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Our senior minister, Steve Reeves, announced the first Sunday of the year the exciting theme that would guide us through 2015: CONNECT-GROW-SERVE.

To connect to Christ he has challenged each of to find "our one," one whom we pray will come to Christ during the year and perhaps through our own connection with that person.

To grow, he has challenged us to feed upon the Word. And we've even been given a guide to help us do just that.

And to serve, he has challenged us to find a ministry, a place, in which we may serve right here at Spring Hill.

In two different packets on the Welcome Center are special "helps" for us, including a Bible Reading Plan, a prayer plan and a self analysis test to determine the gift(s) God has given us by which we may serve in His church. If you have not picked up these two packets, you may do so at any time. The sooner, the better, of course!

## HELP OUR YOUTH!

I've heard it said often, "Our youth are the church of tomorrow." I understand that statement, but I've always felt that our youth are more than that: they are also the church of today. Where would the church be without them? And so, I believe we should do everything possible to support them in their endeavors to grow in the Lord.

Instead of the usual March spaghetti dinner, we have designated February as Youth Fundraising Month. Near the Welcome Center is a box in which you may place your contribution which will help send our youth to BUTLER SPRINGS CAMP and to the various programs sponsored by CHRIST IN YOUTH. An investment like that will reap eternal results in the lives of our youth. Let's do all we can for them!

## GOT TALENT

**TALENT NIGHT: COMING SOON!**

A popular program every time we've had it here at Spring Hill is Talent Night. Our church is filled with people of various talents, and often we are even surprised by some who take part. This year will be no different as we gather for our annual talent night at 6:00 p.m. April 12. There will soon be a Sign-Up sheet at the Welcome Center. Be sure to sign up early so that we can plan on a great program for all to enjoy!



### OFF TO SKY ZONE!

Our Recreation Ministry, after having sponsored an extremely successful and well-attended (40+) North Slopes excursion in January, is announcing another all-church event for February 21. A trip to SKY ZONE will provide a fun time for all ages. Trampolines, dodge ball and various gymnastics are just some of the featured activities. Cost for admission is \$17 per person and includes special "sky socks" for each participant. The group will go out for pizza (\$5 each) preceding the trip. We're hoping to have the bus available. Your \$4 deposit must be in by February 15. Sign up at the Welcome Center for this evening of fun. Call Whitney Henning for more details.

### CHRISTIAN LADIES IN ACTION: 2015

The Christian Ladies in Action, under the direction of co-presidents, Diana Elkins and Whitney Henning, met January 26th for their first meeting of the new year.

Besides reviewing their mission statement, the twenty ladies in attendance discussed the coming year's events: Mother-Daughter Tea, Ladies' Day, Christmas Dinner and a Women's Health day which will be open to all of our church women, as well as community women. They also are looking forward to a Spring project for the women and children of Hope House. Their aim for the year is to reach out to every woman of our church to involve them in the CLIA.

Pray for our ladies as they continue to accomplish many good things for our church family.

### FIRST FAMILY SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR A "BELL RINGER!"

Each first Sunday of the month will be designated as Family Sunday in 2015. The first one was held February 1 when our children opened the 10:45 service with singing. Besides our children, Matthew Elkins led in scripture reading and prayer, and Chris Allen, our CCU student, gave a very unique and interesting testimony concerning Christ In Youth's influence in his life decisions to serve in ministry. Steve Reeves, senior minister, preached a family-oriented message for the day, and there were even special "listening sheets" for the children. We may look forward to such a service the first Sunday of each month. This will provide a very special time for you to invite families whom you desire to attend worship with you.

### CHOIR CANTATA: MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

Our worship choir is busily preparing for this year's Easter Cantata which will be held during our 10:45 a.m. Worship on Palm Sunday, March 29. Please invite family and friends to this musical experience celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. There will be only one worship service since it is the fifth Sunday.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Since the last WOW News, we've welcomed the following persons as new members of the Spring Hill family: Andrew (Drew) Captain who was baptized November 2, Craig Hoopes who placed his membership November 9, Karry Lewis who was baptized December 2i, Priscilla Frazier, who placed her membership January 14 and Cierra Shepherd who was baptized January 25. Pray for each one as they take up their places here at Spring Hill.

## UNCLE SAM (TOM) NEEDS YOU!

Have you ever felt "left out"? That happens at times, even in the church. And Spring Hill is no different than other churches. One big difference, however, is this: all cleaning, except the vacuuming of carpets in the sanctuary area, is done by volunteer help. There are those who empty waste baskets or clean Sunday school classrooms or keep restrooms in order or you-name-it. And some of our volunteers have done the same job for years and years. BUT there are jobs left undone, because we have no volunteer available to undertake them. During World War II, a very familiar poster hung in post offices, store windows, etc. There on the poster was a person with a finger pointing outward, and in large letters were the words, UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU! Why not talk to Tom Smallwood or call him and say, "Tom, I'd like to help somewhere. Where could you use me?" Tom's phone number is: 513-571-5611. Call today! UNCLE TOM NEEDS YOU!

## NEWS FOR WOW NEWS?

If you have any news you would like included in the WOW News, please be sure to get it to Bob Stacy by the 25th of the month preceding the month you would like it published.

## OUTREACH PACKS & KID SERVICE PROJECT:

Here in America, we are blessed with religious liberty which allows us to practice our faith in a free and open manner. Now imagine that instead of meeting in church on Sunday morning, you were forced to meet in the secret of someone's home or in a secluded place. Instead of being able to freely proclaim your Savior, you live in fear for believing. Saying 'I'm a Christ follower' would mean almost certain death for you and your family. These last scenarios are the case for thousand around the world in what is referred to as the persecuted church. We've been given the opportunity to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ by sponsoring Action/Outreach Packs. In each pack, you are given a specific list of items which need to be included. Once completed the packs are given to the organization and distributed to places where Christians face the worst forms of persecution. You can either complete one as an individual/family, or gather a group of friends/Sunday School class to complete the project together. If you would like to receive more information, please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Another way we are taking action a little closer to home is with a church cleaning day for our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We'll be meeting on Sunday March 15, so be sure to check your bulletin for more specifics as we get closer to the date! -Brandon Reeves

To reserve any part of our building for any private function, please contact the church secretary during office hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Note: Church functions will always supersede all other functions.



Senior Minister,  
Steve Reeves

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This has been our mission and focus for 2015 and we are seeing it become a reality this year! You can really feel the excitement around here as we see God moving in wonderful ways!

I'm especially excited for some of the new things we're doing this year to promote growth in the home. You'll find at the Welcome Center a number of different "action plans" for you to take and implement in the home. Some of these include, "your one" challenge where each of us commits to praying and witnessing to someone outside of Christ. Simply write the person's name on the card and include your address and get it to me. Then commit this year to praying and witnessing to "your one" and next year I will mail it to you to "check in." As Christians we want to invite others to **connect** with Christ. There are also the "Grow Packets" to take and use at home to help us **grow** as a family. These include family Bible

readings and prayer calendars. In addition there are the Spiritual Assessment tests to help you discover your spiritual gifts and where you might best be suited to **serve**. I encourage everyone to pick up one of these "action plans" and find your place this year.

The first Sunday of every month (with a few exceptions) will be our "Family First Sunday," where our kids and youth participate in the service. These Sundays will be devoted to what God has to say concerning our families. Our Kids Choir made their debut during our first, Family First Sunday on February 1 and were absolutely amazing! I encourage all families to have your kids take part in this – *the kids have a blast and they get to help lead us in worship!* Practices have been on Wednesdays and Sunday nights and they learn new songs during Kids Church too. We are extremely grateful for Becky Miller, Amy Reeves, Ashley Saunders and Chelsea Reeves for ALL of the time they're investing in our young people! I'm praising God for the new faces around our church and for the new additions to our church-family – *be sure to greet and welcome them!*

We will be "officially" welcoming them on March 8 for a new member dinner! Be sure to mark your calendars as we welcome them to our family with feasting and fellowship!

Throughout the year we'll be finding new ways to connect, grow and serve Him in our communities! In Christ, --Steve

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