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## **The Longest Week**

*An update on Steve Miller*

Erma Bombeck once said that the most beautiful word she had ever heard was "benign."

We can relate. The most beautiful sentence we ever heard was on January 4, at 9:05 a.m. when the doctor called and said, "Steve does not have Myeloma."

Myeloma is an incurable form of bone cancer. Because of four fractures in Steve's spine recently discovered by a neurosurgeon in Cincinnati, the doctor was suspicious that he might have this terrible disease. By the grace of God, he doesn't. However it took a full week to get the results. I wish we could report that we were towers of spiritual strength during that time—but frankly, we were scared to death. Since we didn't want our friends and family to go through the same agony we were enduring, we kept it from nearly everyone except our elders who prayed for us.

We now know that Steve has osteoporosis of the spine. In a few days we'll have the results back from tests to show the root cause of the osteoporosis. He has already been put on medication to begin to repair the damage. The medication makes him very ill. He is also on pain medication that makes him sluggish. The neurosurgeon has put him in a back brace that makes him miserable. He hiccupped the other night and it just about killed him because of the fractures. He's afraid of getting a cold or virus because he can't bear the thoughts of the pain sneezing would cause—let alone a stomach virus. Even though we long to be at church, we're staying isolated to protect him from contagions.

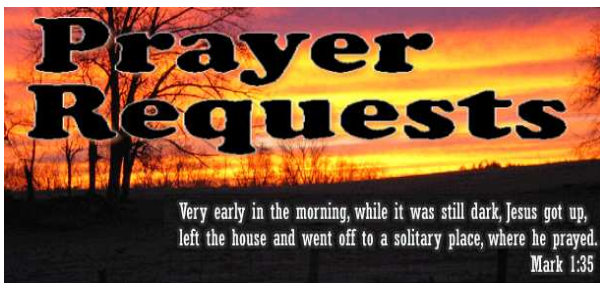
There is a procedure the neurosurgeon plans to do that will repair the fractures with a sort of cement—but he doesn't want to do it until Steve's bones become stronger. The doc says this could take four to six weeks. We're told that once the procedure is finished, Steve will have a marked decrease in pain. Once he can get off the pain meds he should be able to preach again. He's counting the days. It has just about driven him nuts to be so helpless.

We wish we had gotten a second opinion earlier and apologize to those who urged us to do so. This whole situation has been a puzzle to us as well as the local doctors—it appeared as though he was getting better for awhile and then he started to deteriorate. We think we finally now have an accurate diagnosis.

During this time, we have wrapped thoughts of our friends and family around us like a warm blanket. The cards have meant so much. The little drawings from the children. The encouragement of the elders. The knowledge that so many have been praying daily for him to be healed. Most importantly has been the comfort of the promise that God would not give us more than we could bear.

We thank those wonderful men who have preached in his place, and those who have filled in for him in other ways. We thank all of you for your patience and prayers. He's fighting hard to get back. Sunshine is an amazing congregation and we miss you more than we can say.

Serena



**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 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

For **Michael Hotchkin** and **Derek Miller** in Afghanistan

**Karren Griffith** continues to recuperate at home, adjusting to new meds.

**Lacie Bevins** (3yr old granddaughter of Betty and JC Bevins of Stockdale area) diagnosed with leukemia and pneumonia. Starting chemotherapy right away.

**Donna Henschen** (Tamera Green's daughter-in-law's mother) is waiting for biopsy results.

**Cierra Chiesa** (13 year old cousin of Julie Miller) diagnosed with brain cancer a second time.

**Al Graff** is scheduled to meet with his doctor on Monday about his stress test results.

**Jo Ann Miller's** biopsy was negative. PTL!

**Steve Miller**—had bone density test and several blood tests this week. Results of blood tests pending.

**Ted Pennington** (friend of Caleb Miller) is suffering severe pain in his joints and is going to receive results of testing this week. Prayer requested for his healing.

**Cheryl Lemon** (Mary Lemon's mother) will be seeing her surgeon on Tuesday and her oncologist on Thursday. Thursday a decision will be made about chemotherapy.

**Arthur Sullivan** transferred from SOMC to Best Care on Thursday.

**Richard Harner** (friend of Tamera Green) was scheduled for surgery January 8.

**Dennis Sullivan** (Terry's brother, now living in Portsmouth) is recuperating from a stroke and broken hip.

**Lane Raiser** continues to recuperate at home following his stroke.

**Cameron Spencer** (7 yr old Minford student) witnessed her mother's murder Friday night when an intruder broke into their home.

**Devin Hamilton** (18 yr old senior at Wheelersburg HS) is suffering from head and neck injuries sustained in a recent automobile accident.

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## Spirit Club

Tonight at 6 pm.

## Sunshine Girls

Tonight at 6 pm in the annex.

## Youth News

There will be a youth group planning meeting for parents and youth group workers next Sunday, January 17, before evening services at 5:00. We will be discussing youth group activities for 2010.

## Deacons Meeting

Deacons meeting today (Sunday January 10, 2010) at 5:00 p.m. in the annex.

## Directory Update

Last Sunday the Vannatta family placed membership here with the Sunshine congregation. We welcome the Vannattas to our fellowship and ask that you would add the following information to your directories:

**Vannatta, Jeff & Shellie; Allyson & Ben**

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## Budget for 2010

Copies of the church budget for 2010 are available on the table in the foyer for anyone who would like a copy.

## Cinci Children's Museum Day Trip

To those of you with preschool age kiddos, we are planning a trip to the **Cincinnati Children's Museum** on **Tuesday, January 19th**. It is rated as one of the top ten children's museums in the nation, and is a TON of fun! We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 am to carpool. The museum's hours are 10am-5pm, and the group rate is **\$5 per person**. Bring a packed lunch or a couple of bucks for Pizza Hut in the lobby. To get in on the group rate, we must give them a final count by Monday, Jan 18th - sign up sheet is in the foyer. Questions? See Kim

## Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 7 pm is the date and time set for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Father-Daughter Valentine Gala at MHS Gymnasium. As usual we will be needing lots of help with set up, decorating, coat check, photography, cookies, clean up and a host of other details. Tickets will be available at Minford Pharmacy, Gahm's Pharmacy, and Praises Book Store. \$5.00 per person. Please contact Mark Gampp if you can help this year.

## Shepherds Prayer Session

On Thursday evening, January 21st, at 7:30 pm our elders will meet in a special prayer session for the church. If you have requests you would like to have included in their prayers, please give it to one of the elders before then.

## Goofy Gloves

The Goofy Glove Gathering was a great success! 177 gloves were raised for the needy in our community and will be delivered this week. EVERY tie earned a special spot this morning on the neck of a graciously willing (and somewhat forced) "volunteer". (Thank you, Sunshine men!!) Thanks to all who helped us!! - The Sunshine Girls

## Haiti Mission Trip

Members from our congregation will be heading to Haiti next Saturday. Your prayers for their safety and a successful mission trip will be greatly appreciated!

## Sunshine Slimdown Competition Begins!

The competition phase of the Sunshine Slimdown will begin today! Go about your journey fueled by some friendly competition with your brothers and sisters. Come to the annex immediately after the service this morning to enter yourself and your partner.

All participants, competing or not, should weigh themselves in today, after morning services or before evening services. There will also be a handouts for each participant to pick up.

Next week, we will have a talk from Nutritionist Kim McCray who will give us a "Grocery Store Tour."



## **Bible Study Curriculum**

### **Sunday**

01/10 1 Peter 3  
01/17 1 Peter 4  
01/24 Preaching Service

### **Wednesday**

01/13 2 Samuel 9-10  
01/20 2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51  
01/27 2 Samuel 13-15

## Verse of the Month

**Acts 16:31** Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.



## **Coming Events**

Today: Sunshine Slimdown Begins  
Deacon's Meeting @ 5 p.m. in annex  
01/16 Mission Team leaves for Haiti  
01/17 Youth Group Planning Meeting @ 5 p.m.  
01/19 Cincinnati Children's Museum Trip  
01/21 Shepherd's Prayer Session.  
01/23 Mission Team returns from Haiti  
02/06 Father-Daughter Valentine Gala @ 7 p.m.

## **Joy for the Journey**

Feast on these words from Shel Silverstein:

*I went to find and searched and searched  
And searched and searched, and then—  
There it was, deep in the grass,  
Under an old and twisty bough.  
It's mine, it's mine, it's mine at last. . . .  
What do I search for now?*

So often we think that there is some great destination that we're waiting for. We find ourselves "killing time" (a horrible phrase) just waiting for that destination. We forget that it's the journey itself that is full of life.

You can't wait for your kids to grow up so you can have a little peace and quiet. There is the joy of the journey.

You can't wait for retirement so you can play golf. There is the joy of the journey.

You can't wait for your church to "do things right" so you can be happy. There is the joy of the journey.

You can't wait for America to get back to the good old days. There is the joy of the journey.

Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Lion, and the Scarecrow are headed to Oz. But the heart, the courage, and the brain they need come from the journey—not from the diminutive wizard behind the curtain.

Bilbo Baggins' walking song has it right:

*The Road goes ever on and on  
Down from the door where it began.  
Now far ahead the Road has gone,  
And I must follow, if I can,  
Pursuing it with eager feet,  
Until it joins some larger way  
Where many paths and errands meet.  
And whither then? I cannot say.*

I have my eyes on an incredible destination. But the journey is filled with joy—even in the midst of pain. I don't want to miss that joy!

What's out there on the road for you this day? Don't put off today waiting for Friday. Don't blow off this week waiting for next week or this month waiting for next month or this year waiting for next year. Too many people miss life waiting for something better. Look out today and smile at THAT spouse, THOSE kids, THAT job, THOSE friends, THAT church, THOSE neighbors.

Landon Saunders



**Joy**  
Thou wilt show me the path of life;  
in thy presence is fulness of joy;  
at thy right hand there are  
pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11

Php 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

## ***THOSE WHO SERVE***

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>January 10</u>	<u>January 17</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gamp
Song Director	Scott Gamp	Shaun McCray
Scripture Reading	Dewey Cordle	Jerry Gamp
Prayer	Rich Book	John Berry
L O R D S	Server 6	Ira Coriell
S U P P E R	Server 5	Michael Dixon
Wine	Server 4	Bill Gammon
Bread	Spike Ferrell	Zach Coriell
Server 3	Aaron Kallner	Shawn Gragg
Server 2	Dale Gamp	Troy Gahm
Server 1	Gary Glispie	Derek Gamp
Message	Terry Grashel	Ike Hardin
Closing Prayer	Jason Coriell	Unknown
	Rick Coriell	Don Ramey

<u>Sunday Evening</u>		
Song Director	Aaron McCray	Mark Gamp
Scripture Reading	Davey Coriell	Josh Coriell
Lord's Supper	Jamie Riley	Jacob Miller
Assist	Greg Coriell	Derrick Mooneyham
Prayer	Dave Coriell	Jack Jennings
<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>1 Peter 3</i>	<i>1 Peter 4</i>

<u>Wednesday Evening</u>		
Song Director	Wayne Gamp	Eric McLaughlin
Prayer	Caleb Miller	Tim Coriell
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>2 Samuel 9-10</i>	<i>2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51</i>

### **Children's Bible Time**

**January Theme:** *Let God Lead*  
 3-5: Jessie Coriell, Rikki Richmond, Vanessa Dixon  
 6-8: Cathy Coriell, Becky Dixon, Renee Higbee

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

### *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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A well known verse from Philippians has been scrambled with a letter substitution code. Replace each letter with the correct one to reveal the verse.  
 Hint: V=E, C=O  
 Answer on page 3.



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**QHV HK NOHX.**