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# Spring Is Here!

## **Spring Cleaning**

I was in my garage this past weekend looking around at the disaster I had created over the Winter season and was amazed at how quickly "stuff" can begin to pile up. The mess created a suffocating clutter that I knew had to go! Just then the sun came out and the air began to warm. I grabbed a broom and for the next couple of hours found myself delighting in Spring cleaning with both garage doors wide open. Don't get me wrong, the work was tiring and messy, but when I finished it felt as if the garage itself had taken on a whole new life.

## Jesus Delights in Making All Things New

In Revelation 21:5 we see Jesus sitting on His throne not just saying, but exclaiming these words, "Look! I am making everything new." I envision the excitement on Jesus' face when at this point He has conquered death, won the battle against the enemy, and now is reclaiming all of God's creation. Imagine when Jesus arrived on earth and looked around at what His world had become. The effects of sin were fully visible, and I picture Jesus thinking, "What happened?" But instead of just complaining about how bad things were or reprimanding those who were sinning, He rolled up His sleeves and got His hands dirty. The Spring cleaning that Jesus began, though it was tiring, was delightful to Him. His motivation was love.

## **Spring Cleaning Our Lives**

Many of us will admit that our lives are in great need of spiritual Spring cleaning. The clutter of sin that has infiltrated our lives has caused us a great deal of stress, difficulty, and guilt. Jesus does not want us to live this way. This is why He came to die on the cross for our sins: past, present, and future. He wants us to come to Him in repentance asking for forgiveness and receiving mercy and grace. Jesus also gives us some great advice in Matthew 12:43-45 when He warns us that when we rid our lives of sin, we need to replace it with righteousness. Otherwise, our Spring cleaning will only make more room for corruption to return stronger than before. So, let's do some spiritual Spring cleaning by confessing our sins to Jesus in repentance and replacing the clutter with holiness.

Let's do come cleaning!

## Celebrations:

- ⇒ Students have continued to take huge steps in leading for Jesus the past month. I'm amazed to see how students have taken charge and lead on Wednesday evenings. From praying in front of their peers, leading the game time, running the sound and slides, to helping out in our group time. It's great to see students taking steps in not just deepening their faith, but doing good works alongside their faith.
- ⇒ Speaking of students taking big leaps in serving on Wednesday nights, we even had a student step up to preach on April 20<sup>th</sup>! There are some great ways God is using our kiddos for His kingdom.

## #JesusStrongYouth



## **Upcoming Stuff:**

- ⇒ It's official, graduation season is here! Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is our Grad Sunday where we get to celebrate the 2022 graduates. There will be cake and a slideshow featuring our grads from this year, so be sure to not miss out on it. Our 2022 Grads include Shannon Murphy, David Martin, Matthew Nash, Hannah Williamson, Thea Scanlon, Macy Stanley, Maccoy Castillo, and Dylan Dahlgren
- ⇒ On top of having our normal Grad Sunday on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we're also celebrating the Graduates at Youth Group on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. So be sure to bring the graduates to Youth Group on the 11<sup>th</sup> so we can pray for and encourage our grads.
- ⇒ On Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, #JesusStrongYouth and #JesusStrongKids are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Youth Talent Show. This is where our kids and teens can show off their skills to their peers and practice encouraging one another. There will be food, drinks, and LOTS of fun/entertainment. So be sure to have your kiddo come on the 18<sup>th</sup> to *care* for their peers by encouraging them.
- ⇒ CAMP FORMS ARE IN! We're goin' to summer camp from Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can grab a form by the main entrance or from Caleb's office. If you sign up before June 12<sup>th</sup>, you'll also be able to save \$30 with the early bird registration. You can also sign up online at greatlandchristiancamp.org. Church camp is a great time where your kiddo can get away, connect with God and others, and take steps in becoming #JesusStrong.

5. 1 Congregational Potluck 12pm

5. 8 Mother's Day

5. 15 Graduation Sunday

7. 30 Memorial Day

## Services

### Sunday

Adult Bible Study: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am Classes available for ages infant to 5th grade.

#### Wednesday

#JesusStrongKids <u>Grades 1st-5th</u>:
6:30pm-7:30pm
#JesusStrongYouth <u>Grades 6th-12th</u>:
6:30pm-8pm

#### Online

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am Thursday Live Mid Day Prayer: (Noon)



## **Our 2022 Graduates:**

Maccoy Castillo
Dylan Dahlgren
David Martin
Shannon Murphy
Matthew Nash
Thea Scanlon
Macy Stanley
Hannah Williamson

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