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TONIGHT

We are hosting the youth area-wide! JP Wamble will be our speaker.

Schedule:

5:00-5:30 All ages - Singing in the auditorium

5:30 Children (grades 6th and under) dismissed to classes

5:35 - 6:05 Classes (youth group and adults remain in the auditorium)

6:05 Parent pick-up children from classes

Finding Light in the Winter Hush

The celebration of Christmas has passed, the decorations are packed away, and the vibrant colors of autumn feel like a distant memory. For many of us, January brings a heavy stillness. The days are short, the air is cold, and the "winter blues" can feel less like a temporary mood and more like a thick fog.

If you find yourself struggling with the lull of this season—or if the darkness feels deeper than just the weather—please know that **you are not alone, and you are not forgotten.**

In nature, winter is not a season of death, but a season of rest and deep rooting. Beneath the frozen ground, life is quietly gathering the strength it needs for the spring. Our souls often need the same. It is okay to move slower. It is okay to be quiet. It is okay to acknowledge that things feel heavy.

Scripture reminds us that God does not only exist in the "sunny" seasons of our lives. He is a God who draws near in the shadows.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18

Even when we cannot feel the warmth of the sun, the Light of the World remains present. Hope in this season isn't necessarily a loud shout; sometimes, it is simply the quiet "amen" at the end of a weary day. If the weight of this season feels too heavy to carry by yourself, we are here to help and walk alongside you. **Need to talk, desire prayers, or are you in need of support?** Reach out to one of our elders or ministers. Their contact information is listed on the back of this bulletin.

May God fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him. Have a blessed week!

SUNDAY BIBLE HOUR

Nursery - up to 24 months
Joy Allen and Jesse Davis

2 & 3 year olds - Lime Rm
Dana Glasscock and Kim Gattis

4's - PreK - Blue Rm
Lisa Brown

Kindergarten - Purple Rm
Hiliary Rector

1st grade - Red Rm
Janae and Will Richter

SUNDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 5:00pm.
Up to 24 months - Nursery
2's & 3's - Lime Room
4's - PreK - Blue Rm, **K** - Purple Rm
1st-2nd Red Rm, **3rd-4th**-Green Rm
5th-6th - Orange Rm, **7th-12th** - Youth Room

The Fruit of the Spirit
Chuck Morris and Todd Stinson (Aud)
Marriage and Relationships
Bryan Basham and Carl Grimes (Kitchen)
Esther - The Providence of God
Clay Tyree (Hall)
Gaining Wisdom Through Proverbs
Jacob Campbell (C20s)

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 6:30pm.
Up to 24 months - Nursery
2's & 3's - Lime Room
4's - Pre-K - Blue Room
K - Purple Room
1st - 2nd -Red Room
3rd - 4th - Green Rm, **5th - 6th** - Orange Rm
7th -12th - Teen Rooms

Galatians
Scott Ford (Aud)
Women's Class: Women's Leadership
Dana Evans and Dana Glasscock (Kitchen)
Spiritual Gifts
Brent Spicer (Hall)
Obscure People of the Bible
Jacob Rich and Eli Hyle (C20s)

Remember in Prayer

Expectant Mother: Kelli Stockton

Continue to Remember: Nancy Heffington, Caroline Thurman, Riley Walker, Bud and Linda Burgess, Heidi Street, Sarah Riley, Ken and Sandy Wilson, Ray Scott, The Wayne Family, and Tammi Ettinger.

UPCOMING

Ministry Fair
January 11th
(Information to come)

Emptynester's Lunch
January 11th

Announcements

Save the Date

PATHFINDERS

Next event: January 25th

More details to come!

SMCOC Young Families Movie Night

January 17th at 5:00 pm

Bring dinner for your family & we'll provide the popcorn and movie snacks!

Contact C.L. Walker with questions.

All pre-school aged children move up to the next class on their birthday.

Kids' Corner

We're excited to begin our journey again through the *Beginner's Bible*! Join us during our Children's Bible Hour on Sunday mornings!

By the Numbers

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Worship Service.....482
Sunday Evening Classes.....278
Wednesday Night Classes....171
Contribution: $35,334.00

Spring Meadows Youth Group

The 43rd annual lock-in is now complete! An exciting one with nearly 60 of our young people. The Spring Meadows Church of Christ and Spring Meadows youth and family fills my heart with joy! Looking forward to seeing what 2026 has in store for all of us! Special thanks to the chaperones that helped make this event happen!!

Tonight we are hosting the area-wide! JP Wamble, our former intern now youth minister at Germantown, will be with us that evening. Let's pack the house!

CYC will be February 19 - 22 this year! See the email sent out for all the information and deadlines. A non-refundable deposit is due to hold your spot. Final payment is due by February 1st. It's going to be a wonderful weekend!

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