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Spring Meadows Church of Christ

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Rejoice!

We rejoice with Braden Fitzgerald who was baptized into Christ last Sunday night! He is the son of Mike & Nicole Thomas! We are so proud of Braden and his decision to follow Jesus!!

The Tie That Binds

by Dale Jenkins

Where would you begin to review a year like we have just experienced? Much planning, prayer and many hopes and dreams pushed us into 2015. The expectations were high. And - they - were - EXCEEDED! We praise God who makes every good thing happen and we congratulate you, the folks who attend Spring Meadows, for participating in the victories of the past year. So many FIRSTS happened this year. It was indeed a year in which so many of us were **"Consumed By Compassion."** Thank you.

It was a hard year from this side of the clouds as we grieved in the deep pain over the loss of our dear sisters, **Angie and Mykal.** However, when we dig deeper into our spirits, even those were the greatest of victories. We have faith that they **won** the victory before us.

By the numbers, our weekly attendance grew and our contributions were the best they have ever been. Both of these good factors allowed us to minister more. The elders decided to add some more seating and the teen classroom was expanded.

Ministry-wise **Spring Meadows Academy** continues to bless many lives and to be our greatest immediate outreach. **The Pantry** really grew in it's purpose and vision. And YOUR hearts were touched again and again and YOU responded always bigger than we could ask for.

From a leadership standpoint our elders are united, and love God, you, and each other. They love working together. Your staff - Larry, Jerry, Susan and I each feel blessed to work with the others and feel honored to be a part of this team.

What does 2016 hold? God knows....and He will use it for GOOD, to accomplish His mission of "leading many to glory!" From this side of the sky much work has been done and we have some wonderful things we are excited about. We must not lose heart or take our mind off the Prize. We must remember we have an enemy who is evil and conniving BUT we have a God who possesses more power in his little finger than the evil one could muster in an eternity. Trust Him. I love Spring Meadows because I love you. Thanks for letting me be your preacher.

Children's Bible Hour Sunday mornings for ages 2 to 2nd Grade!

Two-year old Bible Hour will meet in the 2 year old classroom located behind the Nursery. **Bible Hour for ages 3-8 will meet in the kitchen.

Teachers for JAN.: TBD

Nursery Attendants: Cathy Swiercz and Kate Nichols

Join us at the -CHRISTIAN CORRAL-

for Parables with Pudge

Wednesday nights at 7 pm

This Week:The Leaven/Mustard Seed

Parables study for ages PreK to 5th grade! Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, puppet shows & more!!

THEME for 2016:

Remember in Prayer

Teresa Netterville will be having major back surgery on January 5th at WMC.

Kristie Batts is recovering from surgery that she had last Monday at WMC. She was scheduled to go home on Thursday.

Jen Thorne has been hospitalized recently w/ a collapsed lung.

Robert Brent has been down in his back and **Leanne & Staley** have both been sick.

Corrine Smith (grandmother of Caroline Sparrow) fell and fractured her hip before the holidays. She had surgery and is recovering in Augusta, GA.

Virginia Curtis (mother of Ray Curtis) is 99 years old and in the nursing home in Murfreesboro & needs our prayers.

Expectant Moms: Allison Crump, Laura Thurman and Kate Nichols.

Continue to Remember: Garrett Moore, Evelyn Johnston, William Osborne.

SYMPATHY: We extend our love and sympathy to **Kimberly Ludwig** and family on the death of her mother, Betty Burner. She passed away just before Christmas. Funeral was held on Dec. 22 in Louisville, OH.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the kindness and love you have shown me and my family during my mom's illness and passing. I appreciate every kind word, text, hug, message, and prayer. Thank you also for the beautiful flower arrangement. We are blessed to be a part of this church family. *Kimberly Ludwig*

Upcoming Events...

New Adult Bible Class Schedule (Jan. thru March)

Sunday Nights:

Joe Chester-How we got the Bible (Aud.)
Lucas Rogers-Modern Day Struggles (hallway)
Brent Spicer-Financial Peace class (office)
Gregg Lawrence-Studies from the Ten Commandments (class by office)
Elders-Book of Matthew (kitchen)

Wednesday Nights:

Dale Jenkins (Aud.) TBD
Tracy Grimes/various teachers-
Ladies Class: "Overcomers" (hallway)

College Secret Friend REVEAL MEAL Monday, January 4 at 6:30 pm at SM!! Volunteers: Please see Tonya Spicer or email her at bspicer2000@yahoo.com to sign up for food. College secret friends: RSVP to Tonya if you can attend!!

MEN'S RETREAT DAY ON JANUARY 30 - At a lodge in Centerville. We will leave the building at 8:00 and return at 4:00. Chris & Dave will organize lunch! There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the back. Please sign up ASAP!

Announcements

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet on Thursday, January 7 at 9:30 am at the home of Susan Campbell (2932 McLemore Cir./ Franklin). We'll be watching the "Helmet of Salvation" DVD in the ***Armor of God*** study by Priscilla Shirer. All ladies welcome!

FREE Digital Parenting Seminars at Columbia Academy at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Led by Chad Landman -No reservations are required and refreshments will be served. Jan. 4: Digital Parenting: What You Need to Know / Jan. 7: Social Media 101 / Jan. 14: iOS Parental Controls & Safety for Apple Devices.

Special Year-End Contribution: Total stands at **$35,121.** The elders would like to thank everyone for their commitment to SM and spirit of generosity. The elders have begun sending out a monthly ***Shepherds' Voice*** email with news, encouragement, etc. via the members@ list. If you are not receiving it, please let Caleb Boyd know.

By the Numbers

Attendance last 2 weeks:

Sunday Morning.....426/355
Sunday P.M.....?? /200
Wednesday Night.....82/ ??

Contribution: $11,189.26
Weekly Budget: $11,104.00

Spring Meadows Youth Group

TODAY, JANUARY 3 / 5-8 pm - Spring Meadows hosts the Area-Wide! Our speaker will be Malvin Sanders from Highland! Our theme for the night is "From Strangers to Disciples." **Worship is at 5:00 and Dinner at 6:00, then second service at 7:00.** Hope to see everyone there!

Evangelism University. January 15-17 in Savannah, TN. Cost is $40 plus 4 meals. This for grades 9 thru college.

CYC is Feb. 26-28, 2016 in Gatlinburg. A $50 deposit is now due. Please turn in your deposit to Emily Heffington TODAY if you have not already done so!

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