

# VISION

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## TODAY

### CYC Meeting

Parents and students meet up front following morning services. Forms are due today.

### Pathfinders Outing

Lunch and SkyZone following services. Bring \$5 for Skyzone and money for lunch. See Mallory or Angie with questions.

### In Times of Distress, Jesus

Garth Pinkston

In John 11:1-12:9 we have the story of Lazarus, Mary, Martha, and Jesus. As we have gone through two years of a pandemic and recent deaths that have affected many of our members, let me share a few implications from the story of Lazarus' death taken from a book by W. Scott Sager I recently read:

1. **God's ways will not always make sense to us. If they did He would not be God.** The case against God can be easily stated from the Lazarus story this way: How can two sisters trust and love a God who let their brother die? If God is both loving and powerful, why did Lazarus die before his time? This is the greatest challenge to the christian faith among those who are agnostics or atheists. God's countersuit against the sisters can likewise be stated: If God's children do not suffer, they are not wise. If they are not wise, they are not blessed. Therefore, if they do not suffer, how can they be blessed?

2. **It is okay to question God, and even cry out in frustration towards Him.** King David was known as "the man after God's own heart," and he modeled for those who follow after him how to respond to Almighty God. Read the Psalms, beginning with Psalms 22, to see the amazing "conversation of the heart" David shared with God. David's cry of abandonment, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" was given as a gift to God followers who would come after David, that we might have a rich language from which to speak to a Holy God.

3. **No matter how deep our darkness, God is still deeper.** When Mary and Martha were at their darkest moment, Jesus showed that the words of the Psalmist were true: "Even the darkness will not be dark to you." (Psalm 139:12), for in Jesus is light that shines out of darkness. As it was for David it will be for you: "the Lord turned my darkness into light" (2 Samuel 22:29).

Whether you agree or disagree, some words for thought.

*\*A special thanks to Dan for the great lessons the last two weeks. We are so blessed to have talented men to preach and teach.*

### SUNDAY BIBLE HOUR

**Nursery - up to 24 months**  
Leanne Brent and Ashley Woronka  
**Room 2 - 2 & 3 year olds**  
Lauren Mallard and Allison Mason  
**Room 3 - 4's - PreK**  
Denise Dillingham and Brooke Kalb  
**Room 6 - Kdg - 1st**  
Nicole Thomas and Shay Ballinger

### SUNDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 5:00pm.  
**Up to 24 months** - Nursery  
2's & 3's - Rm 2  
4's - Rm 3, **K & 1st** - Rm 6  
**2nd & 3rd** - Rm 4, **4th & 5th** - Rm 8  
**6th -12th** - Teen Rooms  
**Colossians** - (Aud) Dan, Dale and Tom  
**Mere Christianity** - (Kitchen) Matthew Ruiz  
**Growing In Faith** - (Hallway) Carl Grimes  
**College** - (Elder's Rm) Jacob Netterville

### WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 6:30pm.  
Please go directly to class.  
**Up to 24 months** - Nursery  
2's & 3's - Room 2  
4's - 1st - Room 3  
**2nd - 5th** - Room 8  
**6th -12th** - Teen Rooms  
**College** - (Fr. Classroom) - Bryan Basham  
**Sermon on the Mt** - (Aud) - Scott Ford  
**Genesis** - (Hallway) - Gregg Lawrence

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Sylvia Daniel's** 3 week old great granddaughter, Rose Daniel, underwent a major surgery Thursday. The surgery went well. Please remember Rose and her family in your prayers as she recovers.

**Continue to Remember:** Sue Thorton, Ed McCormick, Nancy Heffington, Adkins Family, Caroline Thurman, Bill Price, and Margaret Curtis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Family Retreat

March 25 - 27 at Camp Meribah in Centerville, TN.  
Chuck Morris will be our speaker.



Please pray for our Spring Meadows Youth Group and their chaperones as they travel to CYC this weekend in Pigeon Forge, TN.



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Practices have started! If you haven't heard from your coach yet, please reach out to them.

Please contact Billy Martin at [bkm339@gmail.com](mailto:bkm339@gmail.com) if you need a 2021 Contribution Statement from Spring Meadows for your taxes.

Dear Family,

You are amazing! Thank you so much for all of the acts of love, words of support and encouragement, beautiful text messages, hugs and endless prayers for us during the illness and passing of my sweet mom, Doris Cline.

We truly felt covered-and still do- in prayer and love. My mom was so happy that we are a part of such an amazing Family of God!

Love,

Mary Beth Arnold and Family

## BY THE NUMBERS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Sunday Worship Service.....439  
Sunday Evening Classes.....225  
Wednesday Night Classes.....199  
Contribution: \$21,270.00

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**Email Tonya to reserve the building.**

## SPRING MEADOWS YOUTH GROUP

What a great time to be a Spring Meadows! Spring is not far away and a lot of activities are coming up for the Youth Group!

**TODAY** - Area-Wide at Highland. After the worship, we will go to Tenn-Penn Lanes. Cost is \$10 for unlimited bowling and laser tag/arcade.

**Monday** - The Garage Bible Study 7pm at our house - 106 Oak Drive, Columbia

**Wednesday** - Bible Bowl practice for ALL of Lads to Leaders participants at 5pm.

**Friday** - CYC! We have nearly 100 going!

### Coming Up!

**The Lomax Youth Rally** has been rescheduled for March 5 (one day only). Sign up on the Youth Board if you plan to attend.

**Horizons at FHU** sign ups are taking place now. This is for those who have FINISHED grade 7-12. You pay \$100 and Spring Meadows will pay the balance. Have questions? Please ask me. It is a great program and I would love to have your children there! You can find out more at [flu.edu/horizons](http://flu.edu/horizons).



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