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“Not the End of the Story”

“Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (Jesus speaking to the women in Matthew 28:10)

Sometimes we think of Easter and the resurrection as the end of the story. It is at the end of each of the Gospels in the New Testament. It was the end of Jesus' life on earth as a human being. It is the end of a season of waiting for the Easter celebration to come. However, Easter is not the end of the story. Each of the Gospel accounts reflects that the resurrected Jesus commanded the disciples and other followers to “Go!” In the passage above from Matthew, Jesus commands the women who had come to the grave to go tell the disciples and to go to Galilee where they will see him. Jesus told Mary Magdalene to go and tell others. Each time Jesus met with various groups after the resurrection, he opened the conversation with greetings such as “Do not be afraid” and “Peace be unto you.” But then he always concluded with a command about going – going to his disciples, going to Galilee, going to Samaria, going into all the world.

This is just as true for us in 2018 as it was for the early disciples and early church. Our Easter celebration is not the end of the story. It is not just

another celebration of the miracle of Jesus' resurrection. It is, instead, an unending story of Jesus saying to each one of us to go into our world, to go to people around us, to spread the love of God wherever we are and wherever we go. We are commanded to make that deep, unending love of God visible to others by the way we live and speak.

Jesus made it clear that his life on earth and then his death and resurrection opened up the family of God to everyone. Jesus touched people's lives who most thought God had already crossed off his list. He showed us by his actions that God's love is for everyone without regard to their status or talents. Jesus calls on each of us to continue that work of opening up the family of God to others around us.

This Easter is the beginning of the story!
How will you tell it?

David Brock



Easter Services and Events

Saturday, March 31, at 1:00 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, at 12:30-4:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr.

High Youth Group

Sunday, April 1 – Easter!

8:00 a.m. – Community Early Easter Service
and Breakfast at Spiceland Friends

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at SFC

10:30 a.m. – Special Worship Service at SFC

Worship Assistants for April

Scripture Readers

April 1 – Teresa Batt
April 8 – Tom Weber
April 15 – Gerald Darling
April 22 – Barbara Lacy
April 29 – Ron Reece



Junior Church

April 1 – Chris Harris
April 8 – Linda Brock
April 15 – Megan Harris
April 22 – Amanda Huss
April 29 – Kids stay in worship

Hosts for April – Ralph & Renee Adams

Children's Messages – Linda Brock

Movie Night with Friends!

Saturday, April 21 – This month's movie feature on the big screen is "The Shack," which takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mack spirals into a crisis of faith, and questions God's existence and life's purpose. Mack is unable to move on, until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, God reveals Himself in the form of three strangers led by Papa. Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, and Tim McGraw star in this film, which is based on the book we studied a few years ago (movie rating: PG-13).

The movie will be shown in our Family Center on our big screen at **6:30 p.m.** The movie is free. Popcorn and drinks provided. Feel free to bring other snacks to share (if you'd like) and bring your friends and family! Everyone is welcome!

Baby Bottle Boomerang



There's still time to return your baby bottle filled with coins/money/checks! Leave it in church office or give it to **Vickie Richardson** or **Nancy Wadman**. All proceeds go to the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center.

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

Marilyn Thompson – 2 broken wrists
Kathy Painter – stage 4 renal failure
Linda Van Osdol – gallbladder problems
Meredith Harris – leaving Thailand and traveling for 5 weeks before coming home
Eleanor Painter – starting chemo treatments
Doris Hoover – recovering from surgery
Bobby Thompson – heart valve surgery and fall
Matthew Miller – harassment & threats on campus
Judy Smith – car accident injuries
Carolyn Lantz (Teresa Batt) – stage 3 cancer
Lonnie Murray – chemo & radiation treatments
Phil Alexander – dialysis
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Youth Groups
Unspoken prayer requests

Extended Family and Friends

Phyllis Frazier (Lisa Little) – fighting cancer
Family of Sandy Murray (Jerry Murray's wife; Sandy & Phil Alexander's sister-in-law)
Dick Patterson (Vickie Richardson) – recovering from surgery
Tom Applegate – pancreatic cancer; chemo
Amanda (Pam Reno's cousin) – ovarian cancer
Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – bone cancer
Jeremy Hicks (Judy Sadler) – colon cancer
Barbara Hoover Keen (Pat Bogue) – lung cancer
Natalie Young (Cathy Harris) – severe headaches, tremors
Jackie Jones – chemo treatments
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – advancing Parkinson's disease
Our country and servicemen and women

In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Sandra Murray** upon her passing on March 14 following a long illness. She was the wife of Gerald "Jerry" Murray and sister-in-law of Sandra & Phil Alexander and L. J. & Hildegard Murray.

Graduate Recognition

In May we will be recognizing anyone graduating from high school, college, or a vocational school. If you or a family member are graduating, please notify **Chris Harris** (Call or text Chris at 317-498-9058 or e-mail harrisct@umail.iu.edu) so they can be included.

Youth Groups Head to Mounds State Park

Both the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups will be heading to Mounds State Park in Anderson for some outdoor fun on Sunday, April 22! After worship we will head to Mounds State Park for a picnic lunch, and then we will do some hiking, have some games, and have a short devotional and worship in the woods. If it's raining, we are planning an alternate indoor outing. We will return to SFC at 4:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to go. Please let **Chris Harris** know beforehand so we can plan for food (Call or text Chris at 317-498-9058 or e-mail harrisct@umail.iu.edu).

– **Chris Harris**

Notes of Thanks

"I truly appreciate all the books that have been donated for my Book Study Group at the Pendleton Prison. The books and your prayers are a wonderful part of this ministry!"

– **Nancy Wadman**

"The Gentlemen at the Guest House really appreciated the homemade desserts last month! The Missions Committee appreciates your effort too. We still have a couple open spots for April."

– **Nancy Wadman**

"On behalf of Westminster Community Center, I wish to thank you for your donation of \$100.00 on March 14. . . . Thanks so much for your support." – **Jeff Kundert**, Executive Director

"Thank you once again for thinking of the students at Tri Elementary. We appreciate your financial gift that goes in our field trip scholarship fund." – **Tri Elementary**

Sermon Topics for April

David Brock will be preaching four Sundays, and **Cathy Harris** will be preaching on April.

April 1 – Easter Sunday

Sermon – "Bring Your Friends Inside the House"
Scripture – John 20:1-18

April 8

Cathy Harris will preach.

April 15

Sermon – "Come into the Light"
Scripture – John 2:7-17

April 22

Sermon – "God's Abundance"
Scripture – I John 2:18-29; Mark 6:30-44

April 29

Sermon – "Restoring the Original"
Scripture – Luke 4:16-30

Camp Dates for 2018

Quaker Haven Church Camp is a wonderful camp, which is located in northern Indiana on beautiful Dewart Lake. There are lots of fun activities, and it's a great opportunity to get to know other Quaker youth from around Indiana. It's also a great time to learn more about God and to deepen our relationship with God.

SFC pays half of the cost for each camper to attend camp (half of the cost listed below). If the cost of the remaining balance is a concern, please see Chris or Cathy Harris for additional help. Questions? Contact Chris or Cathy Harris.

Listed below are the camp dates for 2018:

Live Your Life Camp – June 8-10 (ages 20-30) –
Cost: \$50

Jr. High Camp – June 10-15 (entering grades 7 & 8)
Cost: \$296

Sr. High 1 Camp – June 17-22 (entering grade 9 –
2018 grads) – Cost: \$296

Beginner Camp – June 15-17 (entering K-2nd grade
with parent/grandparent) – Cost: \$156

Adventure Camp – June 24-29 (entering grades 5 &
6) Cost: \$296

Little Friends Camp – July 8-11 (entering grades 2,
3 & 4) – Cost: \$196

Sr. High 2 Camp – July 15-20 (entering grade
9-2018 grads) – Cost: \$296