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Save Yourself

In Luke's account of the crucifixion, he records Jesus saying, "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing*" (23:33). Were these empty words or did forgiveness occur? Luke records two other accounts when Jesus forgave sins; the crippled man lowered through the roof (5:20), and the sinful woman with the perfume (7:48).

Again at the crucifixion, Luke records three groups of people mocking Jesus.

1. The rulers: "*He saved others; let him **save himself** if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.*" (23:34)

2. The soldiers: "*If you are the king of the Jews, **save yourself.***" (23:35)

3. A thief on the cross: "*Aren't you the Christ? **Save yourself and us!***" (23:38)

The irony is, while they were telling Jesus to save Himself, He was actually saving them (if they would later accept it). His sacrifice on the cross provided salvation for all mankind. He refused salvation so He could give salvation.

One of the two thieves being executed with Jesus requested this salvation. He showed a fear of God (23:39) and recognized the innocence of Jesus (23:40). But, how did he know Jesus was innocent? Was he with Him during the trials? Did he hear Jesus teach or perform miracles previously? We don't know. The thief did ask, "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom*" (23:41).

What kingdom is this criminal thinking of? Many of Jesus' closest disciples thought His kingdom was of this earth. Did the thief not see that Jesus was near death? It must not be an earthly kingdom then. How much knowledge did this thief have if he understood Jesus' teachings when His disciples didn't?

Just as Jesus forgave the crippled man and the sinful woman, He forgave this man for He said, "*I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise*" (23:42).

So you may ask, how can we get forgiveness from our sins as well? Do we have to be lowered through a roof, wash and anoint someone's feet, or die on a cross. These actions are all acts of humility. Through humility do we make Him our master (18:14-17). All three people Jesus personally forgave in Luke's gospel were in a state of humility. Do we need to display humility to gain forgiveness?

On the day of Pentecost the people asked Peter, "*Brothers, what shall we do?*" Peter replied, "*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.*" With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "*Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.*" Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day (Acts 2:37-41).

Jay Crook

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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 "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 innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

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

A continuing request for Alex Cram and Sharon Rogers.

Ellen Lemon had her #4 chemo treatment last week and is tolerating the treatment well.

Emerson Coriell may be transferred from OSU to Heartland during the weekend depending on whether a touch of pneumonia is cleared up. His treatments were discontinued this week. Cancer has been found in other parts of his body. Emerson asks us to pray harder.

Penny Ball's knee replacement surgery scheduled for Monday has been postponed.

Aaron Salyers (Melinda Hayward's close friend) remains in St. Mary's in Huntington making slow improvement.

Duke Hilt (Derriah Kelley's step-father) was diagnosed last week with cancer in his throat. He is scheduled for a complete body scan on August 14 to see if the cancer has spread.

Garrett King Jr. (Cheryl Sims uncle) is still battling lung cancer and cancer in the brain.

Charlotte _____ (known to Cheryl Sims) needing prayer for healing from cancer.

Rick Davis (Garnet Lindeman's friend's son) is in serious condition with high blood pressure and heart problems.

David Stiltner (12 yr. old student of Steve Williams at Rubyville School) had surgery for brain tumors and is now diagnosed with brain cancer.

Spirit Club Tonight

Spirit Club meets tonight at 6 pm.

Farmers Market

If anyone has produce to bring in for this program, please put it in the basket under the coat rack. — Mandi Coriell.



Matthew Gampp's Address

Matthew Gampp will be in his basic training camp until August 30. His birthday is today, August 10.



Round Lake Men's Retreat

Scheduled for September 26-27 at Round Lake

Christian Assembly near Loudonville, Ohio. This year's theme is "Strength for the Journey." Guest speakers for the event will be Dr. Michael Moss, Dr. David Young and Shon Smith. There will also be a golf scramble outing at Mohican Hills Golf Course on Friday, tee time is 9 am. Cost for the retreat is \$50/person. Fee for the golf scramble is \$40.00 for 18 holes, half a cart and lunch on Ohio Valley University.

More information is posted on the bulletin board.

Fair Winners

The Scioto County Fair concluded last night. As usual we have many in our congregation who won honors and awards in various competitions. If you will please sign the posted sheet on the bulletin board, we'll give a complete listing of honors in next week's bulletin.

Father-Son Camp Out



The annual Father-Son Camp Out is scheduled for Friday, August 15, starting around 6 pm at Ken Rases Farm. We'll finish up some time on Saturday, no definite time. See Rich Book or Dewey Cordle for details. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Please sign up if you are coming.

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp Golf Outing

September 20 is the date set for the annual golf benefit for the camp. Held at Westchester Golf Course in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Cost is \$60.00 per person for pre-registration and \$65.00 for registration and payment at the course. Shot-gun start is 1:30 pm. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the brochure and the tees. See Jamie or Jason or Scott for details. Information posted.

100% Sunday Coming

Yes, we all remember 100% Sunday from September 14, 2003. It was a big day for Sunshine. We had 343 in attendance. Not quite 100% of our membership but at least in the high 80's. We are planning another 100% Sunday on October 19, 2008. We are striving to get every person who has any connection with Sunshine to be present for our worship and Bible Classes on that day. We'll start with our worship assembly at 10 am. At the conclusion of the service we'll have THE BIG PICTURE made in the auditorium. We'll go from there to THE FEEDING OF THE FOUR HUNDRED (my rough estimate of what 100% attendance would be) and after the meal we'll have our Bible classes. We should be done for the day around 2 or 2:15. Please mark this date and pray about the success of the day. We need to round up some of our members who have wandered away and this day could be just the thing they need. — Steve.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/10 1 Corinthians 7
8/17 1 Corinthians 8-9
8/25 1 Corinthians 10
8/31 1 Corinthians 11

Wednesday

8/13 Genesis 25-26
8/20 Genesis 27
8/27 Genesis 28
9/03 Genesis 29

Verse of the Month

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10



8/14 - King's Island Trip

8/15-16 - Father/Son Campout

8/23 - Angel Food Distribution

9/20 - Fort Hill Golf Outing

9/26-27 - Round Lake Retreat

10/3-4 - Men's Leadership Retreat

10/19 - 100% Sunday

The Incredible Shrinking Man

The title sounds like a movie from the 60's doesn't it? Well, maybe the idea I have is a little like one of those. I heard a silly little joke this week that got me to thinking about life. It seems, a man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient.."

Yes, I know just how bad that joke is, but I wanted to make a point. For some of us, isn't it about time we started shrinking? Now I'm not talking about the size of your waist, but about your sense of self-importance, at least in relationship to God.

There an old favorite hymn of mine titled "None of self and all of thee." In the song there is a gradual transition, which takes place in our relationship to God. The first chorus says, "All of self and none of Thee." The second says, "Some of self and some of Thee", the third says, "Less of self and more of thee" and the last says, "None of self and all of Thee."

I believe the inspiration for the song probably came from what the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20 where he said, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Take a look at your life. is it time you started to reduce? Reduce your dependence upon self, in your feelings of importance and start to let Christ grow in your life. Our goal as Christians is to get to the point where we can sing to God, with conviction, "None of self and all of Thee."

May our God help you in your life program to shrink in self and grow in Him.

Russ Lawson

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Greenville, Ohio.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

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

August 10

Wayne Gamp
 Nick Davis
 Steve Williams
 Gabe Coriell
 Rich Book
 Spike Ferrell
 Chuck Allison
 Troy Gahm
 Dale Gamp
 Barry Gamp
 David Gamp
 Josh Coriell
 Steve Miller
 Greg Coriell

August 17

Tom Kelley
 Ralph Gamp
 Aaron McCray
 Jamie Riley
 John Berry
 Jason Coriell
 Eric McLaughlin
 Ryan Coriell
 Mike Gamp
 Jack Jennings
 Ira Coriell
 Mark Risner
 Steve Miller
 Bill Gammon

Regular Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class

Aaron McCray
 Gary Glispie
 Matt Hoskins
 Jacob Miller
 Eric McLaughlin
 1 Corinthians 7

Shawn Gragg
 Aaron Kallner
 Tim Coriell
 Dewey Cordle
 Mark Gamp
 1 Corinthians 8-9

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Mark Gamp
 Caleb Miller
 Genesis 25-26

Zach Coriell
 Jeff Hayward
 Genesis 27

Children's Bible Time

Aug 3/5: Jill & Steve Williams, Jenny & Sam Williams
 Aug 6/8: Stephanie & Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan
 Sep 3/5: Brandi Gamp, Kathy Glispie, Regina Kuhn
 Sep 6/8: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller

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Genesis 12

The Lord came to Abram and said, "Abram, get out of your country, and out of your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you will be a blessing." Help Abram find his way by tracing the correct path on the maze.



