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# White Steeple Banner

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March is here and with it comes spring. Spring is a season that causes us to think of things like renewal, growth, awakening, and a fresh start. Spring is the time where everything around us transforms into something new for a season. It is at this time where we may look to our yards and if there is anything left from fall and winter that needs to be cleaned up and removed, then spring is when we clear out the old and make way for the new.

This is the idea that Paul brings to mind when describing the Christian experience in 2 Corinthians 5:17 when he says, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." This is a statement of general truth in that the Christian is born again by faith, but this is also a statement of practical truth in that the Christian is being renewed day by day. The context of why Paul says this to the Corinthians is that though they

were Christians they could benefit from a season of renewal and reconciliation with God because of some things that were in their lives that needed cleaning up to make way for the new.

This can be our focus for spring. That there may be some spiritual patterns in our lives that need replacing to allow the newness of Christ to burst forth like a fresh season of growth. Just as we rake up and clear out the old dried up leaves in our yards to make way for the grass and the flowering plants to come up and flourish, so also this may be a good time to gather up the unhealthy habits and practices in our lives that can be choking out the fruit that is ready to burst forth.

The good news is that Jesus stands ready to help us should we need to do some spring cleaning in our lives. We can ask Him in prayer to help us identify the things that need to go. We can seek Him in His word to discover the things that need to come. And, we can participate with His people in the

community of fellowship, that is His church, to receive the spiritual care and feeding necessary to ensure a vibrant season of growth.

I am always excited about spring. I am eager to see the new season of growth and the fruit of my labor as the yard around my house goes from dreary to flourishing. This can also be our time to experience a spiritual renewal should we find things in our lives that need some care and attention from Jesus and His Church to make way for the new to come. Let this month be our spiritual season of renewal in Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Kurt



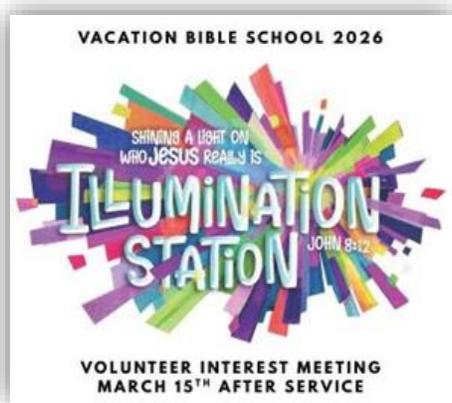
### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Josiah Snyder	3rd
Diana Waters	8th
Tina Spearman	9th
Nathan Fox	10th
Dean Branch	12th
Theodore Sarvis	17th
David Lemoine	25th
Ryleigh Jo Spearman	31st
Lou Jones	31st



### CHARLIE'S CHATS

We still have a few chairs left.  
Come and join us for choir practice Wednesday at 6:30.  
You will truly find it a blessing!



### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.



## March 8th

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**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
**MARCH 1-8, 2026**  
**OUR CHURCH GOAL**  
**\$1,000**

**SENIOR ADULTS**  
MINISTRY  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
Saturday, March 14  
From 12 to 2 p.m.

*Fellowship*  
**POTLUCK**  
  
**LUNCH**  
Sunday, March 29  
Bring your favorite covered dish!

**TRUST**  
*in the* **LORD**  
with all your  
**HEART**  
and *lean* **NOT**  
on your own  
**UNDERSTANDING**  
*Proverbs 3:5-6*