

What's Up Weekly 1/5/21

What's Going on at the church?

We had a great Sunday morning with Mark and Elizabeth Stamps this past week. We appreciate all of the input we received, and after meeting on Sunday afternoon, the eldership offered the Mark Stamps the position of Associate Pastor of Worship Environments here at SJCOC! The Stamps family has spent some time in prayer and we anticipate announcing their decision on whether or not to accept the offer this coming Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Series Begins January 10th: *Three Questions, One Goal, Endless Possibilities*

Church Basketball:

We will be taking a week off of church basketball due to an elders meeting and a National Championship football game. We will resume on January 11th at 6:30.

Underground Work Days:

Help us refresh the Underground area for re-launch of our Youth Activities in January. All are welcome to help, and Bekah promised some food.

When: January 9th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Where: The Underground Youth Room

What is needed: Some help moving furniture, cleaning, decluttering, painting, etc.

Do you need to RSVP: It would be helpful for us to get numbers so we know how much food to prepare for lunch. Please contact bekah@sjcoc.com.

SJCOC Youth Kickoff!

SJCOC Jr. and Sr. High will be meeting again in January!

When: January 17th. Jr. High will meet at 4:00. Sr. High will meet at 6:00.

Where: The Underground at the church

What is needed: Have the kids bring their bibles and a friend!

Do you need to RSVP: No! If you have questions, contact bekah@sjcoc.com.

Women's Bible Study:

Join the ladies of SJCOC for a Beth Moore Bible Study. They will be studying 2 Timothy.

When: Thursday January 28th from 6:30-8:30. Finishes on March 11th.

Where: In-person at the church and online (Zoom).

What is needed: The book will cost \$20.00. If you want to participate but are unable to afford the book, please let us know. Childcare will not be provided.

Do you need to RSVP: Yes. Please register by following this link:
<https://sjcocil.breezechms.com/form/e254b7>

Young Men's Group:

Join the young men of SJCOG for some fellowship, study and maybe some games. Geared towards the 20 somethings.

When: Every other Tuesday evening (starting tonight!) at 7:00.

Where: The Arnold home; 207 Green Street.

What is needed: Yourself and your Bible.

Do you need to RSVP: No.

SJCOG Membership Class

Join us for a four week, in-person class to discover what we are about here at SJCOG! At the end of the four weeks you will be given an opportunity to place your membership at our church should you desire to do so. If you are already a member, you are welcome to attend and re-affirm your membership as well.

When: Sunday's in February, after church service. (Approximately 11:15)

Where: In the fellowship Hall downstairs. Childcare WILL be provided.

What is needed: You and your Bible!

Do you need to RSVP: Yes. Please register by following the link below:

<https://sjcocil.breezechms.com/form/4eec0b>

Children's Dedication Service:

Join us on Sunday morning, January 31st, for a child dedication service. If you have never made a commitment to raise your children in the church and in Christ, then we would love to have you participate. At the end of service, we will call families forward, pray a blessing over you and your children, and give your children a small gift.

When: Sunday, January 31st, 10:00 AM (Church Service)

Where: Sanctuary

What is needed: Parents and children (you will be coming up to the front during service)

Do you need to RSVP: Yes. Please register by using the link below.

<https://sjcocil.breezechms.com/form/202eab>

Scripture of the Week:

Revelation 5:12 (ESV): ...saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

One of my favorite stories is of a couple of young Moravian missionary men from 1732. These two men left Germany and headed on a ship to West Africa because they were called to minister to the African Slaves. The only way for them to do this was to sell themselves into slavery. Their families, not understanding why two young men would do this, argued with them. But when the day came to set sail, they stood there on shore as the ship pulled anchor. And over the voice of the waves they simply heard the young men shouting, "That the Lamb may receive the reward for His suffering!"

Jesus is worthy of everything, including our very lives. Sometimes we treat Jesus as a genie, or just some guy we talk to. Other times we just want to get into his club to have a good time, or because we think our lives will get better, or the world owes us something. The truth though, is that Jesus is worthy of so much more than just being an endnote in our biographies. He is worthy of our entire lives, being and devotion. We shouldn't seek to give him less.