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THE TIE THAT BINDS

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Ongoing.

I think that is the hardest thing about the last 5-6 months, that this is ongoing. We don't know a whole lot more than we did when this started. We often don't know what is wisest, we don't know if masks work or how they do, we get different reports on how long to guarantine, on how far to socially distance, on the progress of vaccines and pharmaceuticals. I imagine a lot of experts will, a few vears from now, look mighty foolish. I know most any prediction I've tried to make has been wrong. I remember standing out front passing out communion that first Saturday, March 23, and saying, "This will probably last about two weeks and we'll be back." Yeah. Obviously when it comes to medical advice, I'm not your go-to source. But here are a few things I can tell you with certainty will work:

 If you are neglecting your spiritual life during this time or just "mailing it in" or treating worship as something just to be watched, you are seriously jeopardizing your soul. Prepare to worship, pray about your worship, plan to worship. If you happen to still be at home on Sunday, it is going to take MORE effort to connect NOT less.

- 2. Connect with other Christians: Community is as important as ever. Whether it's a weekly call to a trusted Christian friend, lunch on your patio with prayer and a Bible reading with a small group, or a Zoom call where you join in, God never intended on us being "Lone-Ranger Christians."
- 3. Keep your kids connected: This will be an increasing challenge. BUT if you are a parent, this is your responsibility! If you are not keeping your children engaged during this time because it is hard, you will regret it.
- 4. Pray for Spring Meadows more directly pray for our elders. I talk with many elders and ministers about their leadership and what I've noticed is that they are all do-

ing the best they can. BUT of all the Shepherds I know, I know ours best and I know they are making every effort to make the best decisions for this Body. To not just do what is easy, but to think through the why's and when's and how's of all of each decision. I know how they are praying for you all. So, would you pray for them. For their patience and endurance, for their wisdom, for their own spirituality. And pray that as a Family here we will not just survive but thrive. That we will not just get by during this time but that we will grow and flourish.

And, remember, I love you all!



Vacation Bible School Sunday Nights at 4pm Beginning June 7th

via YouTube or Facebook

Singing, Bible lessons, puppet shows, crafts and more!

Invite your friends to watch!

SPRING MEADOWS GRUNCH OF CHRIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FINDING

JESUS

UNDER THE SEA

EVERY SUNDATONLINE STARTING JUNE AH AT 4PM

ADULT CLASSES

Sunday Night at 5pm via Building, Zoom or Facebook

Dan Winkler 1st, 2nd, 3rd John

Wednesday Night at 6:30pm via Zoom or Facebook Various Guest Teachers

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kristy Watson has asked for prayers for her daughter, Khloe, as they are making some medical decisions for her recently diagnosed scoliosis.

Expectant Mothers: Jessica Harber, Shay Ballinger.

Continue to Remember: Sue Bell, Teresa Guiliani, Adkins Family, Frances Schroeder, Bill Price, Margaret Curtis, Caroline Thurman and Phillip Brown.

Guests.

Please help us know you better by checking in at: smcoc.net Church Life Guest Check-In

HELP NEEDED



Pantry Items Needed: Pancake Syrup Jelly Ketchup Mayonnaise Canned Meats

Angie Basham is looking for

"Welcome to SMA"

first day of school greeters

If you can help on September 2nd or 8th from 8:30-10, please contact Angle at 931-446-3699 or angiesmcoc@gmail.com for more details.



Families of children 0 - 12th Grade

Family Bible Study

Sunday night August 30th 5 - 6:30 pm Side parking lot (bring chairs)

Dinner will follow class.

You must RSVP by THIS Friday August 28th.

There is a link to the sign-up sheet in the Sunday e-mail.

BY THE NUMBERS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

In person attendance......281 Total Sunday Morning......451

\$13,967.00 Contribution:

Spring Meadows Youth Group

Don't forget these things coming up!!!!

Today - Bible Zoom Class at 6:30pm

Monday Night - The Garage Bible Study at 7pm

Wednesday Night - Bible Study at the Building (outside) 6-8pm

August 30th - Family Bible Study and Dinner afterwards. You must sign up so we know how many will be eating.

September 2nd- Welcome for our INCOMING 6th graders We will have a special evening at the building! More info to come.

September 13 - Area wide at Woodland Park in Columbia No Meal furnished

Parents, if your child is involved in any extra-curricular activities (sports-band-theater-etc), please let me know. I would love to attend some of the events! Email or text me vour schedules!

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