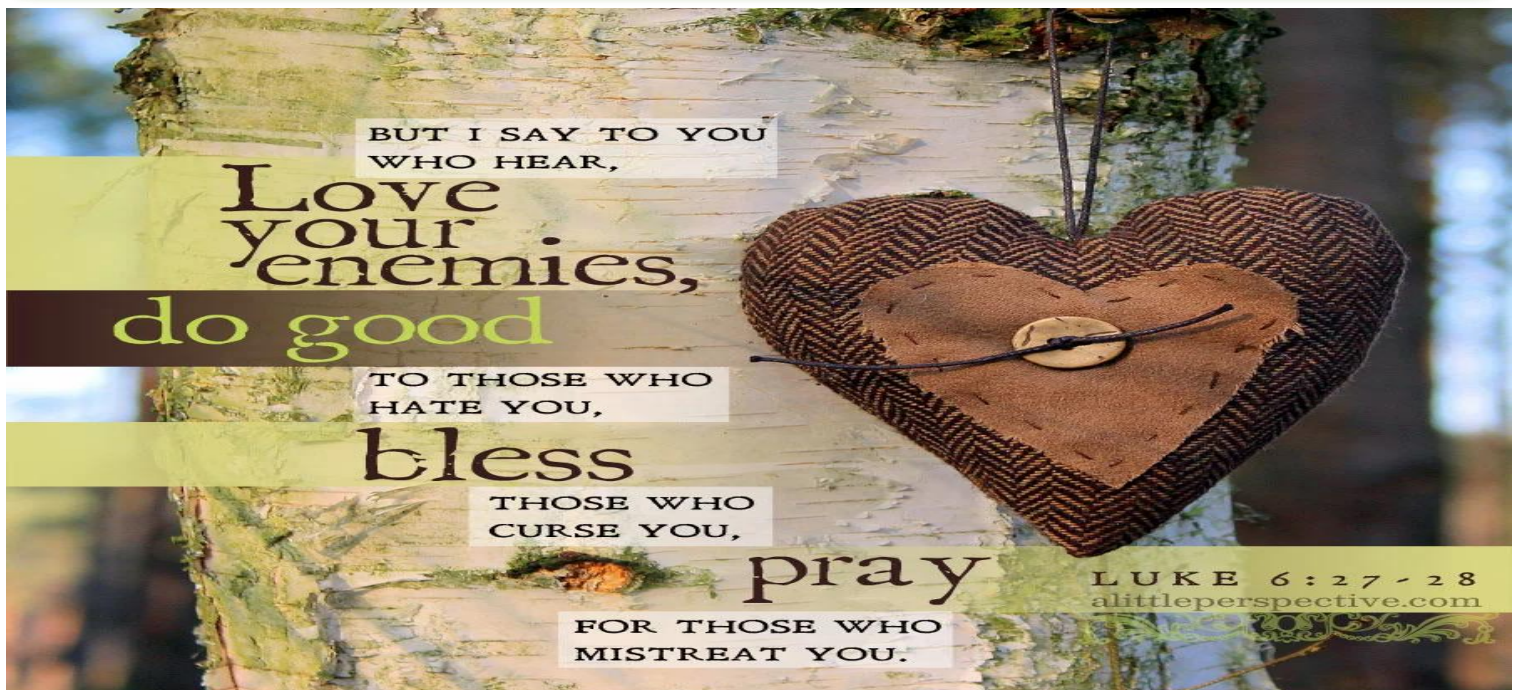


# The Baptist Breeze

First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



*March 2025*





### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Deacons: Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Christian Ed: Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Trustees: Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

GBW Board: Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### **MARCH GREETERS**

Parking Lot: Jeanne Sisson

Carport: Arlen Miller

### **MARCH WELCOME CENTER**

Kayla Yeakley

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

- Mar. 2 - June Cotterman/Karan Faust  
Brent Anderson/ Jeanne Miller
- Mar. 9 - Brooke Miller/Aaron Miller  
Audrey Leicht/Patty Ingram
- Mar. 16 - Rita Long/Amanda Walker  
Brenda Parker/Jeff Parker
- Mar. 23 - Liberty Harp/Alachia Sturgess  
Denise Morgan/Anita Keeney
- Mar. 30 - Carol Greenburg/Lisa Miller  
Karen Troutman/Jeanne Sisson

### **MUFFIN MINISTRY**

- Mar. 2 - Gabrielle Anderson
- Mar. 9 - Rachelle Leicht
- Mar. 16 - June Cotterman
- Mar. 23 - Russell Stier
- Mar. 30 - Amber Cooper

### **DOOR USHERS**

- Mar. 2 - Floyd Shaw
- Mar. 9 - Dennis Long
- Mar. 16 - Rodney Thompson
- Mar. 23 - Neil Rouch
- Mar. 30 - Brian Riley

### **DEACONS ON CALL**

- Mar. 2 - David Austin
- Mar. 9 - Dan Miller
- Mar. 16 - Jeff Parker
- Mar. 23 - John Troutman
- Mar. 30 - Aaron Miller

The **BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: [www.galvestonfbc.org](http://www.galvestonfbc.org)

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online. Click on the "What's Happening" link.

### **LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies' Praise the Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

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574-699-6394

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**Deadline** for the *April Baptist Breeze* is **Wednesday March 26th.**

**The Baptist Breeze will be printed and put in the foyer on the Sunday prior to the first of each month.**

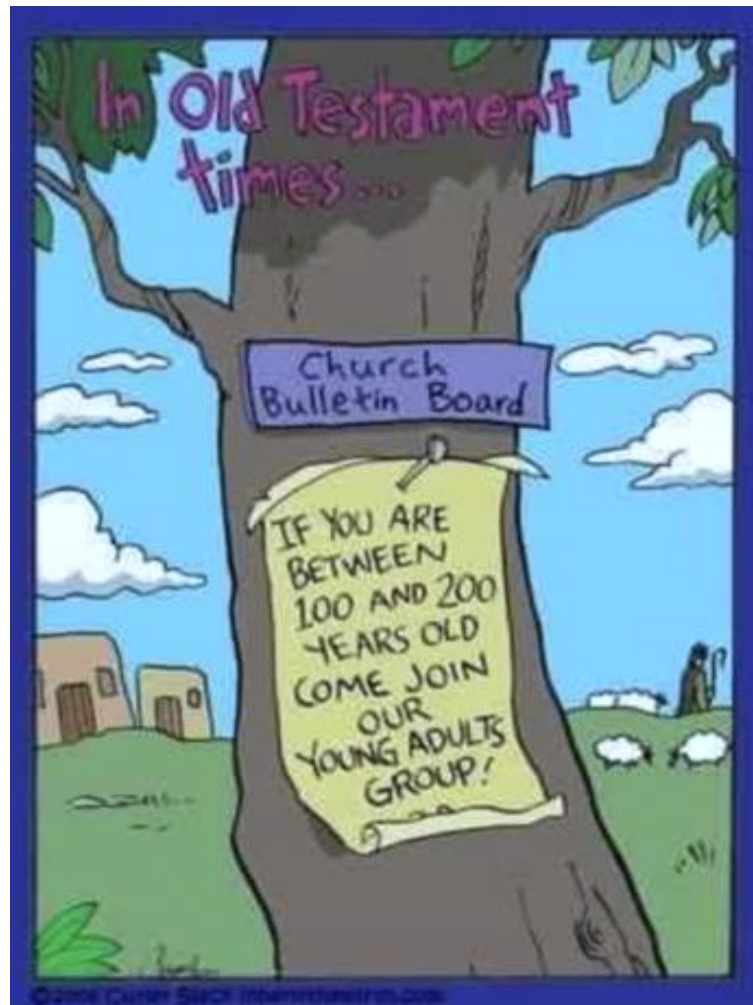
If you have any news you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

### **"TEXT GO GIVE"**

You may now give your tithes & offerings via text message. Text "GIVE" to 765.302.4564 and follow the prompts.

### **LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY**

If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit from one of our Lighthouse Visitation Ministry members, please contact the church office M-F 9a-2p. 574.699.6243





# Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Widows Group will **NOT** be meeting again until Spring. Please see the bulletin for updates.

## MOB

MOB (Men of Breakfast) is a monthly event sponsored by the GFBC Board of Deacons. This is a free breakfast located in the upper fellowship hall. A speaker will follow along with fellowship. **MOB WILL BE MEETING MAR. 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 8AM.**

## GBW

Save the Date!

The Galveston Baptist Women are inviting the men of the church to join them as they plan a bus trip to the Logansport State Hospital Museum.

We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m.

The Tour is at 10:00 a.m. It is sure to be a learning experience! Jodi Osenbaugh has arranged for a guided tour of this historic property.

The Longcliff Museum located in the 1888 building that once housed the administrative offices, displays artifacts that are all original to the hospital. The museum showcases the history of Logansport State Hospital through artwork, artifacts, documents and displays in order to honor the

memory of our employees and patients, past and present.

Following the tour we will have lunch at West Side Diner. Hope you plan to attend!



## *Outreaches*

We will be collecting individually wrapped Easter Candy for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Please make sure the candy is small enough to pack into the plastic eggs.

## *Family Fun Night*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be our next GFBC Family Fun Night. This month will be GAME NIGHT so bring your favorite family games, and a snack to share for some great fellowship and fun.

The event is from 5-7pm. Invite your friends and family and join us!

Wanderers 

TREKKERS 

SUMMIT 

**WANDERERS** Nursery is available during Sunday Service.

**TREKKERS** church is held during regular Sunday service each week. On the last Sunday of the month, they will be with the congregation.

**SUMMIT** meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. This is for grades 6-12.



Youth Led Sunday was held February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Summit Youth group led the entire worship service for GFBC.

# March 2025

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Cheryl Snider Contribution	Willow Lander	Deacons Meeting 7p			Pastor Sean & Amber On Vacation Allichia Sturgess	Pastor Sean & Amber On Vacation Ellen VerBryck
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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	Pastor Sean & Amber On Vacation GBW Cross America (Dinner & Packing) Michael Currell	Bill Sanders Mary Johnson	Marlene Riley			Antia Keeney GBFC Family Game Night 5-7p
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Dorell Loring	Joyce Myers	GBW Meeting: 6:30p	Brian & Shelly Riley Makayla Snider			MCOB @ Barn Shirley Finney
30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5

# Soles to Souls

## WALKING THE WALK



Walkers bundle up as they go from the Rescue Mission to Open Arms and back during Walk a Mile on Saturday morning.

*Article & photos courtesy of the Kokomo Tribune, February 24, 2025*

With the temperatures hovering just below 20 degrees, hundreds of community members gathered Saturday morning for the Kokomo Rescue Mission's 24<sup>th</sup> "Walk A Mile In My Shoes" fundraiser.

Proceeds from the annual event benefit the children's shelters – Watered Garden and Open Arms.

According to Mission officials, Watered Carden and Open Arms were used a total of 18,792 times in 2024, with an average of 52 women and children staying in one of the two shelters each night.

And while Saturday's crowd was a good mixture of first-time walkers and veteran participants, everyone came to the event with specific goals in mind; raising awareness and

shedding stigma about those experiencing homelessness and near-homelessness.

"I have a heart for people that are lost and hurting," Jessica Calderon, who's walked in the fundraiser for the past several years, told the Tribune on Saturday as she walked from the Mission to Open Arms and back. "It's beautiful to see the community come together to kind of be their (individuals experiencing homelessness) voice."

After all, there's power in numbers, Calderon noted, and you never really understand a person until you walk in their shoes.

Matt Floyd, who was walking alongside his son Kellar, agreed with Calderon.



"I've been in places of poverty throughout my years," he said. "I've had times where I couldn't walk at all, so to be able to come out and support others and have the opportunity to share Jesus with them is just ... I love what they're doing here."

Along with the actual walking part of the fundraiser, participants were also able to tour Watered Garden and Open Arms on Saturday and listen to stories of those who reside there.

And that's where the Tribune caught up with the Hancock family.

"Anything that helps us have eyes to see the reality of our world and not just live in our little sheltered visions of what we think our community looks like is good," said Josh Hancock, standing with his wife Mindy and children Maleah and Ethan. "We're trying to see our full community... so anything that helps us to do that is helping us to see reality."

That reality is something Mission Communications Coordinator Kasey Woolslare said she sees every day. And that's why fundraisers like Walk A Mile In My Shoes are so important, she said. Not only is the event the only fundraiser the Mission runs every year, but it also shed a light on those individuals – particularly the women and children – who rely on the mission's shelters.

"This is an educational event," she said. "You can hear that we have shelters for women and children in Kokomo or Howard County or the surrounding counties, but it's so different to come and see for yourself what it's like in the shelter. You can

hear people's stories, Woolslare added, "but to come here and see it, it's just different when you can see it. It's like you can hear about somebody, but until you meet them, you don't really know that person. It's the same thing with the shelters."

Because homelessness can happen to anyone, and we all could be just a "bad circumstance" away from experiencing it ourselves, she admitted.

"So the support you're providing today could possibly end up being support for you or a loved one," Woolslare noted. "Because you just never really know. This is our village. We're taking care of our village. And I really encourage every single person who lives in Howard County and the surrounding areas to come and see the amazing work that's going on here. It's transforming lives."





# Experience News



Hey Everyone!

We have been working for about a month on Javier, Jendry, and James' home repairs. It's been absolutely incredible to see the progress!! I have been very limited in my involvement due to my broken wrist, so I'll mention a couple of things then let one of the participants share part of their story.

I would like to take a moment to say that we have reached (or have pledged for) \$26,000 of the \$30,000 goal to complete this project! If anyone else would like to help us take some more steps towards the finish line, that would be amazing!







We have had 3 days of local volunteers walking alongside this family. Each of the volunteers have been a blessing to us and the family,



*Each of you should use whatever gift(s) you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

*1 Peter 4:10*

Saying I had some reservations about going on this trip was an understatement! I've not gone on a mission trip in 24 years, and a lot has happened during that time: marriage, kids, life, etc.. What an amazing blessing that I finally allowed God complete control, something that I have been working on; relinquishing control.

Experience Costa Rica, Jenny Lee, and Kim are doing amazing things! God's calling in their lives shows through with everything they do! Working on Javi's home solidified even more that going on this trip was what God needed me/us to do. Being His hands and feet planted so many seeds that even the language barriers could not hinder what His calling of us was. Experiencing this opportunity has been nothing short of a blessing, not only to those we encountered while there, but within myself and those in our mission's team.

Thank you to our Lord and Savior for everything He provided and continues to provide. Also, a big thank you to Jenny Lee and Kim for being called to serve in La Fortuna, Costa Rica, and everything they did for us while there!

Big things are happening! Remember to stop and listen because you just might hear His calling for your life.

Isaiah 6:8

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Who shall I send. Who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I Lord. Send me!"*

God Bless! ~ Tatum Minor

Thank you to all of you who continue to make the ministry of Experience Costa Rica possible!! Your prayers for this ministry as well as your financial donations are all valuable beyond measure to us. If anyone feels led to partner with Experience Costa Rica financially through personal support for me or Kim, general support for the mission, or toward the project at Javier's, you can donate online or send a check. We welcome monthly donations and special gifts!

Mail donations to: Experience Costa Rica

P. O. Box 62

Galveston, IN 46932

(With Jenny Lee, Javier or General Budget in the memo)

[www.experiencecosta.org](http://www.experiencecosta.org)





Happy  
New Year

## Marty and Brenda Dittmar Purdue University FCA

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you and your family! With 2024 gone, we want to take a moment to reflect on the past year, look ahead to the NEW YEAR, and be thankful for the prayer warriors and loyal supporters of the ministry of FCA at Purdue.

### **We wouldn't be here without you!**

Our goal is to continue to share the Love of God and His life changing Gospel of Grace with Coaches and Athletes in 2025.

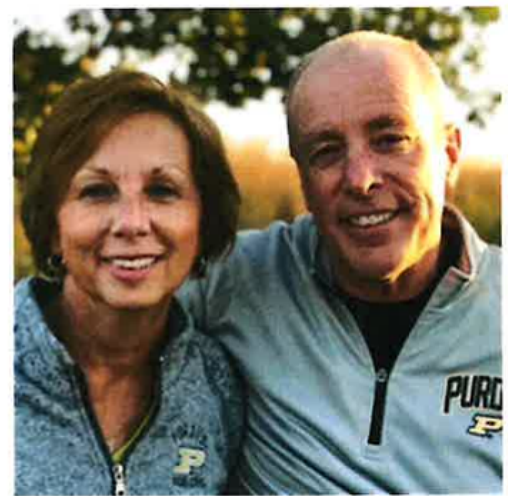
As we thank the Lord for you, we also pray that He will prosper you and your family in HUGE ways in the coming year!

With much love,

*Marty and Brenda Dittmar*

*"God forbid that I should glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Galatians 6:14*



## ***My Story***

*-Jackson Dannelley-*

***Purdue Athlete***



Growing up, I went to church most Sundays, but that was the extent of my Christianity. I never read the Word of God, I never vowed to apply the teachings I learned to my everyday life, heck, most of those Sundays, I would even fall asleep in those comfy church chairs! As I got in to my college years, I definitely grew a bit closer to God in the sense that I was recognizing His existence a little more.

Now I'll be the first to tell you, my college career was anything but glamorous, I would go from the highest of highs, ride it for a couple weeks, then find myself in my lowest of lows. I dealt with injuries, blowing games that were close, random hate comments from "fans", and everything in between. I never understood why I couldn't have the consistent success I felt I was so deserving of. It was during these low times that I started to lose myself. I was going out to bars on every single off-day and just absolutely SHOWERING myself in materialistic things, and meaningless relationships. I realize now, that I was trying to fill an emptiness I didn't know I had.

Then came the best day of my life, the day Christ flipped a metaphoric switch inside of my heart. I remember it SO vividly, my chest was burning, my stomach had felt like I just got to the top of a roller coaster and plummeted straight down, I remember feeling like all I wanted to do was cry my eyes out. It was towards the later months of my college career, we were at Purdue for a home baseball game. Chaplain Marty, from FCA, was hosting our chapel, as he often did. I am truly thankful our Coach allows for these chapels. I had attended every chapel before, but this one was different. I recall making eye contact with Marty enough to the point where I noticed it. I thought he was talking right to me. Now to Marty, he was probably just looking at everyone, teaching the Word to a room full of goofy baseball players, as he often did. But to me, he was talking directly to me, and God put that verse on his heart to hand deliver to me. It was the exact words I needed to hear to open my eyes to Christ that day. The verse he brought with him that day was 2 Corinthians 5:15 "He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life

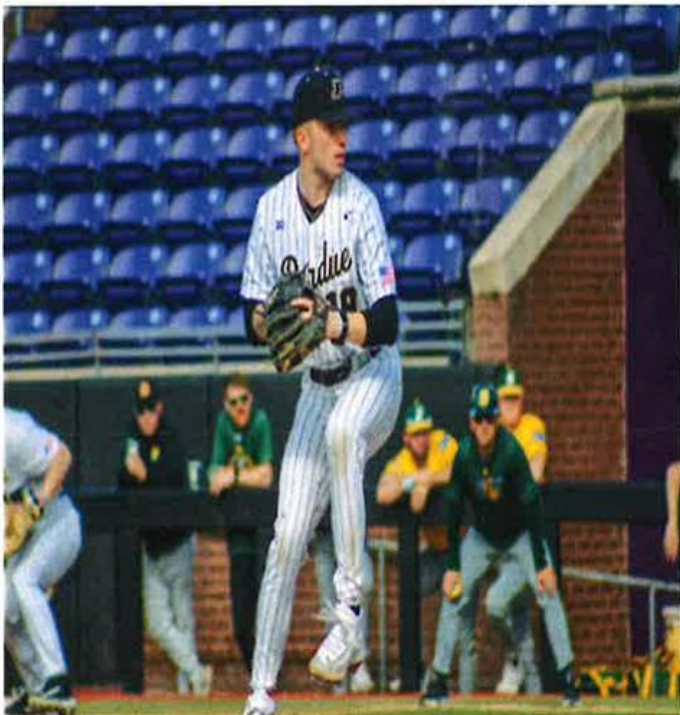
will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them". He explained how we often fail in this game of baseball, just as we will in life, and the easiest thing to do is to fill the void with temporary "joy" and fulfillment through alcohol, relationships, and materialistic items, but until we fill that void with the eternal Christ and the Word of God, it will remain just that, a void we are struggling to fill.

From that day on, I fully recognized Christ and submitted my soul, my plans, my future, and my life to Jesus. It was the greatest decision I ever made. I have begun reading the Word of God almost daily, and have seen my life transformed first hand. Recently I was also blessed to sign with the Atlanta Braves. Trust me, that entire road and process has been a WHOLE testimony, and indication of God, all on its own. I will save that story for another time! Jesus is King! He is my King! I am so blessed to serve such a powerful and loving God!

Stay blessed!

*Jackson Dannelley*

Purdue Baseball Alumnus

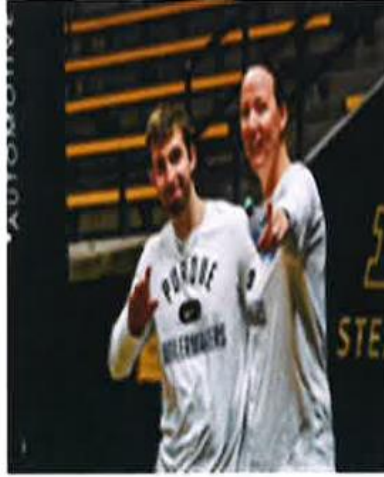




**WELCOME to our new Purdue FCA staff!**

**Josh and Lauren McKenzie**

Pray for them as they begin at Purdue. We are very thankful for the dedication of this couple and the love for the Lord they show. Josh and Lauren have servant hearts and great love for Jesus and Purdue athletes!



**LET'S GO PURDUE!**

**LET'S GO PURDUE FCA!**



# Your Guide to Spiritual Spring Cleaning

*Written by Crystal McDowell*

Spring cleaning is exciting to those seeking a fresh start to a new season. However, many dread it because of the enormity of the projects, time, and effort it takes to complete. Whatever their outlook on spring cleaning, most people agree it's a wonderful feeling when we can enjoy our finished work and sense of accomplishment.

Perhaps just like your home and lawn, it's been a long winter season for you spiritually. Maybe it's time for spiritual spring cleaning so that you can be more prepared and used by God for His kingdom work. So pull up your sleeves and get to work with the following checklist!

## **DUST OFF YOUR BIBLE**

"I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you" (Psalm 119:168).

This is more just a short reading from your devotional—it's a spring cleaning of the soul including thoughtful and reflective meditations of God's word. Many of us treat our daily Bible reading as a checklist as if purchasing food items. It's time to really saturate your thirsty soul with God's word.

## **WIPE YOUR EYES**

Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

There's a time for grieving whether it's the loss of a loved one, relationships, jobs, or good health. At some point, the eternal perspective must take a strong place in your heart. Perhaps it's time to wipe your eyes and move in the Holy Spirit for a refreshing of faith in your loving God.

## **VACUUM UP THE INFLUENCES OF THE WORLD**

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them" (1 John 2:15).

The world's influence isn't always detected right away. It's usually after a period of time before you realize how worldliness has affected your thoughts about God, His people, and your spiritual walk. Get rid of everything that clutters your heart from being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

## **SHAMPOO AWAY THE BUILD-UP OF AN UNFORGIVING ATTITUDE**

"Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us" (Luke 11:4).

After a deep hurt from a family member, friend, or stranger, there may be a long winter season of having an unforgiving heart. It's difficult to continue in a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ and hold on to a grudge. Wash away the unforgiving attitude in the living stream of Christ's forgiveness for you.

## **WAX & BUFF YOUR TIME IN PRAYER**

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up” (Luke 18:1).

Has your prayer life grown dull? It may be time to wax and buff it up! Try using the Psalms or selected scriptures from the New Testament. It’s helpful to have a prayer partner to keep you on course. Writing in a prayer journal can also bring a new shine and finish to your intercessory time for the unsaved as well as fellow believers.

## **RESEAL YOUR FAITH COMMITMENT TO GOD**

“Let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet” (1 Thessalonians 5:8).

A renewing of your relationship with God can bring a fresh joy and hope that you’ve missed along the way. Find a quiet place to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and how the Spirit might be leading you towards a different direction. Let faith and not fear be your guide.

## **POLISH YOUR THOUGHT LIFE**

“For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander” (Matthew 15:19).

As believers, we are to stand guard over the thoughts we meditate on. If we become lazy with guarding our thoughts, then our minds can become lax and over time less able to decipher

the Lord’s voice. It’s imperative to deal with wandering thoughts at the moment we recognize it.

## **CLEAN UP YOUR MOTIVES**

“He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart” (1 Corinthians 4:5).

What are your motives in service to the church? Do you long for man’s appreciation or reward? Taking the time to check your motives and clean them up releases you to live a guilt-free life. Every stain of impure motive is seen by the Lord and He disciplines those He loves.

## **RAKE UP THE BRUSH & DEADNESS OF SEASONS PAST**

“For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live” (Romans 8:13).

While we may have good intentions spiritually, our sinful nature or the flesh will constantly pull us in the opposite directions. We must remove the deadness of our sinful nature and its influence on our lives by intentionally cleaning it up. The Spirit of God will quicken to your spirit if your flesh is having more control over you.

## **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!**

With fresh air, bright sunny days, and breezy nights—spring has come. Those who long for a new start in their spiritual walk are unafraid of what it takes. Your Heavenly Father longs for you to grow spiritual fruit in the abundance of grace that He has granted you



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Trekking Church – During Sermon  
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am  
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

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