



...AND THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY...

The Easter Season at Spring Hill will begin Palm Sunday, March 29, as our Worship Choir, along with our Children's Choir and various others, will present the Gospel through a beautiful cantata. The cantata will be a great way for you to introduce your families, friends and neighbors to the Gospel and to Spring Hill. During the cantata, the congregation will join in singing a number of traditional Easter songs. There will be only one service that day at 10:45 following Sunday School at 9:45.

Saturday, April 4, will feature our annual all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and our Easter Egg Hunt for our pre-school through fifth grade children. There are two receptacles provided in the church building, one in the lobby and one near the Secret Sister Table, for your donations of wrapped candy and/or plastic eggs. (See a special message from our youth minister regarding this event elsewhere in this issue of the Wow News.)

At Spring Hill we meet each Lord's Day to remember the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. And so Easter is simply another one of those Lord's Days, but it is one during which we give special emphasis to Christ's glorious victory over death and the grave. In both services, there will be special music emphasizing the Easter theme. Every congregational song will point us to the cross on Calvary and the empty grave in the garden. Don't miss this beautiful way to begin Easter Week.

CIY BELIEVE 2015: SNOWED IN AND SNOWED OUT!

In spite of snow warnings which hadn't materialized yet, nine youth and three sponsors (Taylor Saunders, Olivia Kraft, Mae Heller, Mickey Neal, Tucker Wood, Trent Wood, Eric Turner, Robbie Beatty, Reynolds Caldwell, and sponsors Tom Whitt and Brandon and Amy Reeves) left here on a cold February Friday for CIY Believe in northern Kentucky.

The first night included great messages with King David, a "man after God's own heart" as the main character of the weekend. Adding to the impact of the messages were videos emphasizing the theme: drawing closer to God.

Going to their hotel rooms that first night, the youth continued to discuss the theme of the messages and began to "open up" in ways that such gatherings naturally promote. Still no snow! Not for long, though.

During the night, the snow hit, and next morning the Bank of Kentucky Center canceled all activities for the day. What do you do with nine "kids" marooned in a hotel? Our creative sponsors made great use of the time as they continued to study the life of David, his struggles and victories. Even as David had his problems, the youth were reminded that in spite of their problems they, too, can be persons "after God's own heart" if they develop a close relationship with Christ.

When the roads cleared enough, the group of twelve made their way to the Florence Mall where they roamed through the mall and ate lunch before returning to Middletown. Back at the church and before their parents came to pick them up, they enjoyed a snowball fight and building a snowman together.

As Brandon Reeves, our youth minister wrote, "As Saturday ended and another Believe finished, I realized this was one for the books. While it was disappointing to have the Saturday conference canceled, we still had a great time. . . . We still spent time devoted to God, and the 'kids' bonded together even more because they were all snowed in together. . . . God took our situation and transformed it for His purpose. Amen!"

OWLS' GOOD NEWS

In February twenty-one of our seniors traveled to the Cincinnati Museum Omnimax Theater for the highly acclaimed JERUSALEM film. The huge Omnimax screen made us feel as if we were right there in the city in which Jesus spent a great amount of time during his three-year ministry. After the film, the group traveled to Izzy's, one of Cincinnati's favorite restaurants. There we ate their delicious sandwiches and potato cakes.

The March meeting, held at the church, was Movie Night. The group enjoyed the beautiful Christian film, Summer Snow, a movie highly recommended for all Christians, especially families. During the show, they munched on pop corn and their favorite candy.

April 14 the OWLS will be going to the Spaghetti Warehouse in Dayton. Watch for more news concerning this trip.

THANK GOD FOR LADIES WHO PRAY!

Each second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m., our ladies gather together at a restaurant for breakfast, fellowship, devotion and prayer. And how thankful we are for the faithfulness of those who attend this important sixty to ninety minute period of time. They would be thrilled to see more of our ladies join them for this pleasant time together. Ladies, plan now to attend the next Ladies' Prayer Breakfast April 11. Watch the bulletin for the time and place.

100 Mile Club Starts April 5th



Youth and Parents:

Wow!! What great stories and testimonies we heard from various youth, both past and present, during our fundraiser for the month of March. It was a great way to hear about the impact CIY and church camp have on our young adults in their spiritual growth. We're now gearing up for our next big fundraiser: the Easter Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast. Our goal is to send more kids to these summer events without any financial burden.

Every year, we see the Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast continue to grow in the number of participants. This year, we have three main objectives: to reach more people in the communities surrounding the church, to give the Easter story a larger role, and to help more youth reach their fundraising goals.

If you have a child going to either summer camp or CIY Move this summer (and let's face it-if they aren't currently planning on going, they need to), we need them there to help serve our guests, stuff/hide eggs, and to minister to our guests. We also need help from parents. It takes a lot of work to run the kitchen, and more hands always equal more fun! Please consider helping in this outreach opportunity!

If you have any questions, are interested in helping in the kitchen, or want more information on summer camps/CIY, please don't hesitate to ask Amy and Brandon Reeves (w120alt@gmail.com/937.369.8483). Please email us or call if you want to help out with this event!

Brandon Reeves and the Children & Youth Ministry Team

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Our Youth Fund offering Sunday, March 15, was \$1070, which made our total offering: \$1925. The OWLS, our youth minister and workers and all of our youth say a great big WOW and THANKS to all who contributed to this fund for their summer activities. PTHWSITI! (If you do not know what that means, ask someone!)

ALL-CHURCH DINNER



**RATED:
"JUST GREAT!"**

It was Sunday, March 8! The tables were decorated in beautiful spring colors. The chicken and all the trimmings were delicious! The desserts were fabulous! The fellowship was great! And all in all, those in attendance agreed that "we ought to do this more often." It was good, too, to see our new members introduced during our morning worship services and then to welcome them to this special dinner in their honor. It is reported that no one left without enough food and some with "more than we should have eaten." :)

A special thanks to those who set up for the dinner under the direction of Don Reeves, to Lisa Viel for the spring-like atmosphere in the decorations, to the many who "jumped right in" and helped serve and clean up and, of course, to those who brought the delicious food so quickly consumed!



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



Connect. Grow. Serve.

We are especially thankful for the new additions we have had to our growing family and celebrated and honored them at our New Member Dinner. We enjoyed delicious food and enjoyed great fellowship with one another. Since then we have had 4 others: Randy Lewis and Josh Neal were baptized into Christ and Zach and Jena Short placed their membership in with our family. Be sure to encourage them and make them "feel at home" here at Spring Hill!

I am excited to see the snow finally melting and the warm weather we are now experiencing! Unfortunately, all this snow has hindered our attendance these past few weeks but I am eager to see all of you "back in the pews" in

order to see what God will be doing in us and through us in the coming weeks and months! Remember: *we're made poorer by the things we miss!*

We are definitely looking forward to our Worship Choir's Easter Cantata on March 29. This year's cantata will be during our single morning worship service (10:45). This is going to be an incredible morning of worship that you will not want to miss! In addition, mark your calendars for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! This is an outstanding opportunity to invite friends and family with you to church, first for some fantastic tasting pancakes, then for an epic egg hunt for the little ones. Pre-K through 5th grade are all welcome and encouraged to come out!

On March 15 Brandon rounded up our young ones (k-5th) to do some "spring cleaning" here at the church! We provided pizza to show our appreciation for all their hard work! I am thanking God for all of you for the extremely generous gifts that have gone in support of our youth for CIY and Butler Springs. So far they have reached \$1,925 with money still coming! Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our young people!

"Lots" of exciting things happening for all ages here at Spring Hill! Don't miss out on what God is doing and what He can do through you!

Serving Him together, -Steve

PS: Don't forget to pray for "your one" and take advantage of these upcoming opportunities to bring them to church with you!

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