

Spring Has Sprung

Does anyone know what happens on Tuesday? The official start of spring! How many of you are PAST ready for spring? About the only people who don't love spring are the people with allergies. Anyone in that camp? For the rest of us spring is a breath of fresh air. The cold is dissipating and leaves and flowers are sprouting out. It's nature's new start. In that new start there are lessons in faith.

New starts are a key aspect of our faith in Christ. Anyone, no matter how bad the sinner, can start again through Christ. No matter how far you have strayed God is always extending His arms to welcome us back. For some it is a new beginning as they commit their lives to Christ for the first time. For others perhaps our faith has grown cold like winter and we long for the warmth of a spiritual spring.

Many of you in the next few days will work around your yards and gardens clearing out the dead leaves and material from last year. We clear the yard for what is coming, sprouting plants that will lead to beautiful flowers. Clearing your gardens and yards allows for new growth to happen unabated. We often need to do the same thing in our "spiritual gardens." The Apostle Paul said it this way, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

At YOUR CHURCH NAME we want to help people experience a spring time in their hearts. We want to show people how to "press on in Christ Jesus." We do this every week, fall, winter, summer AND spring. Yet every spring we have a special opportunity to communicate the Good News of a fresh start. It's called Easter.

Easter is perhaps the biggest event of the spring for us and that is days away. We are gearing up for one of our greatest Easters ever. We want people who come here to experience a spiritual spring. We are not holding anything back. In these days of turmoil and conflict we want to share the Good News of Hope in Jesus. We want people to experience the spring time of God's love. Easter is our greatest time to communicate this.

Yet to accomplish this is going to take a lot. We need more volunteers and frankly we need your faithful generosity. Every time you give here you help us run the various special events we hold like Easter. From the things we give away, to simply paying the utility bills, your faithful giving today WILL help us make this Easter more impactful.

So, thank you for your generosity today. Your gift today will help us bring a new spring beginning to many!