

## Blow Away the Winter Blues

We've been cooped up in these dark, icy days. But, "*Lord, do not leave me or forsake me,*" is NOT a prayer you need to pray. If you are in Christ that is not even a possibility. God is faithful. We may have some fair-weather friends but we do not have a fair-weather Heavenly Father.

There are dog-days of summer when it's too hot, and the doldrums of winter when it is too cold, but God is our strength in ALL seasons. His promises never fail. So go to Him! He will call you and then start to move you out of your sad self-focus. Hebrews 12 encourages us: "***Let us fix our eyes on Jesus...Consider him who endured such opposition to sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.... Strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet.***"

From daily personal experience I can tell you that if you begin your day in prayer and God's Word, it will be different. Your plans and the execution of those plans will be absolutely changed. Your reactions within the day will be poles apart. As you spend time in prayer and his Word, he puts sanity and good sense into your mind and his love into your heart.

Friends, the key to new life is not self-esteem, self-improvement, positive thinking, nor a pep-talk. It's CHRIST IN YOU! Go to Him. You need it more than coffee, than breakfast, than email or status updates. Treats and comforts aren't enough. We know that. The Holy Spirit working within you is the engine of all that is good in your life. Begin your day with Him!

*Mark*

Lamentations 3:22-23 "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are NEW every morning. Great is thy faithfulness."

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**Condolences to Juanita Thompson:** in the loss of her younger brother! There were 2 funerals. One in California and one in Texas.

**Eagles Fellowship Meal TODAY** we will have a delicious ***Chili Cookoff*** with all the fixings! Dave Williams and his taste-testers will be choosing the best chili. Team 3 will be in charge of set-up and clean-up.

### **BABY SHOWER Next Week!**

**for Sarah Gafgen-Smith Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at **Babies-R-Us & at Amazon.com.**

➤ **Please Sign-up to bring food**

Questions? See Pam Goen or Donna Mansdoerfer

### **Men's & Ladies Classes Begin Today!**

through April 15, Ladies and Men will each have their own ***Sunday Bible Classes at 9:30AM.*** The Ladies will be in the Auditorium and the men downstairs in the Fellowship Room.

**Ladies' Class:** We will be studying from the book The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love With the God Jesus Knows by James Bryan Smith. (There will be copies of the book available for purchase (\$15), but you do not need to have a copy to participate in the class.) See Becky Finn to purchase the book.

### **❖ Ladies Prayer Time- Wednesday Nights:**

at 8:00PM there will be a time of prayer during the weeks of our ladies' class. Please meet in the Jr-High room promptly at 8:00 and we will end promptly at 8:30. **Prayer cards are available for women to provide requests starting Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in Ladies' Class.** **Also, email or text Nawana** with any prayer requests/questions/suggestions during the week:

856-906-5076 or NawanaC@yahoo.com

**Deacons & Elders Meet at Powers' Home,**  
**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>:** on Monday, at 6:30 PM. **Dinner is included!**

**The New Bible Class of Young Adults:** The Young Adults will be moving to a classroom.

**Youth Group:** Is at WINTERFEST! On **Friday, February 23** they will meet at the building 7-9pm

**Haircuts for Missions:** March 3

**Volunteers are needed for the month of March**  
Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and help if you can!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Dave Williams

**Welcome & Scripture:** Tony Ceraso Jr. (Psalm 73:1-26)

**Opening Prayer:** Rich Fabi

**Lord's Supper:** Jess Nitla, Tony Sr., Tim Davis, John Corbett

**Scripture Before Message:** Dave Cook (1 Cor.12:7-11)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Rick Boyle

**Greeters:** Dave C., Hardee P., Debbie P., Lillian N.

**Nursery: Norma & Jaela** Next Week: Carmen & Marguerite

**Purple Cleaning Team:** Feb. 21-24 Becky Coordinates

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Minister

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

**Worship..... 103**

**Bible Class..... 59**

**Wednesday..... 27**

**Contribution..... \$4,138**

**Budget Goal..... \$4,260**

**Daily Bible Readers: 24**

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

*The Sun Rises.*

*Each New Day is the Gift of God.*



*The PEACE of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Phil. 4:7*