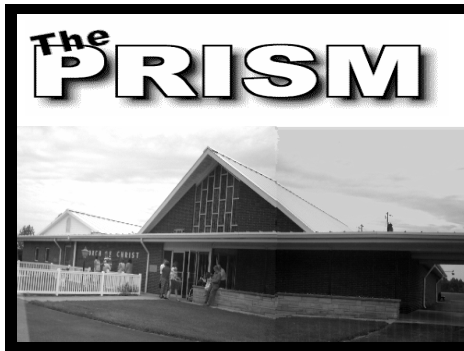




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Holy, Holy, Holy!

“As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient.” Colossians 3:12

So, what is this word “holy?” The old “Batman” television series frequently had Robin the boy wonder screaming such brilliant lines as “Holy molars, Batman! I’m glad I take care of my teeth!” We may smile at this, but proper dental care is not what holiness is all about. Because of its indiscriminate use, the word “holy” has become more of an exclamatory interjection than a usable word. It has lost some of its real significance for us today. When used in a religious setting such as the church, we tend to think of the word “holy” as meaning righteous or upright, nearly perfect. But that’s not entirely correct. Holy actually means to be set apart, to be separated from the rest, to be different.

The word is first mentioned in Genesis 2:3 when it says that the seventh day of the week was to be holy, meaning: Separate from the rest of the week. The distinction was that on the seventh day, no work was done. It was different from the other days of the week in that respect. It was a holy day which, by the way, is where we get the word “holiday.” Holidays are days that are different from other days in some aspect.

There are a multitude of things that are considered or designated as holy in the Bible; rocks, mountains, altars, offerings, clothing, buildings, incense, the list goes on and on. But one of the most important things that was to be holy was God’s people themselves. God told the Israelite people “I am the Lord who makes you holy” (Exodus 31:13). The Israelites worshiped Jehovah and that made them a holy people.

The word Holy is used most frequently in the New Testament to refer to the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we are baptized into the Holy Spirit and we become a new person. That means we become set apart from the world. Being a holy person doesn’t mean that you have to be 100% perfect all of the time. Remember the definition of holy? Set apart, separated from the rest, to be different. So when you struggle with being a Christian, it may be a bit easier to remember that you don’t have to be perfect to be holy...but you do need to be different from the average Joe...read the scripture at the beginning of this article again for some guidelines.

- Al Graff



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.

Manford Elkins (Amy Graff's father) has been diagnosed with advanced cancer and is

suffering with a lot of pain.

Gerald Davis (Kristine Coriell's father) is home now but is still suffering emotionally and physically from the plane crash, the death of his friend and the burns on his body.

Albert Cunningham remains in SOMC receiving palliative care.

Ola Cunningham is back at Jack and Janie's house for the time being. No improvement.

Zane Sims has catatract sugery December 1.

Zach Sims injured his knee about 2 weeks ago and is scheduled for knee surgery December 7.

Garnet Lindeman has numbness and lack of control and strength in her arm and hand.

Abdul Saleemi (friend of Brandy Gampp), cancer has spread from lungs to spine. Prayers for comfort and his soul.

Sherry McCray (Shaun and Aaron's mother in Cincinnati) is hospitalized with irregular heartbeat and other complications.

Bill Reed is having surgery November 28, 7:30 am at SOMC to do a complete hip replacement.

Rejoice!

This past Sunday morning Thomas Phillips confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized into Him. Thomas, congratulations to you and may God bless you with the desire and strength to do His will. Thomas is a temporary resident in the area. He comes with Jon Coriell on Sunday mornings.

Thanksgiving Service Today

The Sunday after Thanksgiving we always have a service where a few of our men take the time to "thank and praise the Lord" for the many blessings which they and their families have received from the Lord.

We are looking forward to this service today. The men who will be thanking and praising the Lord today from the pulpit are Nick Davis, Aaron Franke, Tim Gampp and Steve Miller.

Fellowship Dinner Today

After the services this morning you are invited to participate in a potluck dinner in the annex. See Scott Gampp for details.

GYAT Meeting

Next Sunday, December 4, all men in the congregation are invited to meet from 7:30 – 8:30 am in the Annex. This is the final session based on The Five Love Languages. Go ahead and read chapters 13 and 14. For the final session we will have a panel of four Christian women from the congregation talking to us about "What Women Need and Want from their Husbands." They will be also be taking follow-up questions. This should be an interesting conclusion to our study of the "Five Love Languages."

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Service
- Nov. 27 Fellowship Dinner
- Dec. 4 Men's GYAT Class
- Dec. 4 Quarterly Deacon's Meeting
- Dec. 16 Christmas Program, 7 pm
- Dec. 18 Fellowship Dinner

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
11/27 I Cor 3-4	11/30 Joshua 3-4
12/4 I Cor 5-7	12/7 Joshua 5-6
12/11 I Cor 8-10	12/14 Joshua 7-8
12/18 I Cor 11-14	12/21 Joshua 9
12/25 I Cor 15-16	12/28 Joshua 10:1-27

Home Group Hosts

Don't forget to post the attendance numbers for your group this past week.

Sunday PM Services

Come tonight for a service of thanksgiving and praise offered up to the Father.

Elbrooke in November

November is our month for Elbrooke Services. We need teachers for the Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7 pm and speakers for the worship service on Sunday's at 2 pm. In addition we need songleaders and people to help with singing and prayer, etc. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the spots which you can and will cover. Also, please note that we have a Sunday and Thursday in December for which we are responsible. We will be singing as a group for the Thursday session, but we do need help with the Sunday service.

Bible School Material Available

The curriculum for this next quarter is available to all teachers in their regular classrooms.

Spirit Club Picture Day

Next Sunday morning at the conclusion of our morning services, all students who have completed their memory work for November are invited to the Teen Room to have their pictures made. If we already have the student's picture and everyone is satisfied with it, all we need is the slip which details the memory work completed, signed by mom or dad. Turn the slips in to the photographer in the Teen Room. Slips are on the table in the foyer.

Wedding Invitation

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding and reception of **Jeannette Seibert and Andy O'Dell** on Saturday, December 3 here at the building. The music starts at 2 pm. The reception will be at the old Freewill Baptist Fellowship Hall on Dixon-Mill Road immediately following the wedding. If you are coming to the reception, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer today.

Teen Devo

The teens will be meeting at John and Delores Gampp's house on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for their weekly devotional.

Christmas Program

No practice today! Please remember that next Sunday, December 4, there is a rehearsal for **everyone** in the program. It will be at 3:00 p.m. here at the building. The time is drawing near, so please make your plans to be there!

Singers for the Christmas program, no practice today either, but there is a practice for **Tuesday evening, November 29**, at the building. This is an important practice as this is the last one before Sunday's first big rehearsal with everyone there. Hope you can all make it, and thanks for all your hard work and faithful attendance so far!

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

November 27

1 Corinthians 3-4
Wayne Gamp
Shaun McCray
Al Graff
Jason Coriell
Ira Coriell
Ike Hardin
Chuck Allison
Rich Book
Mike Coriell
Matt Hoskins
John Gamp
Ryan Coriell
Special Speakers
Gary Glispie

December 4

1 Corinthians 5-7
Tom Kelley
Ralph Gamp
Steve Williams
Aaron Kallner
Caleb Miller
Eric McLaughlin
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
John Berry
Eugene Risner
Harold Gamp
Nick Davis
Dewey Cordle
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Zach Coriell
Tim Coriell
Josh Coriell
Greg Coriell

Shaun McCray
Tim Gamp
Mark Risner
Terry Sullivan

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Jamie Riley
Joshua 3-4

Gabe Coriell
Mike Gamp
Joshua 5-6

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Home Groups - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Jason Coriell	820-4739	Treasurer, Office Supplies
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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
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Eugene Risner	820-2256	Fire, Health, Seniors, Joy of Giving
Willis Shumway	820-2833	Building Use & Security, Baptistery
Terry Sullivan	776-7056	Youth Ministry