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SPRING EDITION



Spring is Here



Spring Joy



Food Pantry Ministry



New Season



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We have experienced a very mild winter in most of our states and a major slow-down of the COVID pandemic. However, “This the upcoming season of Spring is a time of warming weather and nature coming back to life. Spring is a time that flowers bloom and animals are born, we are reminded of the innocence and beauty that exists in this world and that there is new life all around us. As Christians, we are given new life and new mercies every morning. Spring provides a wonderful reminder to us that we should be living a full life and leaving the old dead parts of life behind. There is always hope during the coldest, darkest winters of life. Spring will come and new life will come forth.”



Christians and Springtime

How should we respond to God’s faithful provision and patience with us this Spring? First, we should remember to praise him for the rain that falls and the grass that grows (Psalms 147:7-8). Do not take these things for granted and certainly do not complain when they occur, even if the rain gets you wet, and the grass makes you get out the mower. Second, we should allow gladness to spring up in our hearts once again. Perhaps through the winter your heart has grown cold towards God or towards the people in our life. Renew your commitment to rely on God and rekindle your love for those people who are closest to you. As daylight increases, rains fall, and flowers grow again, may your heart for God – your Creator and Sustainer – flourish like never before.

Food Pantry Message



Love your neighbor as yourself...Serving our neighbors through food distribution at our church every Monday at 3pm-5pm. We accept either donations or food for the pantry. Canned food items are always needed, especially cereal, milk, canned meats, beans, rice, soups or stew. Donations may be delivered to the church office Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 3pm.



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Spring awakens and enlivens us in a way no other season can. We remember what new life looks like, we remember what possibilities are just around the corner, and we remember that beauty comes through Christ in nature.

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Deuteronomy 11:14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine



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Spring Thanks



Announcement

Spring is here! Around the world, the end of dismal winter weather coincides with a number of religious and cultural celebrations. For many people, spring is a time for rituals of balance and new beginnings. The ancient Babylonians celebrated their new year on the vernal (spring) equinox. Let us count our blessings, rejoicing in the rebirth of light and the emergence from a long winter. In this season of new life, let us recommit to supporting each other so we can break free from our adversities.

Thankful for Spring

Praise God for the rain that falls and the grass that grows (Psalm 147:7-8). Do not take these things for granted and certainly do not complain when they occur because we should allow gladness to spring up in our hearts. Spring is here remember to renew your commitment, your love and continue to rely on God the author and finisher of our faith. Give thanks always and especially in the season of renewal "Spring"

Send us your prayer requests and testimonies

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. If you have sinned, you should tell each other what you have done. James 5:16

Announcements

- ◆ **Food Pantry Distribution Mondays 3-5pm (Volunteers and Food Donations Needed)**
- ◆ **Bible Study Wednesdays 7am Login (908)756-2684 Passcode 07060**
- ◆ **Sunday Church Service 10am in-person & online**



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