

# SPRING HILL CHURCH

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## PROP US UP ON OUR LEANING SIDE

"A pastor of a small church would occasionally call on one gentleman to pray, and every time this one particular guy would pray, he would pray, "Oh God, thank you for this word today, and bless these people today." Then he would end with the strangest statement, "And, oh God, oh Lord, prop us up on our leaning side." Every time the preacher would call on him, he'd pray, "Oh Lord prop us up on our leaning side."

Finally, the pastor pulled him aside, and he said, "I love the way you pray, but I don't understand your little closing phrase. What are you talking about—prop us up on our leaning side?" He responded, "Well, Pastor, I'm a farmer. I live out in the country. I've got an old barn, and it's been there a long time. It's been through a lot of weather, and a lot of storms, and a lot of bugs have eaten at it.

He said, "I got to looking at it one day when I was riding on my tractor, and I noticed that it was leaning to one side. So I thought to myself, oh my goodness! The barn is leaning, it's a matter of time before the whole thing

falls.

He continued, "So, you know what I did?" I went and got some pine beams, and I propped it up on its leaning side." He said, "It still leans, and always will. But I propped it up on its leaning side. And it's not going to fall down because I propped it up on its leaning side. And I got to thinking about it.

When I was on the tractor, Pastor, and I was riding in the field, I thought about the kind of year I've had, and some of the storms I've been through, and some of the people that are bugging me, and eating away at my joy and eating away at my spirit. And I

just got to thinking, you know, I'm still here! I'm still standing after all that stuff I've been through. The storms, and the howling winds—they couldn't topple me. I'm still standing by the grace of God."

He concluded, "From time to time, I find myself leaning. "Leaning toward my old desires, leaning toward anger, leaning toward becoming bitter or hateful at the people who are bugging me, or leaning toward going back to the old habits and the old life I used to have. And when I feel myself start leaning toward that tendency, I just re-



member that old barn, and I pray out loud on my tractor -'Lord, thank you that you're going to prop me up on my leaning side."

-Jentezen Franklin

## PRAYER REQUEST:

- TERRY & SHANNON
- SHARON
- MAXINE
- APRIL & GARY
- MIKEL & WIFE
- DALE & DONNA
- CAROL
- BRUCE & PATSY
- LAWRENCE & JAN
- MICHELLE
- JAMIE, LACEY & KIDS
- OUR CHURCH
- CODY, LAURA & KIDS
- FLOYD & ANGEL
- CINDY
- MIKE & MARY
- JESSE & FRAN
- ASIAN MISSION
- DENNIS & SANDY
- THOSE ON PRAYER BOARD
- COVID
- THOSE IN JAIL
- OLD, POOR, SICK & NEEDY
- HAROLD & JANE
- JESSE & CAROL
- WAYNE & CRIMSON
- ANDREW & CHELSEA

### GRANDPA

A young man asked his grandfather: “Grandpa, how did you live in the past without technology: without, computers, without internet, no drama and no T.V’s. Without air conditioners, without cars and no cell phones.

Grandpa answered: “As your generation lives today; there are no prayers, no compassion and no respect. No education, there is no personality. There is no shame at all, no modesty. There is no honesty. We, the people born between the years of 1940 –1980, were the blessed ones... Our lives are a living proof.

- While playing and riding a bike, we didn’t have to wear a helmet.
- After school we played until dusk; never watched TV.
- If we were thirsty, we would drink tap water, not mineral water.
- We played with real friends, not virtual friends.
- We shared the same cup of juice with four friends.
- We never gained weight by eating plates of pasta.
- Nothing happened to our feet despite roaming barefoot.
- We have never used food supplements to stay healthy.
- We used to make our own toys and played with them.
- Our parents were not rich. They gave love..not stuff.
- We never had a cell phone, DVDs, game consoles, Xboxes, video games, PCs, internet, chat, but we had true friends.

### This Hit Home For Me

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not!

You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA....attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction.

And if they still don’t seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

- We visited our friends without being invited and shared and enjoyed the food with them.
- Parents live near by to take advantage of family time.
- We may have had black and white photos but you can find colorful memories in those photos.
- We are a unique and the most understanding generation, because we are the last generation that listened to their parents...And we are also the first ones who were forced to listen to their children.
- We are the limited edition! Take advantage of us. Learn from us. We are a treasure destined to disappear.

### I LOVE THIS ANALOGY

When **GOD** wanted to create fish, **He** spoke to the sea.

When **GOD** wanted to create trees, **HE** spoke to the earth.

But when **GOD** wanted to create man, **HE** turned to Himself.

Then **GOD** said: "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

#### Note:

If you take a **fish** out of **the water** it will die; and when you remove a **tree** from **soil**, it will also die.

Likewise, when man is disconnected from **GOD**, he dies.

**GOD** is our natural environment. We were created to live in **His** presence. We have to be connected to **Him** because it is only Him that life exists.

"It is during the worst times of your life that you will get to see the true colors of the people who say they care for you."

If God could close the lions mouth for Daniel, part the Red Sea for Moses, make the sun stand still for Joshua...



Open the prison for Peter, put a baby in Sarah's arms and raised Lazarus from the dead, then He can certainly take care of you. Have faith in Him.

### A BOTTLE OF WATER

A bottle of water at Sam's Club is \$0.25. The same bottle of water in the super-market is worth about \$0.50.

The same bottle at a game costs \$2.

In a good restaurant or hotel it can be worth up to \$3.

At an airport or on the plane, you may be charged \$5.

The bottle and the brand is the same, the only thing that changes is the place. Each place gives a different value to the same product. When you feel like you are

worth nothing and everyone around you belittles you, change places, do not stay there.

Have the courage to change places and go to a place where you are given the value you deserve. Surround yourself with people who really appreciate your worth.

Don't settle for less.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL. . . . 10:00AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP. . . . 11:00AM  
SUNDAY NIGHT. . . . .6:00PM  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT. . . 7:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

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America needs  
CPR  
Christ, Prayer,  
Repentance

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church.

After he left, the wife said to the husband, "I think he stole our spoon!" This bothered her for an entire year. A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year?"

The pastor replied, No, I put it inside you Bible."

### One minute after a believer dies:

- Angels usher your soul to heaven (Luke 16:22)
- You immediately enter God's presence (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)
- You are conscious, in command of your thinking, feeling, speech and memories (Luke 16:19-31)
- You participate in magnificent worship with angels and believers before the throne of God and Christ (Revelation 4-5 )
- You are aware to some degree of activities and events on Earth (Revelation 6:9-10)
- You will recognize and communicate with believers who preceded you to Heaven (Luke 9:6-8)

### \$100 BILL

"I was watching a video last night and the preacher held up a \$100 bill. He said when it was made it was a crisp \$100 bill with no wrinkles. That \$100 bill was then used in a drug deal. And then used in prostitution. It had been in the mud, it was worn, it had torn corners. How much is that \$100 bill worth now?

It is still worth the same as the day it was made.

That's how God sees us. No matter our past, no matter what we have gone through, and no matter how damaged we are. We are worth just as much to Him today as the day he created us."

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 CONFERENCE	3	4 MICHELLE	5	6	7	8 WEEK DAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 SHARON	18	19	20 DONNA	21	22
23	24	25 CRIMSON MAXINE	26	27	28	29 LAWRENCE
30 SANDWICH NIGHT- LACEY MIKEL	31					