

THE
WEEKLY
WORD
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Spring Cleaning

This last week I decided to spring clean and rearrange my office. It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to finish the project. I moved over 1,000 books, cleaned every surface, moved every piece of furniture, and vacuumed four times! I threw away a giant trashbag full of trash that was cluttering up my office. As I worked through the week, the Lord kept bringing my mind back to one thought: If I spend so much time cleaning out my office, why wouldn't I spend at least this much time cleaning out my heart. You see, our hearts can become cluttered, and disorganized, and filled with the trash this world brings into it. We fill every corner of our hearts with stuff, with relationships, with media, with problems, with sin. And it's time for us to do a spring cleaning. We need to do three things: (1) **Take out the trash.** Get rid of the things in your life that point you away from Jesus. Get rid of the movies and magazines and relationships and other junk that strangles your spiritual growth. (2) **Clean every surface.** Purify your heart. David wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps. 51:10). Let us become the holy people He is calling us to be. (3) **Rearrange the layout** of your heart; make sure Christ takes first priority. Put Him at the center!

– Pastor Mark

A Back to School Poem

"Dear students, the summer has ended.
The school year at last has begun.
But this year is totally different.
I promise we'll only have fun.

"We won't study any mathematics,
and recess will last all day long.
Instead of the pledge of allegiance,
we'll belt out a rock-and-roll song.

"We'll only play games in the classroom.
You're welcome to bring in your toys.
It's okay to run in the hallways.
It's great if you make lots of noise.

"For homework, you'll play your Nintendo.
You'll have to watch lots of TV.
For field trips we'll go to the movies
and get lots of candy for free.

"The lunchroom will only serve chocolate
and triple fudge sundaes supreme."
Yes, that's what I heard from my teacher
before I woke up from my dream.

– Kenn Nesbitt

Upcoming Events

FBC Kids Ministry Meeting

Monday, August 14th @ 6pm

Praise Team Meeting

Monday, August 14th @ 7pm

Church Potluck Dinner

Sunday, August 20th @ 12pm

The Huddle Youth Begins

Wednesday, August 23rd @ 6pm

HomeBuilders Young Couples

Thursday, August 24th @ 6pm