The Lord's Day

Sunday, February 18, 2024
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Today's Prayer

Teach me to embrace each season, understanding that there is a time for everything under heaven. Help me to be patient in times of waiting, resilient in times of hardship, and humble in times of abundance. May I grow in wisdom and maturity as I experience the full spectrum of life's seasons, trusting that You are with me through them all. Remind me that no season lasts forever, and that after hardship comes ease. Through it all, let me cling to the hope that is found in You, knowing that You are refining me for a greater purpose.

In Jesus Name, Amen

The Morning Message

Pastor John White—The Jesus Style, Mark 13:28-34

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Annie Grant • Sammy • Karen Barney
Jane's Sarah • Lyle Robbins • Roz Family
Jack Harrison • Ann Berkman • Tom Tate
Jim Ballou • Phillip Seymour • Rebecca Nelson
Garyroy Wright • Norma Ballou • Beverly Snyder
Burt Goodnough • Stanley Perzan • Colette Cross
John Shatraw • Jared Eldridge • Dan Race • Daniel Shirley
Bonnie VanDyke • Mark Freeden.• George Steven • Mary Hesford
Norm Kepner • Lynn & Stan • Shaun Hull • Patricia Myers • Ron Latella
Doris Bates • Donna Thurston • Stanley Kepner • Karen Ross • Randy

MISSIONS: John White—Regroup Ministry to Pastors

ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

<u>Greeters</u>: Steve Berkman / Karen Snyder <u>Security</u>: Tim Redden / Cristina Davis / Rod Quackenbush **Every Sunday**—We Will Be Praying For One of the Five Missions we Support, today is John White—Regroup Ministry to Pastors

Today, February 18, 11:15 AM: Security Meeting

Today, February 18, 5:00 PM: Youth Group

Monday, February 19, 6:00 PM: Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 AM: Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 PM: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 PM: Activ8Her Chapter Mtg.

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 PM: Prayer Meeting

Seasons of Life

The harder seasons of life make the good seasons that we have much more joyful and sweet. It's a delicate balance.

We can relate the seasons of life to the seasons we see in nature. Spring, when new seeds are planted and regrowth of annuals occurs, can correspond to a season of spiritual renewal and refreshment. We can even do a little "spring cleaning" of our souls in this time as well.

Summer is the warmest time of the year, with the longest days and the hottest temperatures. We might experience seasons of spiritual dryness or seasons that may seem to stretch out forever with no end in sight, but we must keep in mind that the rain will fall when God wills it.

Fall marks the transition from summer to winter, where temperatures drop, days get shorter and the leaves turn color. We can experience seasons of transition as well, where we recognize that we're changing, turning over a new leaf and entering a new venture in our life.

Winter marks the death of the leaves, the coldest temperatures we'll see and the shortest days of the year. God might be calling us to a season of dying to ourselves, shedding a layer or reconciling from a past sin so we can become pure again, like white snow.

God wants us to learn in the current season we are in. These skills he is trying to grow in us, will be used in the next season he's preparing for us.

