



# Spring Hill Church

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## PRAYER REQUEST:

JAN  
NEAL  
JASON  
SHARON  
JUDITH & ABIGAIL  
HOMELESS  
KENNY  
BRUCE & PATSY  
DALE & DONNA  
CODY, NICOLE & FAMILY  
MARY'S FAMILY  
MIKE & MARY  
FRAN  
JAMIE, LACEY & FAMILY  
CAROL  
CRYSTAL, MIA & CRIMSON  
RONNIE & JESSICA  
DAVID & LESLIE  
SEAN & BOYS  
TOMMY & ANGIE  
DENNIS, SANDY & ANDY  
ASIAN MINISTRY  
THE LOST  
THE NEEDY  
MIKEL & FAMILY



## REVELATION CHAPTER 3

This is Jesus writing to real churches made of real people who Genuinely believed they were doing just fine. Spoiler alert: most of them were...not.

First up is Sardis. They had a reputation. A name. People thought they were alive and thriving. From the outside, everything looked good. Busy. Active. Functional.

Jesus says, "You have the appearance of life...but you're dead."

Not struggling. Not persecuted. Not even openly rebellious. Just asleep. Spiritually hitting the snooze button while still showing up to work. Jesus doesn't say they lost everything. He says they never finished what they started. Which is uncomfortable, because it means looking "fine" isn't the same thing as being faithful.

Then there's Philadelphia. Small. Weak. Not impressive. Not influential. And Jesus doesn't criticize them at all.

He says, "I know you have little strength... yet you kept My word."

Little strength. Big obedience.

They didn't have power. They didn't have numbers. They didn't have resources. They just held on. And Jesus says He placed an open door in front of them that no one could shut. Apparently God is not impressed by size. He's impressed by faithfulness when you're tired, stretched thin. And doing your best not to drop the ball.

And then we arrive at Laodicea. Ah yes. The lukewarm church. The one everyone quotes...and then quietly hopes doesn't apply to them.

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They weren't cold. They weren't hostile. They weren't rebellious. They were comfortable. Financially secure. Spiritually confident. Self-sufficient.

They said, "I am rich, I have everything I need."

Jesus says, "You are poor, blind, and naked...and you don't even realize it."

Which is not subtle.

Here's the part people miss. Jesus doesn't accuse them of being evil. He says they were content without Him. They had systems. Resources. Plans. Control. They didn't need Him anymore.

So Jesus does something that should make us all pause.

He's outside the church...knocking.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Not knocking on the door of unbelievers, knocking on the door of people who thought they already had Him inside.

That should sit with us for a minute.

Because it means you can be doing all the right religious things and still have Jesus politely waiting outside, hand raised, knocking.

But even here, He doesn't walk away.

He invites them back. He calls them to repent. He reminds them that correction is proof of love, not rejection. That discipline is not abandonment. That knocking means hope still exists.

Revelation 3 isn't about perfection. It's about honesty.

Are you awake...or just busy? Are you weak...but faithful? Are you comfortable...and quietly pushing Jesus out?

This chapter is a mirror. Depending on where you're standing, it either comforts you deeply or makes you squirm a little.

But every letter ends the same way. "He who has ears, let him hear." which means...you still can.

You can wake up. You can hold on. You can open the door.

Even now.

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AND JUST LIKE THAT...SANTA IS GONE UNTIL NEXT YEAR...  
BUT JESUS IS STILL HERE WITH GIFTS THAT NEVER END.

God's "no" is as  
Good as His "yes."  
Both are for your good.



WHEN YOU SAY "I'LL PRAY  
FOR YOU," YOU'RE STEPPING  
INTO SACRED GROUND.

THOSE WORDS AREN'T  
FILLER, THEY'RE FAITH IN  
MOTION.

AND SOMEONE'S HOPE MAY  
BE RESTING ON THE PRAYER  
YOU PROMISED TO PRAY.

2026

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R



I saw a quote that read:

"Sadness that brings you closer  
to God is better than happiness  
that pulls you further away."



The one day, I told God:  
"I'm done."

He replied:  
"Good, now I can begin."

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SERVICE TIMES:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.....10AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP.....11AM  
SUNDAY NIGHT.....6PM  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.....7PM  
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When I am alone, God is my comforter. When I am nothing, God is my everything. When I am sad and lonely, God is my song and my joy. When I am weak and helpless, God is my strength.  
Amen.



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One of your siblings will see all the funerals. One will see none. And one won't have any of you at theirs.

Because that's how life works.

Someone goes first.  
Someone goes last.  
And someone leaves before anyone is ready.

It's a strange thing to think about until you realize how real it is.

Within every family, there's a sibling who will have to bury the others... a sibling who will never have to feel that pain...and a sibling who won't have their funeral because they passed too soon.

It puts life into perspective, doesn't it?

We grow up thinking we have forever. But forever turns into years... and years turn into moments we can't get back.

Hold your people close. Because one day, one of you will be the last one standing, and you won't realize how much that mattered until it's too late.

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| SUNDAY                            | MONDAY             | TUESDAY     | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY               | SATURDAY                        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 28                                | 29                 | 30          | 31        | 1<br>New Year's Day | 2                    | 3                               |
| 4<br>CONFERENCE<br>MICHELLE       | 5                  | 6           | 7         | 8<br>RAYNA          | 9                    | 10<br>WORK DAY                  |
| 11                                | 12                 | 13          | 14        | 15                  | 16                   | 17<br>WHITFIELD PLACE<br>SHARON |
| 18                                | 19<br>M L King Day | 20<br>DONNA | 21        | 22                  | 23                   | 24                              |
| 25<br>SANDWICH NIGHT<br>CRIMSON A | 26                 | 27          | 28        | 29<br>(LAWRENCE)    | 30<br>LACEY<br>MIKEL | 31                              |