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-Jay Davis

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

“Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. ‘Lord,’ the man said, ‘if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.’ Jesus reached out and touched him. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be healed!’ And instantly the leprosy disappeared.”

Matthew 8: 2-3

We are in the midst of a very complicated time, where our biggest fear is this sickness called Covid19. But may we remind you that life is fragile, it has always been that way. We hope you take the time to watch Jay’s video, he shares with us his journey from sickness to healing. It was not an easy one, but we are reminded that we don’t walk this road alone. Look at the cross, Jesus took our sickness upon him, and just as we read on this passage, it is the will of the Father that you are healed. This week, take a minute to pray, pray for your health, your loved ones health, not just wishing, but knowing that He wants you to be well.

Link to Jay’s video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PeGcAsRgAc&feature=youtu.be>

IMPORTANT

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or concerns, please call/text 713-897-1195 or message us on [Facebook](#). Also, if your teacher or principal has not reached out to you, please let us know.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY
UPDATED THROUGH
SPRINGSPIRIT, PLEASE...

Send a text to:
81010

Text
this message:
@sspitner



COVID-19 UPDATE

The COVID-19 virus continues to be an issue affecting our community. Current regulations for social distancing have been extended through April 30th. SpringSpirit is continually assessing the situation, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in person again once it is safe to do so. For the most updated information on our response to the Coronavirus and current programming, please refer to our website at <https://www.springspirit.org/coronavirus.html>.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

HOUSING



Rent:

- No evictions until April 26th. (this could be extended)
- If given a "Notice to Vacate" Call Lone Star Legal Aid (713-652-0077) or the Texas State Bar Referral Service (1-800-252-9690)
- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 for rent assistance

Utilities:

- No power and water shut offs allowed until September

Unless something changes, you will be responsible to pay your bills in the future.

FOOD



School Districts:

- Houston and Fort Bend area schools are offering free meals for students Monday - Friday.
- Students must be present.
- Visit their websites for a list of locations.

Food Banks:

- Call the Houston Food Bank helpline at 832-369-9390
- text FOOD to 855-308-2282 to find the nearest food Pantry in the area.

Government Assistance

- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 and ask how to apply for DSNAP (Food Stamps)

INCOME



Unemployment:

- If have a social security number or work permit and have lost your job or work hours, apply online at [twc.texas.gov](https://www.twc.texas.gov) (preferred)
- Or by phone at 800-939-6631.
- Keep trying if you can't get through.
- Benefits don't start until you apply

Stimulus:

- For people who filed 2018 or 2019 tax return, you can get a \$1,200 stimulus check for each adult and \$500 per child.
- Checks will come by direct deposit or mail.
- Visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>
- If you need your Stimulus Check for current living expenses like food and rent, consider canceling automatic withdrawals for payday loans and other expenses.

HEALTHCARE & MENTAL HEALTH



Insurance:

- Visit [HarrisHealth.org](https://harrishealth.org) to see if you qualify for a Gold Card for free or low-cost health insurance

Clinics:

- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 for info on where you can get affordable healthcare
- For free information about symptoms call Ask My Nurse Helpline: 713-634-1110 or the Memorial Hermann Nurse Health Line 713-338-7979 / 1-855-577-7979 (Available 24/7)

Mental Health:

- The Harris County COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line: 833-251-7544 (Available 24/7)



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For the latest information on COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and federal guidelines, please refer to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

For the most current information on the Texas specific guidelines, as well as what to do if you are sick, please refer to the Texas Health and Human Services site at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.

For the most current information on the Harris County specific guidelines and local testing centers, please refer to the Harris County Public Health site at <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>.

Please follow these guidelines and stay safe!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Share the newsletter with friends/family	<i>TikTok Dance Challenge.</i> Recreate your favorite TikTok dance (or create your own!) and share with the staff through text or social media!	Scavenger Hunt @ 7:00 pm with Juan Ramirez (https://zoom.us/j/398196452)	Pray Room @ 9:30 am with Ana Mendoza (https://zoom.us/j/528138335)	Ministry Message with David Balyeat (Instagram and Facebook)	<i>Let the Kids Play Challenge.</i> Send us a picture/video or tag us on social media of your kids playing their favorite sport.	<i>Parents Challenge.</i> Send us a picture/video or tag us on social media of you either pitching, batting, throwing, catching, or kicking a ball with your kids.

EDUCATION

High school juniors and parents: It's time to start thinking of what's next after senior year! Your college application process starts now! SpringSpirit will help you go through all the necessary steps so you can be fully equipped to make decisions about colleges and future careers a year from today. In our effort to get you started, SpringSpirit asks you to [go to this website](#) and take the **O*NET interest assessment**. Based on your responses to a few questions, O*Net will help you have an idea of what careers might interest you. The results will guide your career

choices when applying for college. What you want to study in college is one of the major decisions you will make. A SpringSpirit staff member will reach out to you to help you through the assessment and discuss your results. You can go ahead and look at the website if you want to get a jumpstart. You will have a huge advantage if you go into senior year with an idea of what you want to study after high school! A SpringSpirit staff member will be reaching out to junior parents or junior students so keep an eye out!

DIGITAL LEARNING

Use the links below to find the elearning resource page for your district.


SBISD SBISD'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

For more information, go to <https://www.springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/digitalbackpack>



HISD HISD @H.O.M.E. HOME-BASED ONGOING MOBILE EDUCATION

For more information, go to <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/180154>



CY-FAIR ISD LEARNING AT HOME

For more information, go to <https://www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/health/coronavirus/learning-home>



MISC.

The time to respond to the U.S. Census is NOW! Click [here](#) to watch a 2 minute video on what the census is and the importance of responding. You may respond to the U.S. Census online, by phone, or via mail. To respond online, click [here](#). To respond by phone in English, call 844-330-2020. To respond in Spanish, call 844-468-2020.

The Spring Branch Community Health Center clinics are still serving the community. Click [here](#) for more information.

Iglesia Generaciones are distributing food to families in urgent need in Spring Branch Monday-Friday 10am - 2pm 1330 Gessner Rd Houston Texas 77055. Click [here](#) to listen to Pastor Joseph Rios' message

Click [here](#) to see the SBISD food distribution schedule and pickup locations.

To sign up for phone, text and email alerts from SBISD, click [here](#).

INTERNET HELP



To enter the lottery for free computers in Harris County, go to <https://www.compudopt.org/covid>

To find free/low cost internet and computers by zipcode, go to <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>

Mentoring UPDATE

Our mentoring team, with your permission, is now allowing mentors to visit with mentees via FaceTime or other similar platform (Google Hangouts, Google Duo, Zoom, etc). We feel this is a good and reasonable option for maintaining personal relationships during this time. If you allow your child to communicate in this way, please ask that they do so in a common space like the living room or kitchen, and ensure that the conversation topics and language adhere to the same standards that they would if your child was meeting with their mentor in person or at SpringSpirit. You are certainly welcome to listen in on the conversations, and in fact, we encourage it. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to our mentoring team. Happy chatting!

MEET THE STAFF

Jay Davis



Nickname: JayBird

Biggest pet peeve: Dirty dishes

Favorite hometown activity: Go to Herby K's for a Shrimp Buster

Favorite athlete I've met in real life: Shaquille O'Neal

Favorite number: 26, it was my number in high school and college, and I have two sons born on the 26th (one in Feb, one in Nov)

Favorite SpringSpirit memory: Seeing Bessy receive the Cal Ripken scholarship



Q: What part of a kid's movie scarred you for life?

A: The Wicked Witch of the West in Wizard of Oz

Q: What does your perfect breakfast look like?

A: Eggs over medium, crispy bacon, grits, English Muffin

Q: What's the most useless talent you have?

A: I can make my hands whistle.

Q: If you could play any instrument like a world class musician, which would you play?

A: Violin



Q: If you could have an all-expenses paid trip to see any world monument, which monument would you choose?

A: Kremlin in Moscow



Q: If someone narrated your life, who would you want to be the narrator?

A: Mark Twain