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The Good News

I've always been a little wary of "churchy" words. That is, words that are only used at church. I'm uneasy using those words because I know that for many people they don't carry their true meaning. Words like "repent" and "fellowship" and even "church" itself. It takes some work for us to look beyond these words and see what they really have to say.

One such word is "gospel." The word gospel comes from an Old English word *godspel* which meant "good news." This word is used to translate a common Greek word which also means "good news." It was not a "churchy" word back then. It was the common word that was used when someone had good news to share. (See 2 Thessalonians 3:6)

Early Christians soon discovered, however, that all good news pales beside the good news of Jesus Christ. That is why "gospel" soon came to refer to the good news about Jesus. When Mark began writing his story of what Jesus did, he began it with this sentence: "The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1) Mark had a story to tell, the story of Jesus' life and death, and that story was good news. It was the gospel.

In its essence, the gospel is the story of Jesus. Paul wrote: "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel." (2 Timothy 2:8) [Paul refers several times to "my gospel," not in an attempt to say that there are other gospels, but an emphasis on the fact that this is what he had preached.] The heart of the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, as Paul shows in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Yet it is a mistake to say that those facts are the gospel in its entirety. There is more to the gospel than just that.

Jesus spoke of the "gospel of the kingdom" (Matthew 24:14; Luke 4:43), the good news that the kingdom of God had come down to men. That is what He preached while on earth: "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:14-15) And it's what His followers preached before His death (Luke 9:6).

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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 “people in the box” the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Rick Richmond is still dealing with the blood clot in his leg at home.

Emerson Coriell as he is going through chemotherapy.

Praise Report: Sara Gilliland’s follow up tests have ruled out cancer.

Kristine Coriell had her consultation at OSU on Wednesday. Doctors are trying to treat her condition with a drug.

She wears a heart monitor for 30 days and goes back for a check up.

Courtney Pierron (Merrit & Helen Hayward’s granddaughter) had gall bladder surgery on Wednesday.

Alison Cline (infant daughter of a friend of Mandy Coriell) has been diagnosed with a mass on her brain stem.

Further testing to be done to determine if it is cancerous.

The Cram Family—an ongoing request for Matt, Kendra, Alex and Emily.

Verse of the Month

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.....

I John 3:16

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Rhonda Daniels** (daughter of Eloise and Hayes Hayward and sister to Kelly McGraw and Jeff Hayward) Rhonda passed away on Wednesday from an apparent heart attack. Her services were Saturday. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in Rhonda’s memory to the building fund for the Sunshine church of Christ. Every donation will be acknowledged with a letter to the bereaved and to the donor.

Teachers, Look!

Rich Book wants you to remember that Sunday, March 2, is the first Sunday of the new Quarter.

Birthday Celebration

Earl Gampp will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday March 9. Friends and family are invited to a reception in his honor at the Minford Senior Community Center on March 9 between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. The omission of gifts is requested.

Tabernacle on Display

Christ Community Church has built an almost full-scale model of the Tabernacle and it’s furnishings that are on display from 8-5 M-F at their church building in Portsmouth. I have had several of our members comment to me about how impressive it is. Check it out. Steve.

Easter Egg Hunt

It’s that time of year again! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 22nd @ 11 am**. Donations of candy are appreciated, please put them on the coat rack in the foyer. Candy should be individually wrapped and something that doesn’t melt. We saved the eggs from last year. More details will be coming soon!

Spirit Club Attendance II

Parents, another word on attendance and the end of the month party. The purpose behind the end of the month party is to encourage attendance and participation in the Spirit Club meetings. We are doing away with the attendance chart. We’re leaving it up to each parent to keep track of their child’s attendance. If you must miss a Spirit Club meeting or if you come in late, all we’re asking is that you do a little extra work with your child at home. If you and your child are making as many meetings as possible and doing make up when you miss or are late, the end of the month party is definitely for you. The last Sunday in March we have an ice cream party planned. The verse for this month is a great one (I John 3:16) and the song we have to learn is easy to learn and memorize. If you haven’t already started, this month would be a good time to start.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

In view of the decisions being made at this time by our congregation and our need for unity and faith and direction from the Lord and protection from the Evil One, we are asking all of our members to participate in a 24 Hour Prayer Vigil starting Friday, March 7, at 6 pm and continuing through Saturday, March 8, 6 pm. We're breaking the 24 hour period down into 24 one hour segments and asking people to find a prayer partner and to sign up for at least one of those segments. More than one couple can sign for a slot, but we would definitely like to cover all 24 hours here at the building if at all possible. Be preparing your own prayer list and also be aware that there will be a sheet of specific requests from the elders to be included in our prayers. Sign up Sheets will be up next Sunday. Some of you may not be able to get to the building, you can pray your hour from wherever you are. Also, for those who are open to it, let us also fast for these 24 hours. We need God's power and direction now.

Changes in Class Rooms

Due to the remodeling this week, there are some changes in where classes will meet.

The **Cradle Roll** class moves to Room #8 (the Quiet Room/class room for 2nd/3rd Grade,) the **2nd/3rd Grade Class** moves to Room #9 (formerly the Jr. High room), and the **Jr. High Class** moves to Room #7 (formerly the library, now a class room). These changes apply to both Sunday and Wednesday night classes.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

3/2 Acts 24
3/9 Acts 25
3/16 Acts 26
3/23 Acts 27-28
3/30 Romans 1-2

Wednesday

3/5 Amos 1-6
3/12 Amos 7-9
3/19 Jonah 1-4
3/26 Micah 1-6
4/2 Nahum 1-3



3/7-8 **24 Hour Prayer Vigil** at Sunshine Church of Christ
3/9 **Girl Scout Sunday**
3/11-14 **Angel Food** Orders for March
5/26 **Memorial Day** Parade in Minford
6/23-27 **VBS** at Sunshine
7/13-19 **Sunshine Week** at Fort Hill Youth Camp

The Good News Continued from page 1

Even after His death, the good news of the kingdom continued to be central to the gospel that was preached: "But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:12)

The gospel is also about judgment. It tells us that God will judge men's secrets one day (Romans 2:16). Yet the gospel is about salvation. The good news is that we can be saved. It's called the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:24) and the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15). Paul speaks of its saving nature in Romans 1: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.'" (Romans 1:16-17) The gospel teaches us about salvation by faith. It gives us the hope of being brought back into a relationship with God through Christ (Colossians 1:22-23).

The good news calls for a response from men. Peter writes: "For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:7) And Paul says that "He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." (2 Thessalonians 1:8). While man can do no work to earn his salvation, the gospel calls for him to lovingly accept what God has offered. God will not force any man to accept salvation. His gospel is for all, but not all will accept it. The news that Jesus is Lord is joyously good for those that accept, but will come as a tremendous shock for those who refuse.

God's good news should fill us with joy. It should fill our hearts with peace and flood our minds with hope. The good news of the kingdom and of Jesus Christ is the best news that the world has ever heard.

Tim Archer
Stockdale Church of Christ
Stockdale, TX

Those Who Serve

Regular Service Times

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>March 2</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Tom Kelley
Song Director	Ralph Gampp
Scripture Reading	Dewey Cordle
Prayer	Aaron Kallner
Lord's Supper –Bread	Jeff Hayward
Wine	Spike Ferrell
Server 1	Bill Gammon
Server 2	Tim Coriell
Server 3	Ira Coriell
Server 4	Lane Raiser
Server 5	Barry Hayward
Server 6	Matt Gampp
Message	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	David Gampp

<u>March 9</u>
Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Gary Glispie
Rich Book
Eric McLaughlin
Aaron McCray
Price Gammon
Josh Coriell
Barry Gampp
Dale Gampp
Troy Gahm
Jack Jennings
Steve Miller
Jason Coriell

Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening

Song Director	Mark Gampp
Scripture Reading	Bob Havens
Lord's Supper	Caleb Miller
Assist	Mark Risner
Prayer	Don Ramey
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Acts 24</i>

Shawn Gragg
Steve Williams
Jamie Riley
Ryan Coriell
Gregg Coriell
<i>Acts 25</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Matt Hoskins
Prayer	Mike Gampp
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Amos 1-6</i>

Gabe Coriell
Jeff Hayward
<i>Amos 7-9</i>

Children's Bible Time

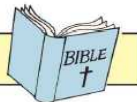
March 3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray
March 6/8: Kendra Cram, Derria Kelley, Meaghan Miller
April 3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray, Renee Higbee
April 6/8: Christy Veach, Layrissa Grashel, Cindy Coriell

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



Read Luke 14:25-33
What did Jesus say?

Write the word to fit the definition.
Transfer the letters to the numbered lines below.



Wooden toys to build with	1	2	3	4	5	6
A tall structure	7	8	9	10	11	
People who are related	12	13	14	15	16	17
A male ruler	18	19	20	21		
Opposite of down	22	23				
A bird that symbolizes peace	24	25	26	27		
In this place	28	29	30	31		

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