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Communion Confusion

When I partake of communion I am often confused. Should I have the attitude of joy or sadness?

Jesus had His disciples prepare the upper room on a Thursday so He could partake of the Passover meal with them that evening and institute the Lord's Supper. There He explained the meaning of the bread and wine. Judas left the meal to betray Jesus. Jesus and some of His disciples went to the garden to pray about what was about to happen. There Jesus was betrayed and arrested. It is now Friday morning and Jesus is brought before several courts to be tried, mocked, and beaten. His close friend Peter denies Him during this time. He is nailed to a cross and left to suffer and die. Before the day is over, He is buried in someone else's tomb. A few days later on a Sunday morning He overcomes death and is alive.

Think about when we partake of communion. There is no commandment of when to take it. All we have is an example found in Acts 20:7. If we honored the day in which it was instituted, we would take it Thursday evening. If it was totally for the death and burial, we would take it on Friday. But like the Christians at Troas, we partake on Sunday morning. Why then? Could it be because the resurrection was on a Sunday morning?

Should our communion service be a time of tears or a time of victory? I think the correct answer is... yes. What value was Jesus' death on the cross if there was no resurrection? It is the contrast that makes His death, burial and resurrection so wonderful. If Jesus had just died in His sleep instead of undergoing the worst possible death, would His resurrection have meant as much? How much greater is the resurrection knowing what all He suffered through? The resurrection is amplified due to the brutal torture and murder of His greatest opponents.

Let us remember the death, burial AND the resurrection the next time we commune.

Jay Crook
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Please Pray...



For our nation as we are going through troubled times

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 Todd Fulkerson (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

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

Gina Henry had her heart surgery on Monday at the Cleveland Clinic. As of Wednesday she was still in a coma from an allergic reaction to anesthesia. Otherwise, the surgery was successful.

Joanna McGauhey (friend of Heather Gragg) has severe nerve pain in her face and cannot be treated due to her pregnancy.

David and Wanda Lemon (Millie Lemon's brother & sis in law) both in Heartland for an extended period of time. David is having rehab following his hip surgery. Both are struggling physically, mentally and spiritually.

Kenny Gragg (Shaun Gragg's father) had a heart catheterization and a stint placed in his heart at Adena Hospital on Wednesday. He was able to come home on Thursday.

Deacons Meeting

The elders would like to meet with all of our deacons next Sunday, August 16, at 5 pm in the Annex. Please be present. This is an important meeting.

Spirit Club Tonight

6 pm in the auditorium. Kids, be here at 6 sharp, we are practicing for a mini concert before church starts this evening. Steve.

Spirit Club News

If you have Volume 1 of Hide "Em In Your Heart by Steve Green, you know that we have done all of the songs/verses on that CD. We are starting on Volume 2 of Hide "Em In Your Heart next month and I wanted to give you time to pick up a copy from Praises or to order it over the internet. Cost is about \$15.00. Our memory verse this month is Proverbs 22:6.

Video Report on Camp

This morning after our closing prayer we are inviting all who are in attendance to stay for a special 15 minute video report concerning Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. We will time our worship service so that we do not go beyond 11:15 am and that will allow 15 minutes for the presentation.

Fort Hill Golf Outing

The 8th annual Fort Hill Youth Camp golf outing will take place September 19 at the Westchester Golf Course in Canal Winchester, Ohio. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a Saturday afternoon having fun with fellow Christians while supporting Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. The event is open to both men and women. Information sheets are posted on the bulletin board with more details.

Ladies Day: Elm Grove Church

The ladies of the Elm Grove church near Piketon are inviting Sunshine ladies to be a part of a special event for Saturday, September 12 at the church. Theme is Women of the Bible. Speaker is Brenda Blackshear. Invitation card is posted. RSVP requested by September 7.

Back to School Project

Kristi Cordle is coordinating an effort to help needy local students with back-to-school supplies. She is creating school supply boxes to be distributed from the school office as needed. Each box contains crayons, pencils, glue sticks, safety scissors and erasers. If you would like to create one or more of these boxes, donate items to go in the boxes or give money, see Kristi Cordle.

Sunshine Girls Tonight

6 pm in the annex.

Haiti Mission Preparation

Coming up in January or early February of 2010, our Haiti Mission Team will be going back to Haiti for another week of service. If you are interested in getting more details and maybe being a member of our 2010 team, please come to the meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 23 after morning services in the Annex.

Campus Ministry Welcome Back Dinner

As a Secret Sisters project, we are having a welcome back Dinner at Campus Ministry on August 31 at 6:30 pm. Please help us welcoming back our college students. There is a sign up sheet in the back with many different jobs on it. We need help with cooking, delivering and serving food. We are also collecting \$5.00 gift cards to any fast food restaurant. Any questions see Mandi or Autumn.



Coming Events

- 8/16 Deacon's meeting - 5 p.m.**
- 8/23 Bob Havens Birthday Bash**
- 8/31 Campus Ministry Welcome Back**
- 9/12 Elm Grove Ladies Day**
- 9/19 Fort Hill Golf Outing**
- 10/2-3 Round Lake Men's Retreat**
- 11/6-8 Sunshine Ladies Retreat**

Bob Havens Pizza Birthday Bash

Sunday, August 23, after our pm services, the congregation is invited to the Annex to celebrate Bob Havens birthday with a pizza party. Bob has only one request for his birthday, please sign up on the pad on the table in the foyer if you are coming. This is to help him gauge how many pizzas to buy. Thanks.

Sunday PM Preaching

Sunday, August 23, our evening Bible classes for junior high through adult will be suspended so that we can have a preaching service in the auditorium. **Mark Villinger** will be our speaker. Mark along with his son, Spencer, moved here 2 (or 3?) years ago from Jackson, Tennessee to become the head basketball coach at Valley High School. He and Spencer have been a blessing to our congregation.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Benjamin Davison** (24 yr old son of Tom and Laura Davison, friends of Steve and Serena Miller when they lived in Detroit). Ben served two tours of duty in Iraq and was going to school in West Virginia up until his untimely death. Please pray for the family. The funeral is Monday in Detroit.



Verse of the Month

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs 22:6

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/09 Titus 1-3
8/16 Philemon
8/23 Preaching service
8/30 Hebrews 1-2

Wednesday

8/12 Judges 17-18
8/19 Judges 19-21
8/26 Ruth 1-2
9/02 Ruth 3-4

Too Little Time

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.” 2 Peter 3:8

I like the beginning of this verse. The older I get, the more I enjoy time moving slow. Sometimes I wish time could stop. Time is a valuable asset in our lives. Rarely do we ever say, “Boy, I just have too much time on my hands.” Often, our lament is exactly the opposite. We rush because we have too little time. I don’t believe rushing is God’s plan for our lives. Rushing seldom makes things better and it causes us to get stressed out. It can make us angry when situations do not meet our deadline. The word “dead” is appropriate. The stress alone can kill us by raising our blood pressure and giving us a stroke.

As a society, we need to just chill out and relax. If that means signing your kid up to play one less sport in the spring, then so be it. If that means working less overtime and doing without eating out so much and buying so many gifts at Christmas, then take up your cross and suffer. If slowing down in your case means turning the television or computer off and spending time with your kids, spouse or friends . . . well, let’s work on that one. But seriously, our kids, spouses and friends should mean more to us than the latest episode of our favorite television show or our latest Google search. Our society has been brain washed. We have been told if we’re not busy every night of the week then our life is less worthy than our neighbor who is always busy. Don’t believe that lie!

I am only writing this today because I have lately seen the benefit of taking my time and not allowing the clock to dictate my actions. I have really been blessed, most of all because my anger has subsided and I’ve just gone with the flow. It’s not always fun because I miss out on some things I’d rather not. However, less stress and anger is always a good thing.

Brian Humek

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And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Mark 1:17

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 L Server 6
 O Server 5
 R Server 4
 D Wine
 S Bread
 S Server 3
 U Server 2
 P Server 1
 E Message
 R Closing Prayer

August 9

Tom Kelley
 Nick Davis
 Spike Ferrell
 Rich Book
 James Jacobs
 Ed McLaughlin
 Ike Hardin
 Troy Gahm
 Shawn Gragg
 Jason Henthorn
 Derek Gamp
 Jerry Gamp
 Steve Miller
 Bill Gammon

August 16

Don Coriell
 Ralph Gamp
 Eric Copas
 Ira Coriell
 Lane Raiser
 Ryan Coriell
 Eric Miller
 Scott Gamp
 Jason Coriell
 Greg Coriell
 Dale Gamp
 Michael Dixon
 Steve Miller
 Jeff Hayward

Regular Service Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Deadline for each issue is 5 p.m. Friday. News items may be called to **Al Graff** or **Steve Miller** or e-mailed to:

info@sunshine-church.org

Sunday Evening

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

Zach Coriell
 Jack Jennings
 Josh Coriell
 Steve Williams
 Mark Villinger
 Titus 1-3

Gabe Coriell
 Mark Gamp
 Dewey Cordle
 Tim Coriell
 Gary Glispie
 Philemon

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
 Jamie Riley
 Judges 17-18

Derek Miller
 Don Ramey
 Judges 19-21

Children's Bible Time Schedule

August: *Growing up in the Lord*
 3/5: Jill Williams, Steve Williams, Sam Williams
 6/8: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan

September: *Our Place in God's Plan*
 3/5: Brandy Gamp, Kathy Glispie, Regina Kuhn
 6/8: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller

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If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

SCRIPT - O - GRAM

A well known verse from Mark 1 has been scrambled using a letter substitution code below. Decipher the code to reveal the verse. Hint: I=N, M=W. The solution is at the bottom of page 3.

H I N W S E C E E H B N C I Y F

Y A S X, P F X S D S H J Y S U X S, H I N B

M B V V X H Z S D F C Y F T S P F X S

J B E A S U E F J X S I.