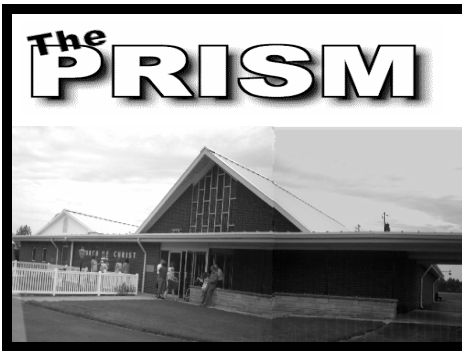




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A Little Blessing Changes Everything

"We're on a one-game winning streak!" That's what freshman Dawan Boxley said after his basketball team, the Rutgers-Camden Pioneers, beat Bloomfield College 77 to 72, snapping a five-year, 117-game losing streak. Imagine losing every game for five years. How depressing that must have been for the team, the coach, and the entire school. But what a joy when that buzzer sounded and game 118 turned out differently.

Despite the thick book of gloomy stats, the jokes, and the humiliating ridicule, at least one tongue kept repeating, "That was then. This is now." At least one person's brain imagined a victory celebration. Someone's heart soared upward, piercing the dark clouds to reach the sunshine. No doubt after the game with Bloomfield, that person was running around, slapping pessimists' backs and shouting, "You see? I knew we could do it!" And game 119 will have 10-fold more believers.

What a difference one success makes! Have you ever experienced it? I have! Things keep going wrong that ought to go right. Your hopes get dashed again and again. You want to quit, but quitting would just pile another failure on the rest. You look for the light at the end of the tunnel, but the tunnel has caved in. Like Paul, you cry out, "What a wretched person I am! Who will deliver me?" Like the psalmist, you scream, "Where are you, God? Will you forget me forever?"

Then a blessing comes. Not necessarily a big one, but big enough for you to recognize the stark contrast between its sparkle and all the dullness around it. "Thank you, Lord!" you whisper. "I'm sorry I doubted you. Please forgive me for being bitter." So begins your one-game winning streak. "We are hard pressed, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor. 4:8-9). God has so arranged our destiny that if we don't quit, if we don't give up, we'll be winners.

— **Steve Singleton**

Saturn Road Church of Christ
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Prayer Requests

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

For **national 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**.

Steve Mullins (friend of Terry Sullivan) loosing the battle with cancer. He is very close to becoming a Christian. Prayers for his soul.

Zach Allen (15 year old student of Kristine Coriell's at Green Schools) was taken to a Columbus Hospital with a very serious blockage of his intestinal track. He had surgery last week and is making slow progress.

Rhonda Berry has been very sick at home for the last week with pneumonia-like symptoms.

Mary Ann Huffman (Marybeth Coriell's aunt in Akron) had an apparent heart attack this week and had to have a heart catheterization on Wednesday.

Joanna Miller, an unspoken request for prayer.

Family of Dave McGuire (coworker of Jeff Hayward) suffered loss of house and possessions in a house fire this week.

Richard Hughes (uncle to Lee and Nathan Collins) is in the final stages of cancer.

Junior Youth Devotional

We need homes in which the Junior Youth group can meet for their Thursday evening devotional time. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer. The next devo is 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, March 16th at Shawn & Lisa McCray's house.

Teen Devo

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

New Sunday AM Ladies Class

With the conclusion of the classes the elders have been teaching in the auditorium, we go back to our normal class arrangements. Today a new ladies class will begin to meet in the annex with **Joanne Miller** teaching from the book, **The Five Love Languages**.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

The shepherds of the congregation will be meeting this Thursday evening at 7:30 for a session of prayer for the families and individuals of this congregation. If you have requests that you want included in that prayer, give it to one of the elders before Thursday evening. These requests will not appear in the bulletin unless you specify otherwise.

Hurricane Relief Report

A financial accounting of our hurricane relief efforts is available on the table in the foyer for any and all to review.

Skit Practice

Lord's Army will hold a practice at 4:00 this afternoon. Anyone interested in joining the group, please come.

Women's Connection Update

Attention, Ladies. The Women's Connection program is being revived! Be prepared to participate in the fellowship activities, outreach ministries and prayer/devotional meetings! Teams of 2 and 3 women will take a month and lead an activity. If you have any ideas for activities or would like to lead a team, please see Kim McCray. Watch the bulletin for meeting times. **Men, are you wondering how you can help?** Encourage the woman in your life to attend by helping with childcare! Thanks. Kim.

Home Groups

This evening will be the first of our home group sessions. We meet at 6:30 pm and should be finishing up around 8 pm. There are two groups meeting here at the building: one in the auditorium doing a study of I Timothy 1-5. The second group (parents with children still at home) will be meeting in the annex. You still have time to sign up for any of the groups which are meeting. Check the pads on the table in the foyer and sign up.

• **Hosts & Leaders**

Before you leave today be sure and pick up the information sheet on the table in the foyer and. Hosts don't forget to get your packet of communion bread to use for the Lord's Supper. We have a special information sheet for those in the parents group who are helping with childcare and snacks.

• **Sign Up Continues**

You still have time to sign up for one of the home group meetings. Here is a rundown on what's happening and where.

There are four tracks available this time around.

Track One for the teens (Terry Sullivan leading) meeting at Jeff and Teresa Hayward's house. The material is taken from Edge TV focusing on basic topics of morality and Christian living.

Track Two is for the college age and young adults (Jamie Riley leading the group), meeting at the Innermission Building. The material is from a new DVD series called Nooma (Greek word for spirit).

Track Three is for parents who have children now in their home (Steve Miller will be leading) meeting here in the annex. The material is from Andy Stanley, Parental Guidance Required. This will be a double group (the cut-off will be 26-28 parents). A couple stipulations for those who sign up for this group: 1) you must sign up for at least one night of the five to watch children here at the building. We will make a video available to you of the presentation for that night. 2) You must sign up for one night of the five nights to provide a snack and drinks for the group (kids and adults).

Track Four is for everyone and anyone. These three or four groups will be studying the text of I Timothy, one chapter each night. One of these groups will meet in the auditorium. The other groups will be meeting in homes. The groups start March 12, that's just 1 week away. Don't tarry.

Bible Study Curriculum

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
3/12 1 & 2 Thess	3/15 Judges 9:1-11:11
3/19 1 Tim 1-6	3/22 Judges 11:12-12:15
3/26 2 Tim 1-4	3/29 Judges 13
4/2 Titus 1-3	4/5 Judges 14
4/9 Philemon	4/12 Judges 15
4/16 Heb 1-13	4/19 Judges 16
4/23 James 1	4/26 Judges 17-18
4/30 James 2	

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

- 3/12-4/9 Sunday PM Home Groups
- 4/28-30 Sunshine Youth Rally
- 6/19-24 Impact
- 6/26-30 VBS at Sunshine
- 7/16-22 Camp Time at Fort Hill

Youth Rally

Our annual youth rally will be April 28-30. That's next month, folks! If you want to help, please see Terry or Scott.

Military Photos Needed!

We will be doing a "Tribute To The Military" presentation at this year's youth rally. As part of that presentation, we would like to show the photos of Sunshine members who have served or are currently serving in any branch of the armed forces. We would like to borrow a picture of them (preferably in uniform). This applies to anyone who was a member of Sunshine, living or deceased, that served our country. Hand the picture to Al Graff (be sure to identify who is in the picture) and he will scan it and get it right back to you.

Refrigerator

We have a person connected to the congregation who needs a refrigerator. Do you have one sitting unused in your garage or basement that you would be willing to donate? See Steve M

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

March 12

1 & 2 Thessalonians
Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Al Graff
Dewey Cordle
Matt Hoskins
Dale Gampp
Ira Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Terry Sullivan
Mike Coriell
Chuck Allison
Kevin Stimpert
Jamie Riley
Mark Gampp

March 19

1 Timothy
Jon Coriell
Scott Gampp
Mark Risner
Rich Book
Barry Hayward
Zach Coriell
Aaron McCray
Jamie Riley
Jason Coriell
Josh Coriell
Barry Gampp
Ryan Coriell
Steve Miller
Gary Glispie

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

HOME GROUPS

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Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Josh Coriell
Tim Gampp
Judges 9:1-11:11

Bud Coriell
Mike Gampp
Judges 11:12-12:15

Scheduled Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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