

September 2024

 Sun City Center
Shrine Club

Communicator

President's Message

My Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Hello, I hope this message finds you enjoying your summer vacation! The Dog Days of summer are upon us. Please take care in this summer heat! We have begun our rainy season. The National Hurricane Center is [tracking three tropical waves](#). All have a low chance of developing over the next seven days — including one in the Caribbean Sea. So, it appears we are safe at the moment.

Our *Chat and Chew (C&C)* this month will be on the **26th of September** and will be at the **Replays Family Sports Grill** located at **1609 Sun City Center Plaza**. Be sure to sign up so we have some idea of how many will be there. Here is a link to the [menu](#) so you know what all they have to offer. The owner is interested in helping us with our Christmas party so we are doing as much business with him as possible. I hope to see you all there!

We have 2 big items left this year is the “**Red Skelton Tribute (RST)**” on October 19th and our **Children's Christmas Party**. These 2 items will be our main topics of discussion for the rest of the year! Regarding the RST, we only have **45 days left**. It will be here before you know it! With our Christmas party, we need to understand that what we are doing for some of these kids could be all they will receive for Christmas. We have a button on our website just for the Christmas party, called the “Magic of Christmas” and it will take folks straight to our square checkout page to donate. Please talk to your friends, neighbors, other clubs that you may belong to, businesses that you may visit and ask if they will help support our **Magic of Christmas!** We're not asking them to give hundreds of dollars, anything they give is more than we have now. In the next month or so, I will be creating a flyer for you to show folks. It will help explain everything. It will make things much easier! If we do not ask them, they will not give!

My only request from you, is please have fun in everything you do! It was why the Shriners were created in the first place. Fun and laughter are very contagious... it attracts others!

Do it Because You Can!

Thank you and God bless each one of you and your families.

IS Denny Hardy

Chaplain's Corner

Hosea 3:1-3

THE WONDERS OF REDEEMING LOVE

Intro: To understand the book of Hosea, one must understand the background against which was written. The book of Hosea was written by the prophet whose name it bears. The name "**Hosea**" means, "**salvation**." This book is literally a message of salvation to a spiritually bankrupt people.

During the days of Hosea's ministry, Israel was a very prosperous nation materially. They enjoyed peace politically and militarily, but they were morally bankrupt. **Verse 1** of our text describes their spiritual condition. They are said to, "**look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.**" Among the "**other gods**" they looked to the Canaanite God Baal. The worship of Baal, and his consort Ashtoreth, involved acts so vile that I will not honor the flesh by describing them. Suffice it to say that Israel was guilty of great spiritual evil.

While the people of Israel had no real love for God, for His Word, or for His worship, when a prophet showed up, they were very interested in his actions. That is why God often used the personal lives of the prophets to illustrate His relationship with Israel. That is the case in the book of Hosea.

God uses Hosea, his wife Gomer, and the children born into their relationship, as a picture of His relationship with Israel. Through this family, God will reveal His love for His wayward people.

In Hosea's relationship with Gomer, we are allowed to see a wonderful portrait of the redemption we have in Christ Jesus. I want to take the verses we read today, and talk about **The Wonders Of Redeeming Love**. Notice the **wonders** that present themselves in this passage.

I. v. 1 THE WONDER OF A LOVING PURSUIT

- A. **Gomer's Lifestyle** - To understand the depth of Hosea's love we must first understand something of Gomer's life. When Gomer first appears in **Hosea 1:2**, she has called "**the wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms.**" This does not mean that God commanded Hosea to marry a prostitute. Most likely, Gomer was a chaste woman when Hosea married her. The phrase "**a wife of whoredoms**" simply means that she was an Israelite. It means that she was a product of her society; meaning that she had been raised in idolatry and rebellion.

At first, Hosea's marriage to Gomer must have been a happy time for both of them. God blessed their union by giving him a son whom they named Jezreel [Hosea 1:4](#).

By the time we come to our text, however, Gomer is called an "**adulteress**." [Hosea 2:5](#) says, "**For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them have done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread, my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.**" In other words, Gomer is a prostitute. She committed adultery while she was with Hosea, then she left him for another man. Now it appears, that her new lover is finished with her and has put her up for sale, [Hosea 3:2](#).

This glimpse into Gomer's lifestyle is a clear picture of what sin produces in every life it touches. A lifestyle of unrepentant sin may bring pleasure at the time, but eventually it leads to ruin, devastation, destruction, and death. Sin always leaves its mark, and eventually it leads to Hell. (Ill. [Rom. 6:23](#); [Pro. 13:15](#))

By the way, no one ever gets away with sin. There is always a price to pay, [Gal. 6:7](#); [Num. 32:23](#).

- B. [Gomer's Lusts](#) - According to [Hosea 1:6-9](#), Gomer was guilty of committing adultery against Hosea. The child born in [verse 6](#) was named "**Lo-Ruhamah**." This name means, "**no mercy**." The child born in [verse 9](#) is called "**Lo-ammi**." This name means, "**not my people**."

What's striking about the three references to Gomer's pregnancies is the contrast between [verse 3](#) and [verses 6](#) and [9](#). In [verse 3](#) the Bible says, "**which conceived, and bare him a son**." [Verses 6](#) and [9](#) simply say, "**she conceived**." The implication is clear: the first child was Hosea while the next two did not, [Hosea 2:4](#). So, Gomer was guilty of violating her marriage vows and I'll be trading Hosea's through adultery. Eventually, Gomer abandoned the family to pursue her lust for sin.

Of course, Gomer's actions are a picture of the spiritual condition of the nation of Israel. They lusted after the gods of the Canaanites, and they abandon the God of their fathers.

Again, Gomer is a picture of the lost sinner. Just like Gomer, those who are lost in their sins pursue their own lusts and care nothing about the God Who loves them. Il. [James 1:14](#); [Eph. 2:1-3](#). Left to themselves, the lost sinner will never seek God, [Rom. 3:11b](#).

- C. [Gomer's Lover](#) - In spite of how she has hurt him; in spite of how she has treated her children; in spite of how she has lived her life; Hosea still loves her. He is told in [verse 1](#), "**go yet, love a woman**." This phrase means, "**show her again how much you love her**." Then the Bible says that she is, "**beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress**." This phrase means, "**she is a woman who loves another man and is still guilty of adultery**."

When Hosea receives the command to go after Gomer, he does not hesitate. Why? He goes after her because he loves her. He loved her before she fell into sin, and he still loved her in spite of her sin. His love is so great that he is willing to do whatever it takes to bring her back to himself.

What a picture this is of the awesome love of God for sinners! Did you know, that no one had to tell God to love you? He loved you before you were born. He loved you when you were an innocent child. He loved you when you chose sin over righteousness. And He loves you today. In fact, He has always loved you, [Jer. 31:3](#). Nothing can make Him stop pursuing you until you brought you back to Himself.

In [Eph. 2:4](#) Paul says that God's love is a "*great love*." This means it is a surpassing love. It is a love that knows no boundaries. It is unconditional. It is timeless. It is self-sacrificing. It is wonderful beyond words!

My friends, God loves you. His love never ends.

- You may spurn His love yet He continues to love you.
 - You may not have time for Him, but He continues to love you.
 - You may ignore Him, but His heart is still set on you.
 - You may turn a deaf ear to His pleas, but He does not stop calling you to come to Him.
 - He loves you regardless of who you are, where you are, or what you've done. His is an overcoming, overwhelming, awe-inspiring love.
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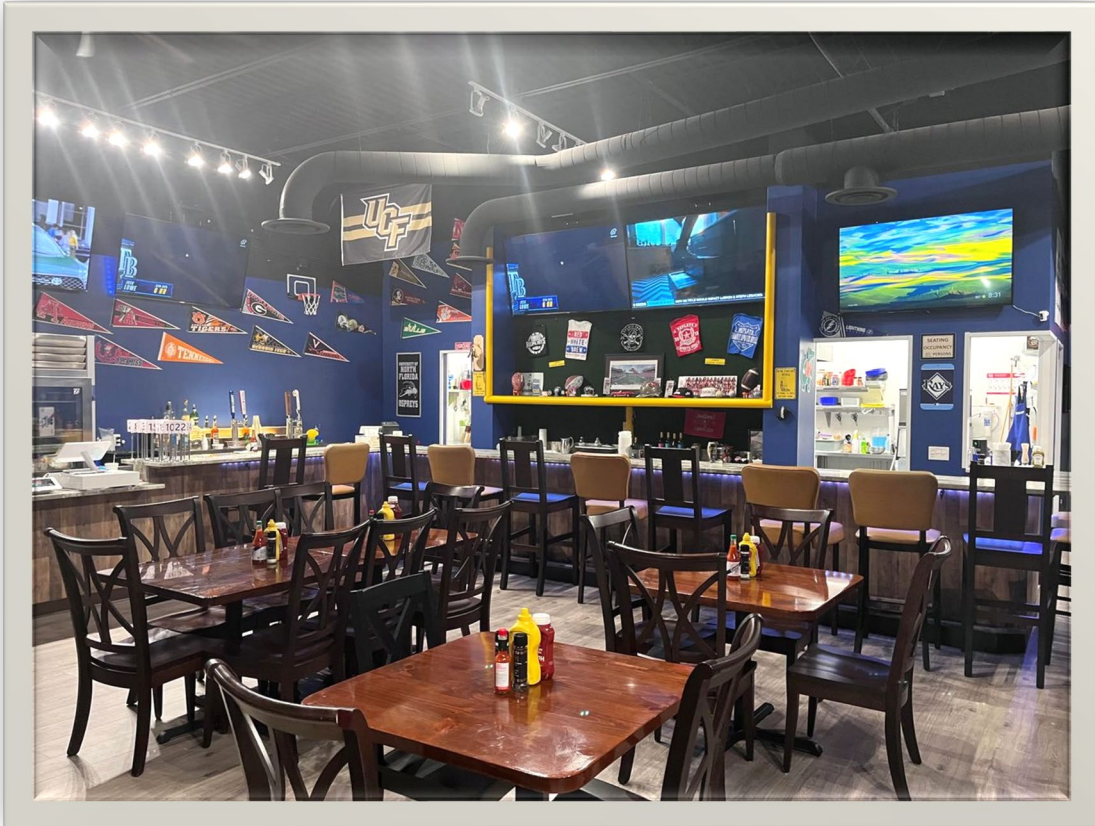
Monthly Luncheon



August 14th at 12 noon

Please go to the new [Luncheon page](#) and fill out the new form for your reservations

Chat & Chew



Replays Family Sports Grill

1609 Sun City Center Plaza, Sun City Center, FL 33573

September 26th @ 2 pm

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Fun Times

This is something new I am adding to the communicator. It will be different each month. Hopefully you find it funny, interesting, and even educational sometimes. The main thing is whoever reads and completes whatever exercise I have each month and sends me the correct answer, their meal will be no charge for the month. I hope you enjoy!

This month will deal with **general knowledge**. Simply write your answers in an email and send them to me.

1. In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?
2. What is the capital city of Brazil?
3. Who wrote "Pride and Prejudice"?
4. Who is known as the "Father of Modern Physics"?
5. Which mountain range is the longest in the world?
6. What is the largest island in the world?
7. What is the chemical symbol for silver?
8. Who painted "The Persistence of Memory"?
9. What is the largest bone in the human body?
10. In which year did the Titanic sink?
11. What is the capital city of Argentina?
12. Who painted the famous artwork "The Last Supper"?
13. In which year did World War II end?
14. What is the currency of Japan?

Anniversaries

Anniversaries Sep 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Tom & Penney Boyd	21
22	23	24	25 Thomas & Lin Griffiths	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Birthdays

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ron Hoedebeck	3	4	5	6	7 Rich Shelley
8	9 Mary Buckland	10	11 Dan Loughrie	12	13	14 Janice Churchill Jean Porrett
15	16	17 Sherill Shelley Tom Griffiths	18	19	20 Kathy Craft	21 Ginny Kessler
22	23	24	25	26 Kendell Schwndt	27 Gerald Lakritz Jim Porrett	28 Robert Smith
29 Gary Bartlett	30	1	2	3	4	5 Blanca Cordoves

Thoughts and Prayers

Bill Bierce

Dores McDonnell

Bob & Lee O'Roak

Jon & Janice DeCaluwe

Sandy Nunn

Suzanne Cloore

IS Jim and Pat Blevins

In Loving Memory

Upcoming Events

Tampa Egypt Shriners						
Today ◀ ▶ September 2024 ▼						
Week		Month		Agenda ▼		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Showman's Shrine Labor Day 7pm Demolay Unit M 7:30pm Past Masters	7pm Hernando Cour	6pm Fez-A-Que Mee 6:30pm Trike Patrol M 7:30pm Council Meet	Legion Of Honor M 7pm Highlanders Pip 7pm Keystone Kops 7pm Tech Staff Meet		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		7pm Pharaohs Meeti	12pm Sun City Shrin 5:45pm Tampa Cabir 6pm Greeters unit M +2 more	11am Newport Riche 7:30pm Midget Motor		Sands Deadline
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		7pm Pinellas Shrine	7pm Highlands Shrin 7:30pm Director's St 7:30pm Humidor Clu		Cracker Jacks Meet	
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
	7pm Brandon Shrine	7pm Hernando Cour	6pm Fez-A-Que Mee 6:30pm Trike Patrol M 7:30pm Council Meet	Legion Of Honor M 7pm Highlanders Pip 7pm Keystone Kops 7pm Tech Staff Meet		



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