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“Eyes on the Road”

Taking our eyes off the road, even for a split second, can cause some bad things to happen while we are driving. **There are many things that can happen along our faith journey that can distract us from our relationship with Jesus.** Every stage of life comes with distractions. When we are young, our eyes can be taken off the road through self-absorption. As we age and pass through each stage of life, different distractions catch our eyes. Our careers, daily activities, finances, relationships, serious illness, and aging all are able to distract us. As we begin to transition our thoughts during June and July, I encourage you to continue to keep your eyes on Jesus.

Practically speaking, this means being mindful of possible distractions that pop up in our lives. More importantly, it means staying in God’s Word, carving out regular quiet moments to hear His whisper, thanking Him for life’s trials as He grows us, fellowshiping with others, and sharing the hope within us. These are the things that keep our faith strong through the distractions. God continues to love us moment by moment. **Let’s love Him back through a consistent faith that sets**

our mind on things above. *“To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!”*

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV)

Eric Bowman

Get Your Diving Gear Ready for VBS



Vacation Bible School will be Diving into Friendship with God this year. We will be finding out that God is a friend who is real, who loves, a friend we can trust, who is a forever friend, and that God is a friend for everyone. VBS is for children aged 3 to those who have completed 6th grade this year. There will be fun activities that teach and reinforce God’s love and importance in their lives. So mark your calendars for June 24-28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center. **Invite your family, friends and neighbors.** We still need volunteers for crew leaders and clean up. Please see **Nancy Wadman** if you would like to help.

VBS Pitch-in Dinner

We will hold our annual VBS celebration and pitch-in dinner on Sunday, June 30, after church. This is a great opportunity to encourage and get to know visitors who have joined us during the week at VBS. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Bring your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert to share. All of SFC is invited to attend as we celebrate our week of "Diving into Friendship with God!"

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, I have not forgotten our night out, but due to a very busy June and July here at church, I am planning on having it in August. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 14. We will have it here at SFC, and you will NOT have to cook or clean up.

Nancy Wadman
Ministry Coordinator

You Are Invited to Thursday Bible Study

Please join us as we read and discuss Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *Unveiling Mary Magdalene*. We meet every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Mary M Room for discussion and then go out to eat at noon. We have lively and serious discussions that help us grow, follow, and share what we have learned about God and Jesus. You do not have homework.

Nancy Wadman
Ministry Coordinator

Membership at SFC

We would love to have you join Spiceland Friends Church! Official membership is a simple way of saying that you desire to join arms with Spiceland Friends as a way to walk out your Christian Faith in the encouragement of one another as we share Jesus with our community. Let **David Brock, Eric Bowman, Nancy Wadman, or Ron Reece** know if you have an interest or have questions.

Tea Time for Ladies

Ladies who have lost their husbands are encouraged to join **Nancy Wadman** and several other ladies on Tuesday, June 18, when we will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to go to lunch and celebrate Barb Lacy's birthday. On July 16 we will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Mary M Room for tea, coffee, and a snack. We have a great time laughing, crying, and discussing issues concerning life without a spouse.



Sermon Topics for June and July

Eric Bowman will be preaching on June 9 and 23 and July 7. We will have guest speakers on June 16 and August 4. June 30 is our VBS celebration. **Nancy Wadman** is scheduled for July 14 and **David Brock** for July 21 and 28.

June 9

Sermon – "A Red Hot Faith – Faith over Fear"

June 16

Dwight Elliott,
200th Anniversary Guest Speaker

June 23

Sermon – "A Red Hot Faith – Legacy of Faith"

June 30

VBS – Mike Van Osdol

July 7

Sermon – "A Red Hot Faith – Conclusion and Commitment"

July 14

Sermon – "ReRuns and Retrospect"

July 21

Sermon – "The God of Comfort"
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 1

July 28

Sermon – "Coworkers"
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 2

August 4

Cathy Harris,
200th Anniversary Guest Speaker

Worship Assistants for June and July



Worship Leaders

June 2 & 16 – Bob Rust
June 9 & 23, July 7 & 28 – Sandi Swann
June 30, July 21 – Nancy Wadman
July 14 – Eric Bowman

Scripture Readers

June 2 – Janet Putnam
June 9 – Gerald Darling
June 16 – Nancy Wadman
June 23 – Lisa Knotts
June 30 – VBS
July 7 – Kandi Rutledge
July 14 – Ron Reece
July 21 – Eric Bowman
July 28 – Nancy Wadman

Children's Story

June 2 – Diana Bowman
June 9 – Janet Putnam
June 16 – Debra Weber
June 23 – Mike Van Osdol
June 30 – Janet Putnam
July 7 – Diana Bowman
July 14 – Judy Sadler
July 21 – Mike Van Osdol
July 28 – Janet Putnam

Junior Church Leaders

June 2 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom
June 9 – Kristin Davis; Jessica Noteboom
June 16 – Josie Weber; Jessica Noteboom
June 23 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom
June 30 – There will be no Junior Church.
July 7 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom
July 14 – Kristen Davis; Jessica Noteboom
July 21 – Josie Weber; Jessica Noteboom
July 28 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom

Song Leaders – Tasha Crandall, Hayley Painter and Debra Weber

Greeter for June – Cindy Mitchell

Greeter for July – Halle Chandler

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Nancy Strong – health issues
Linda Brock – recovering from fall; rehab
Richard Ratcliff – at home
Gary Stegner – health issues
Dennis Stamper – recovering at home
Steve Stevens – rehab at The Waters
Donna Hall – in need of prayer
Dale & Jane Albertson – health problems
Libby Henshaw – at Glen Oaks
Judy Smith – at Stonebrooke
Sarah Reiblein – cancer
Steve Neal – liver cancer

Extended Family and Friends

Lorene Larrimore (Julia Bouslog) – broken pelvis
Justin Myers (grandson of Virginia Cripps) – brain bleed
Stephanie Nelson (Cindy Mitchell) – stage 4 lung cancer
Gary Dice (Marilyn Thompson) – heart transplant
Dawn Mogg – bone cancer
Tara (Monica Altman) – high-risk pregnancy
Danny Williams (Rust family) – stage 4 cancer
Andy Denny (Debbie Denny) – Hodgkins Lymphoma
Carol McLeMore – recovering from surgery
Craig (cousin of Judy Stevens) – in need of prayer
Judah (Marilyn Thompson) – health issues
Timmy Vanmatre (Cindy Mitchell's grandson) – MS
Sherry Matney (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer
Misty Brett Steffen (Sarah Reiblein) – rare cancer
James (Donna Hall's son) – lymphoma; chemo
David Butler (Helen Rust's brother-in-law) – in need of prayer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's; stroke
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Rita Beavers (Garners) – bladder cancer



Draper's Wednesday Lunches

Draper, Inc. will be using our Family Center for their employees' lunch and meetings on Wednesdays starting July 5 and continuing through August. Their times will vary according to which shift they are serving each Wednesday. They will also meet on Thursday, July 25, Tuesday, August 13, and Thursday, August 22.

We are looking forward to having Draper use our facilities again. If you have any questions, please see **Nancy Wadman**.

Annual Strawberry Festival at Raintree Square Is Coming Up



The Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 15. They will be serving strawberries, pound cake and whipped cream from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Door Prizes will be given out every 15 minutes and one Grand Prize given at the end of the festival. You can also tour the facility. The cost is \$8.00 if purchased in advance and \$9.00 on the day of the festival. You may purchase advance tickets at the office at Raintree Square. All proceeds go to their Resident Council who provide activities and opportunities for the residents.

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord,

I come before you at the beginning of this new day with a heart filled with gratitude and reverence. I thank you for the gift of life and for the opportunity to witness another day of your creation.

I pray for your guidance and wisdom as I navigate through the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Please grant me strength and courage to face any obstacles that may come my way, and help me to make choices that align with your divine will.

Please bless my loved ones and keep them safe and healthy. May they find joy, peace, and fulfillment in their lives. Grant me the wisdom to be a source of support and encouragement to those who need it. I surrender myself to your divine plan and trust in your guidance. Thank you for your love and constant presence in my life.

In your holy name, I pray. Amen.

What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again. A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt. A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail. – Unknown

199 Years and Counting

There is a charm about the quiet, tree-lined streets of Spiceland that suggests a college town during a long vacation. It is an old town with pride in a long history of culture, of a fine school and of art. The Spiceland Academy was founded by Friends as a school in a log cabin with the poor equipment of a pioneer town but also with the Quaker desire for all to have a chance for education. By the 1860s the crude school had grown to the Academy, recognized as among the best schools in Indiana, with as good teachers as were in most of the colleges.

– Helen Magner, Circa 1947

Notes of Thanks

“Thank you all so much for your great support and encouragement as I completed my pastoral coursework. You have written notes of encouragement, listened to me whine and complain, and prayed. I also extend my thanks for the gift book for graduation. We have a phenomenal meeting at Spiceland Friends. I am thankful and blessed that God has led Diana and me here to serve.”



Eric Bowman

“I sincerely want to thank everyone for accepting me into the fellowship of Spiceland Friends Church. I attended here off and on during my childhood, and now feel confident that I’m back where I belong.”

Jane Rose

“Thank you for the study bible and the money. The bible will be nice to take to college. I’ll look for a good place to use the money and help someone else.”

McKenna Speer

“Thank you so much for your generous donations of drinks for our Cares Day event! We completed a few community projects and raised \$1,300 for future projects.”

**Spiceland Cares Committee
April Hunt**