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## **A Most Important Thing**

What is the most important practice Jesus had in his ministry? While many might disagree with what it might have been, I think most of us would agree that prayer was one of the most important things. This is illustrated in the following story when Jesus went to Capernaum.

*"When evening came, after the sun had set, they {began} bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city had gathered at the door. And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was."*

*In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left {the house,} and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Simon and his companions searched for Him; they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for (Mark 1:32-38)."*

Jesus had begun preaching and healing, that this certainly got people's attention. People began to come to him bringing their sick. Boy how he must have displayed the power of God late into the night. Jesus could have stayed right there while people brought their sick, diseased, and demonized people to him. He could have stayed there and had a powerful ministry doing good in this way.

While it was dark, Jesus went away to a private place. Simon and others found him and told him that everyone was looking for him. I can imagine that there were many more sick and hurting people that came to Jesus looking for wholeness. Many of us might be inclined to go back, or to have stayed to reach out to all those sick and hurting people. But notice what Jesus did. He walked away. One of the things that Jesus always made time for was to go away and spend time with God in prayer. Sometimes he prayed all night long. I don't know what he would say all night long. Perhaps he said nothing. It is conceivable that one could pray without saying a word, but just spend time in communion with God.

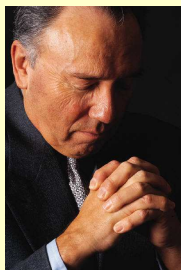
Sometimes the most important thing you can do is pray. Sometimes it is more important than ministering to sick and hurting people. Not all the time, but there are times when prayer is the most important thing. Without prayer, you can become burned out, or worse, you could lose your focus.

Jesus didn't lose his focus, although there were many, many times he potentially could have lost his focus. He could have stayed in Nazareth and lived out his life as a carpenter, but didn't. He would have stayed Capernaum and healed sick and hurting people, but didn't. He could have listened to Peter's rebuke and avoided going to the cross, but didn't. He was alert in prayer in the garden, and even on the cross.

We need to make prayer a priority as Jesus did.

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## 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 innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**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**

**Sam Miller** asks us to continue in prayer for him in his flight training.

**Matt Cram** was taken to Riverside in Columbus on Friday with a mass on his brain. He is in ICU. Removal and testing of the mass is scheduled for Monday or Tuesday.

**Duane Skaggs** (son of the late Gwen Skaggs) suffered a broken neck in an auto accident last week and has about 3 months of wearing the "halo".

**Clyde Ball** had his mole removed on November 21 and he is recuperating at home.

### Special Thanksgiving Service Today

Sunday, November 26 is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We all look forward to this service every year because four of our men will be thanking and praising the Lord for the blessings He has given in their lives. The four men who will be giving their thanks and praise to the Father today are Gabe Coriell, Brent Frazie, Eric Copas and Don Ramey.

### Elbrooke Dates Coming Up

Sunday, December 10, at 2 pm and Thursday, December 14, 7 pm. We are responsible to lead the worship service on Sunday and to provide some kind of Bible study or spiritual activity on Thursday evening. For Thursday evening, I would suggest that a large group of our singers come together and sing the old carols for the residents

### Class Materials

Teachers, the class materials for this next quarter have been placed in your classrooms. Please pick your materials up soon.

### No Children's Bible Time Today

Since some of our fathers and grandfathers will be speaking today, we want the children in CBT to be in the auditorium. Therefore, we will not be having CBT today. CBT resumes next Sunday.

### Joy of Giving Starts

Starting November 29 (this Wednesday) and continuing through Wednesday, December 6, you will have the opportunity to provide a basic Christmas for children in need in the Minford Schools. You can do this in one of two ways: You can either sign up for specific gifts and do your own shopping and wrapping OR you can make donations for specific gifts and the Joy of Giving volunteers will do the shopping and wrapping for you. Wrapped gifts are due back at the building no earlier than December 13 and no later than December 17. Gifts will be delivered the week of December 17. Details or questions, see Rhonda Berry.

*You cannot plow a field by turning it over in your mind.*

### Kevin Jenkins Next Sunday

As we have been announcing for some time, Kevin Jenkins will be our guest speaker next Sunday. He will be speaking for us at class time and morning and evening assembly. Note: Classes for the younger ones will meet as usual (up through Grade 5). Everyone else should be in the auditorium for class. Children's Bible Time will be available during the morning assembly.

### Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Elza Short** (father of Karren Griffith and grandfather to Kim, Kendra, Kristi and K.C.) who passed away early Friday morning. Visitation is today from 3-5 at the Boring-Sheridan Funeral Home in Thornville, Ohio. Services are tomorrow at 2 pm at the funeral home.

### Quarterly Deacon's Meeting

Next Sunday, December 3, 5 pm. All deacons are requested to be present.

## **Teen Devo**

At Lee and Nathan Collin's house.  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

## **What's New in the Library?**

**Wild At Heart** by John Eldredge.  
A refreshing break from the chorus of voices urging men to be more responsible, reliable, dutiful...and dead. God designed men to be more than "nice" guys; they are by nature, dreamers, risk-takers and dangerous.

**The Confident Woman** by Joyce Meyers. Discovering true confidence through faith in Christ and the seven secrets of self-assurance.

## **Women's Connection for December**

Don't forget, ladies, the Women's Connection for December starts at Elbrooke Pavilion on Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm, singing Christmas carols for the residents there.

## **Balcony Project**

You might have noticed the new door that has been installed in the wall at the back of the auditorium. It looks like it goes nowhere. Actually some time this week, a balcony will be constructed over the double doors which can be accessed through the new door. The purpose of the balcony is to provide a secure place for the audio-visual equipment to be located. It will take a few weeks for all the finish work to be completed, but the balcony will be finished in keeping with the rest of the auditorium.

*Life is a voyage that is  
homeward bound.*

# COMING EVENTS

**Nov. 26** - Special Thanksgiving Service

**Dec. 3** - Special speaker: Kevin Jenkins

**Dec. 10** - Elbrooke services, 2 pm

**Dec. 16** - Women's Connection caroling @ Elbrooke

**Dec. 19** - Christmas Program Rehearsal, 7 pm

**Dec. 21** - Christmas Program Performance, 7 pm

## **Bible Study Curriculum**

### **Sunday**

11/26 Mark 2:1-22

12/3 John 5:1-47

12/10 Mark 2:23-3:12

12/17 Mark 3:13-17

12/24 Matthew 5

12/31 Matthew 6

### **Wednesday**

11/29 I Kings 3-4

12/6 1 Kings 5-6

12/13 1 Kings 7

12/20 1 Kings 8

12/27 1 Kings 9-10

## **Spirit Club Reports Due**

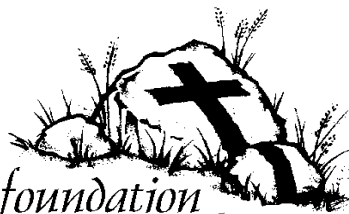
Next Sunday, December 5, please remember to turn in your report slips for November for Spirit Club. You can put your completed slips in the white box in the Children's Library or you can e-mail it to [srmiller1522@yahoo.com](mailto:srmiller1522@yahoo.com). New photos can be arranged with Kristi Cordle or you can take your own and email it to the address given above. Everything needs to be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 6.

## **Welcome Kyle**

Please welcome Kyle McKenzie, the newest member of our Sunshine family and in our heavenly Father's family. Kyle was baptized last Sunday morning at the end of the morning worship service. The blessings just keep coming from Him everyday!



Jon Coriell prepares to baptize Kyle McKenzie.



*...that foundation  
is Jesus Christ.*

*—1 Corinthians 3:11*

# Schedule of Worship Services

## Regular Service Times

### Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text  
Welcome & Prayer  
Song Director  
Scripture Reading  
Prayer  
Lord's Supper –Bread  
Wine  
Server 1  
Server 2  
Server 3  
Server 4  
Server 5  
Server 6  
Message  
Closing Prayer

### November 26

Mark 2:1-22  
Jon Coriell  
Scott Gamp  
Troy Gahm  
Eric McLaughlin  
Mike Gamp  
Gary Glispie  
Matthew Hoskins  
Ed McLaughlin  
Jacob Miller  
Andrew O'Dell  
Mark Risner  
Steve Williams  
Steve Miller  
Rich Book

### December 3

John 5:1-47  
Wayne Gamp  
Shaun McCray  
Alan Graff  
John Berry  
Terry Sullivan  
Dewey Cordle  
Chuck Allison  
Bud Coriell  
Josh Coriell  
Ryan Coriell  
Michael Dixon  
Bill Gammon  
Kevin Jenkins  
Mark Gamp

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Lord's Supper  
Closing Prayer

Wayne Gamp  
Aaron Kallner  
Aaron McCray  
Jeff Hayward

### Wednesday Evening

Song Director  
Prayer  
Bible Class Text

### November 29

Jamie Riley  
Tom Kelley  
1 Kings 3-4

### December 6

Gabe Coriell  
Ira Coriell  
1 Kings 5-6

*Men, if you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.*

### 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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## BRAIN TEASER Find 16 books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below.

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts...and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so that she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph.

### Answer:

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