

WELCOME



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Today's Scripture: "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praises the name of the Lord!" In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God" (Job 1:21,22).

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And don't let us yield to temptation. but deliver us from evil.* For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Today is the first Sunday of the Spring season! Spring is the season following winter and preceding summer. When it is spring here in the Northern Hemisphere, it is autumn in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa. At the spring (or vernal) equinox, days and nights are approximately twelve hours long, with day length increasing and night length decreasing as the season progresses.

Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and it is a symbol to all of us of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth. Subtropical and tropical areas have climates better described in terms of other seasons, e.g. dry or wet, monsoonal or cyclonic. Some cultures have local names for seasons which have little similarity to our seasonal references, which originated in Europe and are based on the tilt of the Earth.

Spring is a time of warming weather and nature coming back to life. As 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, leaving the old dead parts of life behind, symbolized by winter, and embrace the refreshing, warmer, life-giving season of Spring. Christ gives us hope during the coldest, darkest winters of our lives, but spring demonstrates that new life will come after cold winters, even in our lives.

Scripture references Spring in multiple places. Here are three examples:

"Look, the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone. The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come, and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air" (Song of Songs 2:11,12).

"Ask the Lord for rain in the spring, for he makes the storm clouds. And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture" (Zechariah 10:1).

“Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near” (James 5:7-8).

“For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be quiet and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Women's Five Aspects Study: This week the women will continue their study on the Five Aspects of Woman, led by Gayle Haggard, at her home at 1865 Old Ranch Rd., from 10am-1pm. All women are welcome! The morning study will be followed by a potluck lunch. Feel free to bring a dish to share. (Even if you don't have time to put a dish together, come anyway. We always have plenty.) And those who would like may stay for fellowship and games afterwards. Call Gayle for more information at 331-3055. No childcare, but you are welcome to bring your little ones if you'd like.

corePurpose class will discuss motivation and where it comes from. Have you ever wondered why you were not motivated to get something done, or why you were highly motivated in another direction? Right now, some of you are motivated to attend corePurpose, while others are motivated to attend the Wednesday Bible study every week. Why? That is the subject this Tuesday. The corePurpose class meets on Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30. You are invited to attend.

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Welcome to St. James Church: We communicate primarily through e-mail, so if you would like to receive details about schedule, events, etc., please ask an usher for a Connection Card, fill it out and put it in one of the offering boxes located by each door.

Children's Check-In, Nursery, and Children's Church: Newborns through 5th grade, may be checked in at the desk in the nursery/toddler area north of the Living Room immediately upon arrival at church. Babies and toddlers may be received by nursery workers at that time (or at their parents' discretion), and all other children may worship with their parents in the main service and then go to their classes during the greeting time. Contact: Kim Garcia, (719) 322-7218.

Royal Rangers: This is an exciting Christian program for young men 5-18. It meets at 5:00 every Sunday afternoon here at the church. Contact: Bob Pace, (719) 351-8087.

Youth Ministry: Every Sunday night from 6:30 to 8:30, our students meet at Dave and Valerie Simonds' home, 9140 Melbourne Drive, in Briargate. Everyone is encouraged to bring their Bibles. Questions? Call Alex Behling at (719) 330-9806.

Men's Ministry: Pastor Ted Haggard meets with men in the Upper Room, Suite 206, every Wednesday night at 7:00, (719) 338-0079, and Pastor Kevin Guttman leads the Springs Men's Group in the Irwin Center, at 6:15 AM on Tuesdays, (719) 357-3277.

Women's Ministry: Gayle Haggard meets with women for Bible Study and discussion Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm. Contact: Gayle Haggard, (719) 331-3055.

corePurpose group led by Pastor Jack Woloshun is held every Tuesday night here at the church. Come in the north-west door and you will see a sign directing you to the class location. It meets every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For details, call Pastor Jack at (719) 510-3468.

Communion: Every Sunday the Lord's Supper is available for you at the south side of the Living Room during the worship service.

Pastoral Counseling: Pastor Jack Woloshun is available to you and your family by calling (719) 510-3468.

Ted and Gayle Haggard: If you need to contact Pastor Ted, his cell is (719) 338-0079. Gayle Haggard's cell is (719) 331-3055.

Beverages in the Living Room: Please do not bring any drinks other than water into the Living Room. Your cooperation is appreciated.