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The Season of Winter

As I look out the window from where I sit, I see deep snow covering the ground. Everything is white and beautiful, and the whole of nature seems to be in deep peace. But I know what the garden looked like a few weeks ago, and I know that the white flakes have covered fallen brown leaves, withered grass and plants. It's all there, but it won't be seen now as long as winter lasts.

The winter may seem unpleasant to many, but frost and snow in my country (Sweden) are an indispensable part of life. Without winter, spring and summer wouldn't be what they are.

There are seasons in our lives too. And we often have difficulties in understanding why they are there. Why do we have to pass through winters with barren branches and frozen ground, times without flowers and fruit, without singing and joy? Why?

It's good to learn from the way nature works, because He who created us also created nature, and through His works we can better understand Him, and His ways.

Winter may seem a time of death, but in reality it's a time of rest. When harvest is over, trees aren't ready to bear new fruit immediately. They need a rest, and winter gives them time to do that. Many of us get so easily caught up in a treadmill of producing all the time. 'God can't be satisfied with me if I don't produce anything for Him, can He?' is the way we think. But in His grace God allows a winter season in our lives, to give us rest. He doesn't expect us to bear fruit when it's winter, and we would do well if we could learn not to expect fruit when we should be having a rest.

At the same time winter is preparation for new flowers and new fruit. Under the snow, in the unseen depths something is going on. It's only on the surface that it looks like death. Under the surface life is active and stirring! Roots are filling up with nourishment, and buds are bracing themselves for spring. In late winter it only takes a sunny day, and you see how the buds begin to break forth! They were ready for it.

When you inwardly go through a time of winter, you may well withdraw from many expressions of life, but that doesn't mean your spirit is dying. It only means that for a time you are resting, and preparing for a new season, a season of flowers and growth. God takes you aside to prepare you for what is to come, and without that thorough preparation, you won't be ready for a new season!

So, if you're in a winter season in your life right now, it's not the end! After winter, comes spring. All part of God's plans for His children. Be prepared, one day you'll suddenly become aware of an irresistible pull in your spirit that tells you winter is past, and the time for singing is upon you again! (Song of Songs 2:11-12)

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For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) has stabilized.

Cheryl Villinger as she is away in Haiti this week on a mission trip there.

Teresa Havens (Kathy Forbes sister) recuperating from cancer surgery.

Peggy Hollback still waiting for more evaluations and approvals from the transplant doctors.

Wanda Lemon (aunt to Ellen Lemon) in Best Care and under hospice care.

Loren Riley (Jamie's brother) diagnosed with rare form of lung cancer. Cards to 4219 Beaver Pike, Beaver 45613.

Mark Dever (Merritt and Helen Hayward's son-in-law) diagnosed with colon cancer.

Jim Cunningham transferred to a facility in Columbus area this past week. More details coming.

Dee Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) now in the hospital receiving palliative care.

Ruth Miller now in Heartland (Room 425) for rehab.

Al Graff continues treatments for cancer. Routine checkup on Monday.

Praise Report: Jim Jacobs back with us after hip replacement surgery.

Bud Coriell Stage 4 cancer. Cards and prayers appreciated. 791 Coriell Rd; Portsmouth 45662.

Beverly Norman (friend of Irmalee Gampp) discharged last week from SOMC with knee replacement. Cards to 2010 Henley-Deemer Rd; McDermott, OH 45652.

Garnet Lindeman showing some improvement lately. Staying with Nancy, her daughter.

Larry Montgomery (Aaron & Autumn's father) had heart cath and stent last week. More to come.

Henry Mason showing some improvement. Having problems with pneumonia. Cards to Alexandria House, 811 Findlay St, Portsmouth 45662.

Jeanie Williams (P J McGaughey's mother) being treated for multiple myeloma through the James Cancer Center. Transplant scheduled for about February 20.

Josie Kate AnXing Cordle (2 ½ yrs. old) will meet her new family this week. The Cordles left on Friday for China to go get her. Asking for a safe and uneventful return to the US. Last report is that there was a flight delay in Detroit and they are scheduled to depart from Detroit this morning.



Coming Events

2/7	Father-Daughter Gala
2/13	Caring Hearts Gals
2/20-22	Winterfest in Gatlinburg
2/27	Parents' Night Out
3/1-22	Home Groups
3/28	Winter Jam in Lexington
5/13-20	Honduras Trip
6/4-8	Family Honduras Trip
6/14-20	Youth Mission Trip
6/22-26	Sunshine VBS
7/12-18	Sunshine at Fort Hill Camp

Worship Leaders Class

This evening at 5 pm. See Judi Allison.

Really Good News

Andee Gampp (youngest daughter of Mark and Brandy) confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening after church. Congratulations to you, Andee, and to all your family on being added to the body of Christ.

Winterfest Registration Info

Winterfest is scheduled for February 20-22. Details are in a flyer on the table in the foyer. To register go to the church website and click on the Winterfest tab. We are limited to 80 people this year so do not put off registration. Cost is \$100.00/person which covers bus transportation to and from, two nights lodging and Winterfest fees. Costs not covered are food, souvenirs, miscellaneous items. More information about Winterfest can be found at www.winterfest.org. For more details see Shaun McCray, Jamie Riley or Tim Gampp. This event is open to junior high, high school and college students. Bus leaves the church parking lot, Friday, February 20, 5:30 am; return to parking lot Sunday, February 22, 6 pm.

Parent's Night Out!

On Friday, February 27, 4:30-10:00 pm, parents you have a chance to go out on a date. Please sign the list in the back if your child/children will be attending. Please bring \$5/child for pizza and drinks and feel free to bring snacks or a dessert for the children to eat as well. Also there is a sign up list in the back for anyone who would like to help. If you have any questions feel free to contact Katie Jones.

Singing

Singing here at the building at 6 pm each Sunday night.

Revelation, Isaiah, Genesis, Daniel, Deuteronomy, Exodus, Galatians, Hebrews

Youth Group Mission Trip

There is a youth group mission trip in the planning phase right now for June 14 - 20. The trip will be to Roane County Tennessee. The cost for the trip will be \$400.00, this includes food and lodging for the week. The trip is for the senior youth group with a limit of 12 kids that can go. If you are interested in this trip please sign up in the foyer. Signing up does not indicate you will go, only that you are interested. There will be a meeting about the trip in a couple of weeks. If you have any questions please see Tim.

Youth News: WinterJam Change

The youth group trip to the WinterJam concert on Saturday is being postponed until March 28. We will now be going to the concert in Lexington KY. Those who have signed up for the concert are still on the list. Anyone wanting to add their name to the trip can sign up in the foyer. The due date to sign up and turn in money is February 22.

Caring Hearts Gala

Please join the friends of Midwestern Children's Home for the 5th Annual Caring Hearts Gala Dinner and Charity Auction to benefit the ministry of Midwestern Children's Home. Friday, February 13, 6:30-19:00. More details posted on the bulletin board.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **John Gahm** (father of Troy Gahm) who passed unexpectedly late Thursday from a heart attack at his home. Visitation is Monday 5-8 pm at the Valley High School Gymnasium, with a funeral service to immediately follow. **Graveside services at the Lucasville Cemetery at 11 am Tuesday, with a dinner for the family immediately to follow. Sunshine is providing the dinner** and right now it is planned to be served away from our building, 75-100 people. We need lots of help here. There are signup sheets on the table to help with food items and also we need people to help with the logistics of getting things moved to and from the site. See Irmalee Gampp if you are willing to help.

Father-Daughter Valentine Gala

The date is set for Saturday, February 7, at the Minford High School Gymnasium. Picture taking starts at 6 pm, the Grand March begins at 7 pm. There are brochures on the table in the foyer. Cost is \$5/person to be in the Grand March and to partake in the food. Audience participation is free.

Help Needed for Gala

It takes a lot of help to set up, clean up, serve, decorate, etc. for the Gala. There are signup sheets laid out soon for the various jobs. If you are willing to help, please sign up for the jobs you will do ASAP.

Home Group Study

Last fall we did the first four sessions of a series called Christian: It's Not What You Think. In the spring session of home groups we will be doing the last four sessions of that same series.

Home Group Homes Needed

In a little over one month we will be having our spring session of Sunday PM Home Groups. Step One is to get 10 -12 Homes committed as meeting places. We are meeting 4 Sunday nights starting March 1 and concluding on March 22. If you would be willing to use your home as a meeting place, please sign the pad on the table.

Letters to the Supreme Court

Currently the Supreme Court of the US is hearing arguments concerning the constitutionality of same sex marriage. A decision is expected in June of this year. In the meantime, we have an opportunity to make our voices heard about the issue. Given below is the address of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and a suggested message to send to him/them. If you do not like the message below, create your own. Hand-written letters carry more weight than form letters. Please take the time to send your letter and let your voice be heard.

The Chief Justice of the US
Supreme Court of the US
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: Same-Sex Marriage

Your Honor,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to legalizing same-sex marriage. Same-sex marriage is contrary to the laws of God and nature and unnecessarily distorts the meaning of "marriage". Please find another way to provide "equal protection under the law."

Respectfully,
Name and address

One of our members pointed out that for a small extra fee at the Post Office you can have your letter delivered with a return receipt and restricted delivery. This would guarantee that the right people see your letter.

February Sweet Monday

Monday, February 2nd at 7:30PM. We will cancel if there is snow.

Save The Date

Sunshine V.B.S. is scheduled for June 22-26. Please note the dates as this is a huge undertaking that needs lots of people in order to have a great week. More information will be coming, please be praying about your role in this week.

Thank You

A thank you note from Geneva Miller's family has been received thanking Ralph Gampp and the Sunshine Singers for the lovely singing at her funeral. Note is posted on the bulletin board.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer

Song Director

Worship Leaders

Message

February 1

Jon Coriell

TBA

Don Ramey

Jimmy Forbes

Jamie Riley

February 8

Wayne Gampp

Aaron McCray

Gabe Coriell

Mark Villinger

Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director

Scripture Reading

Lord's Supper

Assist

Prayer

Matthew Hoskins

Shane Mougey

Terry Grashel

Jason Coriell

Derek Miller

Mark Gampp

Josh Coriell

Jason Foster

Greg Shepherd

Mike Gampp

Wednesday Evening

Song Director

Prayer

Mark Gampp

Mike Coriell

David Bradshaw

Greg Shepherd

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Books of the Bible

Each of the words or phrases below is an anagram of a book of the Bible. Unscramble the letters to reveal which books they are.

Solution is at the bottom of page 2.

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