



THE
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“Becoming God’s Dwelling Place”

“And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” Ephesians 2:22

Our dwelling place is important to us. Whether it is big and luxurious or small and in need of repair, whether we rent or own, it is home for us. Home is a place we can relax and a place we feel safe from the cares of the world. Our home is so important that it consumes a major chunk of our budget. We spend money to keep it in repair, to pay for it, to remodel it, and to keep it the right temperature so we can be comfortable. Our dwelling place is so important that it is protected by the law – no one can come in and search it without a court order, a person has the right to defend their dwelling place, and many other protections.

God plans to make each of us his dwelling place. The scripture above reveals God’s intent is to dwell in each of us and to make himself at home in our lives. This is an amazing promise. It is also one that is hard to believe sometimes because we feel far from God. Maybe it is because of tragedy and difficulty in our life or it could be because of sin in our life and our constant pushing God out of

the way. In any case, God’s plan remains the same. He wants to dwell within every part of our life.

We are God’s handiwork! Ephesians 2:10 promises us that “we are God’s handiwork created in Christ Jesus.” Imagine how different our day would go if each morning, we woke up, got up, and said to ourselves, “Today, I will live as God’s special handiwork.” Think of the care and concentration of a craftsperson making their quilt, basket, caps for babies, or whatever their specialty is. They take time and expend a lot of effort to make sure it is done right, that it is attractive, and that it serves its purpose. These craftspersons take this special care because their craft reflects them. So, they want to get it right. We are God’s handiwork. He takes special care to make us, shape us, guide us, and be present with us because we reflect our maker.

Let’s encourage each other to grow in Christ day by day so that he will be more and more at home in each of us – his dwelling place.

David Brock



SFC Movie Nights with Friends

Saturday, August 18 – We will be showing the blockbuster movie, “I Can Only Imagine.” Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins star in this inspiring true story behind MercyMe’s beloved hit song. Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship, Bart Millard found escape in music. Hitting the road in a decrepit tour bus, Bart and his band MercyMe set out on an amazing journey none of them could ever have imagined. This uplifting, music-filled movie beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God’s love. Movie is rated PG.

Saturday, September 22 – Big screen featured film will be “The Case for Christ.” In 1980, Lee Strobel’s award-winning, investigative reporting earns him a promotion to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune. Things at home aren’t going nearly as well. His wife Leslie’s newfound faith in Christ compels Lee to utilize his journalistic and legal training to try and disprove the claims of Christianity, pitting his resolute atheism against her growing faith. This is based on the true-life story of Lee & Leslie Strobel.

These movies will be shown in our Family Center on our big screen at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The movies are free. Popcorn and drinks provided. Feel free to bring other snacks to share – if you’d like – and don’t forget to bring your friends and family! Everyone’s welcome!

Sermon Topics for August

David Brock will be preaching all four Sundays in August.

August 5

Sermon – “Filled Up with God”

Scripture – Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21

August 12

Sermon – “Plenty”

Scripture – Psalm 119:169-176; 2 Kings 4:42-44

August 19

Sermon – “The Work Ahead of Us”

Scripture – Ephesians 2:10 & 4:1-16

August 26

Sermon – “Imitating God”

Scripture – Ephesians 4:25-5:2; Psalm 34:1-8

Worship Assistants for August



Scripture Readers

August 5 – Judy Stevens

August 12 – Beth Carr

August 19 – Steve Stevens

August 26 – Doris Hoover

Junior Church

August 5 – Chris Harris

August 12 – Linda Brock

August 19 – Megan Harris

August 26 – Amanda Huss

Hosts – Steve & Judy Stevens

Children’s Messages – Mike Van Osdol

Quaker Haven Camp Overnight Retreat Coming Up Soon!

The J./Sr. High Youth Group (students entering grades 5-12) will be heading to Quaker Haven Camp on August 11-12. We will be meeting at the Church at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, and returning Sunday at 4:30 p.m. We have reserved Oak Haven Lodge (separate bunk rooms for guys and girls). The activities will include swimming (there are lifeguards on duty), boating, and other camp games. We will be having a campfireside popcorn pop and lakeside devotions. There will be no cost to students. Quaker Haven Church Camp is on Dewart Lake in Syracuse, Indiana.



Please RSVP to Chris – text or call – by Friday, August 3rd – at 317-498-9058 (we have to give the camp a head count for meals as well as arrange enough transportation for everyone). There will be both male and female chaperones. Meals will be eaten in the Quaker Haven dining hall.

There is a camp store that sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, and mementos – if parents wish to send a little money with students. Also, there is a
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Quaker Haven Camp (Continued)

canteen that sells snacks Saturday afternoon (but we will have plenty of snacks at the lodge, too).

Students need to bring with them: Pajamas, sheets & blanket (or a sleeping bag) – twin size for bed, pillow, sweatshirt or lightweight jacket (mornings can be cool), change of clothes, extra pair of shoes, swimsuit, beach towel, toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, washcloth, soap, bath towel, shampoo), and flashlight.

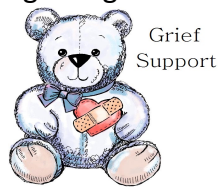
Please let Chris or Cathy know if you have food allergies. If you have questions, please see Chris (317-498-9058) or Cathy (765-465-0994) or call or text one of us.

Grief Support Group Starts September 6

A new GriefShare grief support group will be starting on Thursday evenings beginning September 6. The class will offer support and encouragement after the death of a family member, loved one, or friend.

The class will provide a warm, caring environment, and includes three parts – encouraging, information-packed videos, group discussion about the video content, and a reference book for your personal use that includes additional information on each week's theme, as well as scripture readings, and questions to reflect on. Some of the topics included are as follows: Is this normal? The challenges of Grief. The Journey of Grief. Grief and your relationships. Why? Guilt and anger. Complicating Factors. What do I Live for Now?

You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is "self-contained," and you can pick up missed sessions later. The class is led by **Janet Putnam** and **Cathy Harris** and meets 6:30-8:00 a.m. in the Mary M Room. The class is free and open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Contact Cathy or Janet if you'd like more information. Please invite friends/co-workers who have lost loved ones and might find a grief support group beneficial. Brochures are in the Welcome Center.



Swap Shop – Kids' Clothing Exchange – Coming Up in August

Are kids' things taking over your house? Too many outgrown things and no time for a garage sale? Budget tight and wondering how to make ends meet for back to school needs? The idea is to help each other out – and this might be just the answer you are looking for to help!

The Missions Committee here at Spiceland Friends Church will be hosting a Swap Shop Kids' Clothing Exchange.

Here's how it works:

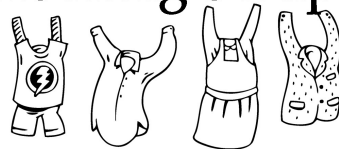
1. You bring items in that you want to donate/share and drop off at SFC (Friday, August 17, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. or Saturday, August 18, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.).
2. The Missions Committee will sort out all donations by size, organize, and lay out on tables.
3. Then the next Saturday (Saturday, August 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) – it's time to "Shop" – pick up clothes that your child(ren) need - for free.

This is open to anyone in the community as a way to help each other – and is FREE.

Please make sure items are clean, usable and for the season we are focused on - this swap will be for fall and winter – so coats, boots, warmer clothing (yes, winter will show up eventually) and the like. Baby gear, books, toys, puzzles, etc. are also accepted donations. If a kid can use it, then we can swap it!

All remaining items will be donated to a charity to help others in need. Time to get the stuff together now and be ready to swap in the first part of August! If you have questions, see **Susan Waymire, Nancy Wadman, or Vickie Richardson.**

Clothing Swap



Gospel Sing – September 23

Join us for a wonderful time of worship through music at our annual Gospel Sing on Sunday, September 23, at 10:30 a.m. (during our regular worship service). Several people from our congregation – as well as the choir – will be sharing the Gospel through special music. Join us on this inspirational journey!



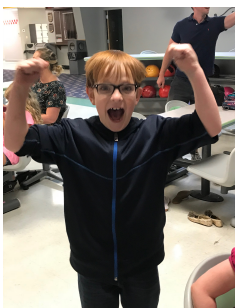
Choir Practice for Gospel Sing

The choir will be singing a couple songs for our upcoming Gospel Sing on September 23. We will practice on Tuesdays, September 11 & 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will work on familiar songs that are easy to put together quickly. **Rita Reeves** will be directing the choir, and **Cathy Harris** will be playing the piano. Join us!

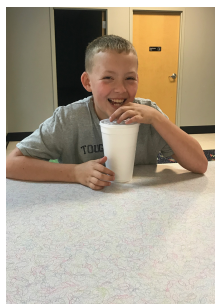
Youth Group Activities

King's Island – Sixteen people from SFC went with the Jr./Sr. High Youth Group to King's Island on July 19. We learned a lot about each other, such as how each of us screams. Or our fear of heights. Or who of us has a fear of going upside down. As a group we pushed our limits together and grew closer to each other through our shared experiences. The group could not have represented SFC any better. All of the kids were exemplary. I felt very proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of young people.

Elementary Youth Summer Party



The Summer Party was rained out and so instead of throwing in the towel, the Elementary Youth headed



off to the bowling alley for a fun-filled afternoon. Fifteen kids and adults attended the event.

Tutoring – Tutoring sessions for grades 6-12 will begin this month. All subjects will be offered, but math and science help will be most readily available. Tutoring is made available not only for students who are having a difficult time, but also for students who are excelling and looking for greater challenges or a way to meet their own personal needs. tutoring will usually be offered on days when only the Jr./Sr. High Youth Group meets. For younger students who need help, please contact **Chris Harris**.

Elementary Youth Group Trip to Quaker Haven –

The Elementary Youth Group will be going to Quaker Haven Camp, Saturday, August 25, from 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. We will be having a picnic lunch on the shore of Dewart Lake, followed by hiking, swimming, games, and a vespers devotional overlooking the lake. Dinner (Dairy Queen) will also be provided. There will be no cost. Parents and family are welcome to join us. Please RSVP by August 19.

Youth Calendar

- Aug. 5 – Elementary Youth Group, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High Youth, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 11-12 – Quaker Haven Overnight. Jr./Sr. High Youth leave at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and return at 4:30 p.m. Sunday
- Aug. 19 – Tutoring for grades 6-12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High Youth, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 25 – Elementary Youth Group Outing to Quaker Haven, 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26 – Tutoring for grades 6-12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

– **Chris Harris**, Youth Pastor

Change of Address

Tom Weber
2820 S. Memorial Drive, Apt. 210
New Castle, IN 47362



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

- Aug. 18 – Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. – “I Can Only Imagine.”
- Sept. 6 – Grief Support Group begins, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10 – Walking Group begins, 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 22 – Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. – “The Case for Christ”
- Sept. 23 – Gospel Sing, 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 30 – Set-up for Fall Festival, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 – Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat)
- Nov. 6 – Choir Practice begins, 6:30 p.m. weekly on TUESDAYS
- Nov. 8 – Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Seminar, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 – Holiday Bazaar
- Nov. 11 – Recognize Veterans
- Dec. 2 – Practice for Children/Youth Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 5 – Family & Friends Advent Evening, Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 9 – Children/Youth Christmas program during worship
- Dec. 9 – All-church Christmas Dinner after worship
- Dec. 12 – Family & Friends Advent Evening – Dinner and Caroling, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – “The Longest Night” Worship Service, 6:00 p.m. with dinner following
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 9:00 p.m.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Don Rutledge – medical procedure
Elaine Wilson – cardioversion procedure this week
L. J. Murray – lung cancer
Linda Brock – Hodgkin Lymphoma
Sandy Alexander – leg wounds
Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments
Bobby Thompson – health problems
Phil Alexander – dialysis at home
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Youth Groups
Unspoken prayer requests

Extended Family and Friends

Max Garner (Chris Garner) – stomach ulcer
Carol Sageser (Nancy Wadman) – confusion, breathing problems



Please Remember in Prayer (Continued)

Charlotte Pew (Tommie Hunt) – cancer in pancreas & kidney
Shirley Henshaw (Libby Henshaw) – recovering from hip surgery
Susan Waymire’s former mother-in-law – hospice
Dick Patterson (Vickie Richardson) – recovering from surgery
Tom Applegate – cancer surgery
Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – PET scan
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – advancing Parkinson’s disease
Our country and servicemen and women

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Belize Friends School and New Friends Church
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine
Dale Graves – cancer treatments
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – ministry in Kenya
Kelly Kellum, Incoming General Secretary of FUM

Notes of Thanks

“Thank you for your most recent contribution to Mesquakie Friends Center.... See ya next week!”

– Mac & Brenda McDonald

“Thank you for the graduation gift. As I graduate, a new journey begins. I thank you all for your kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers.”

– Audrey Davis

“Thanks to everyone who helped with VBS, the pancake breakfast, and Jacob’s Lemonade Stand – it takes all of us to hold kids and folks in prayer, donate items, and to volunteer time. I love the wonderful, caring spirit of encouragement, working, and worshiping together, generosity, and just having fun as a faith community! Together – in the spirit of love – we accomplish much! God is good!”

– Cathy Harris

“Thank you for your contribution of \$100 on March 14 and also \$100 on April 10. . . . Thank you again for your support.”

– Juanita Suggs

Christian Love Help Center

Stay Connected with Friends

We have multiple ways to stay connected with Friends and events in our church.

“SFC Friend to Friend” – an email with reminders and information about upcoming events, weather-related info, and any information you need to know.

SFC Prayer Chain with Joys and Concerns – We have an active prayer chain – people who will pray for any needs and concerns that come up. We also like to share what God is doing in our lives and share those joys with one another as well.

If you’re interested in receiving emails (the SFC Friend to Friend and prayer requests) – please contact Cathy at cathy.spicelandfriends@gmail.com.

Spiceland Friends Church – Facebook Page.

Spiceland Friends Church website – www.spicelandfriends.org – check out new information on upcoming activities and the Sunday morning bulletin and newsletter can be found online each week/month. You can also read blog articles written by our pastors.

Spiceland Friends Cookbook (2006) Available!

We’ve had several requests to reprint the cookbook in order to make them available for purchase. Good news! They’re here!

Cost for the cookbooks is \$18.00 each. You can purchase them through **Pat Bogue** – cash or make check payable to Pat.

Pat Bogue had originally worked with our printer, so she offered to order and pay for the reprinting of the cookbook. Once enough of the cookbooks are sold to cover the cost of printing, all proceeds will be donated to the church. The cost is a little higher than in 2006 due to increased cost of printing, and we ordered fewer books this time. If you have questions, please contact Pat at 987-7594 or waynepat62@comcast.net.

Crossing the Border

Some Christians know the exact date they received Jesus as Savior. Others come to faith through a gradual process; they can’t say precisely when they became a disciple.

Norman Warren (*How Do I Face Life’s Uncertainty?*) tells of meeting refugees who’d fled horrible circumstances and crossed into Austria. One woman had left Yugoslavia after her parents died of starvation. At the Austrian border she was given a visa stamped with the date and time of her entry, so she could always name the exact moment she stepped into her new life.

Another refugee had journeyed over the mountains from Communist Russia. He didn’t know precisely when he crossed the invisible border line, but when he arrived at an Austrian village, he knew for certain he was free.

God leads people into new life in various ways. We travel different routes but — thanks be to God! — our final destination is the same.

Pictures Taken of Jr./Sr. High Youth at King’s Island

