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“Walking by Faith in an Age of Turmoil”

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)



The above well-known verse is the introductory verse to the Faith Chapter in Hebrews. In that chapter, the author names many men and women from times past who exhibited a high level of faith in their lives. You may recall Nancy Wadman’s recent sermon titled “Who Is in Your Hall of Faith?” She talked about this chapter of Hebrews and then challenged us to think of who had influenced our lives in our faith walk. That is always helpful to think back to the people that God sent into our lives who had a big impact on our relationship with God.

This month we are going to continue our series in the Book of Acts. However, we are going to frame these Acts scripture passages with the

Hebrews chapter on faith. The disciples and other leaders of the early church had a wonderful day-by-day faith as they walked each day led by Jesus and empowered by his life within them. Just like the men and women in the Hebrews faith chapter, they acted in ways to bring about things they hoped for but could not see. They had the confident assurance that Jesus would bring about those results at the right time even though they could not see how it was going to work out.

The goal is for each one of us to live our lives with that confident assurance that Jesus is living inside of us and that he is working his work through us. We want to learn how to do that even in our age of turmoil. It seems like every day we learn of something new to be afraid of or something new that is a divisive controversy. It seems like the turmoil is spiraling out of control. The early church leaders certainly had their share of turmoil in their society. They faced persecution, opposition, false accusations, forced relocation, and much more. They learned to walk each day in faith that Jesus was working in spite of all of these things. We all have that same opportunity. I often say at funerals, “We do not choose the family into which we are born, we do not choose our circumstances, or our health, but we do choose our responses to each of those things.” We can’t change yesterday, and we can’t live tomorrow, but we can walk by faith in the circumstances of today.

Like the early men and women in the Hebrews faith chapter and like the men and women who were leaders in the early church, we can be people filled with the confident assurance

“Walking By Faith” (Continued)

that Jesus is present and working with and through us to bring about his purposes in our world. Join us each Sunday for worship and pray that God will continue to strengthen your faith walk and your willingness to trust him completely.

David Brock

Masks in Church

I am sure that you all know that Governor Holcomb is requiring all people to wear masks in public places as of July 27, 2020. While we may not all agree on the validity of wearing masks, the health and safety of our congregation is of the utmost importance to us all. While Romans 13 encourages us to obey our government and laws, Mark 12:28-31 talks about the greatest commandments. Verse 30 says: “And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength.” 31: The second equally important: “Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.”

So let’s show our love to our neighbors in church. We would like to strongly encourage people to wear masks in church while you are less than six feet apart from other people. If you feel comfortable and are the recommended distance apart during worship as well as other times and want to remove your mask, that is up to you. No one will judge or force you to wear a mask; however, we as a church cannot pick and choose the parts of the Bible we believe or follow so we are “encouraging” you to wear masks when it is appropriate to show our love for our neighbors.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact **David Brock**, **Lisa Ash**, or **Nancy Wadman**.

Nancy Wadman
Ministry Coordinator



Sermon Topics for August

Nancy Wadman will be preaching on August 9. **David Brock** will be preaching the other four Sundays in August.

August 2

Sermon – “Qualifications and Faith of Leaders”
Scripture – Acts 6:1-7

August 9

Sermon – “Perspectives in Times of Change”
Scripture – Acts 6:8-15

August 16

Sermon – “One Last Sermon to Preach”
Scripture – Acts 7:1-53

August 23

Sermon – “A Spark That Could Not Be Snuffed Out”
Scripture – Acts 7:54-8:3

August 30

Sermon – “Using Evil for God”
Scripture – Acts 8:4-13

Mask Sewing Day

As this newsletter is being put together, the Family Center is buzzing with activity. **Beth Carr** and **Sandi Swann** have organized a sewing day here at the church to mass produce masks for the children and staff of the South Henry School District. I can hardly wait to see how many are made and to see God’s hand in this fun work and fellowship.

– **Nancy Wadman**



Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

George Lacy – lung cancer; upcoming treatment
Gary Stegner – recovering from surgery for aortic aneurism
Linda Rutherford – breast cancer; chemo
Marilyn Ingle – outpatient surgery 7/29
Janice Radcliff – recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Marilyn & Mark Thompson – Marilyn - Bell's palsy; Mark – loss of job
Jenny McDaniel – recovering from heart surgery
Wayne Bogue – recovering from surgery
Peggy MacFarlane and daughter, Jamie (Janice Radcliff – recovering from surgeries
Beverly Reece – thyroid biopsy on 8/4
Darlene Darling – at home
Max Jessup – continuing to decline
Rick Little – completed chemo treatments; clean bill of health
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems
Judy Smith – health problems
Irene Goodwin – health problems
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee
Janet Craft – health problems
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor



Remember
in Prayer

Extended Family and Friends

Joyce Butler (Sara Jane Stegner) – Covid-19
Mark Brock (Linda Brock) – wrist injury
Doug Schweikhardt - cancer
Cain Kneply (Brian Thomas) – surgery on both hips
Dan Herr (Debbie Denny)
Teresa Hughes Major (Debbie Denny) – death of husband
Catherine Scott (Amie Thornburg) – ALS; severe lung infection; is on ventilator
Kathy Miller (Beth Carr) – colon cancer
Kyle Buckley (Carly Griggs) – loss of vision in one eye from hunting accident
Jett Sadler (great-grandson of Lin & Judy) – Guillian-Barre syndrome
Kelsey (granddaughter of Janice Radcliff) – recovering from surgery
Herbert King (Doris Hoover's brother) – Covid 19
Danny Day (Amie Thornburg) – recovering from surgery

Extended Family and Friends (Continued)

Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – difficulty breathing
Leona Blake (Mother of Helen Rust) – heart attack
Connie Smith (Linda Ratcliff's sister) – cancer
Jason Ash's mother – in Rushville nursing home
Brad Coffey (Joe James) – cancer
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – advanced breast cancer
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – continued pain
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine cancer
School administrators – making decisions about school reopening
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners
Long-term care facilities staff and residents dealing with Covid-19

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac & Bernie McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar Mmbali, Nikki Holland)
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

Bridal Brunch Coming Up

Ladies, you are invited to a Wedding Shower for **Chelsea Hineman**. Chelsea will be marrying **Jack Garner**, son of **Chris and Claudia Garner**. The shower will be on Saturday, August 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Center of Spiceland Friends Church. This will be an excellent time to welcome Chelsea to our church family.



BRUNCH

They are registered at Zola.com Chelsea Hineman and Jack Garner.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Worship Assistants for August

Scripture Readers

August 2 – Nancy Wadman
August 9 – Libby Henshaw
August 16 – Priscilla James
August 23 – Doris Hoover
August 30 – Renee Adams

Children's Messages

August 2 – Linda Brock
August 9 – Mike Van Osdol
August 16 – Janet Putnam
August 23 – Mike Van Osdol
August 30 – Linda Brock

Greeters – Ralph & Renee Adams

Births

Congratulations and best wishes to **Wyatt & Lacey Thompson** on the birth of their second son – **Owen Daniel!** Owen was born on July 24, the same day as their first son, **Nolan David**. Congratulations also to great-grandmother, Betty Moffitt, and grandparents, Steve Thompson, and Brad and Lisa Knotts.

Congratulations also to **Irene Goodwin** upon becoming a great-grandmother for the first time. **Charlotte Hope** was born on July 7 and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. Congratulations to parents, **Brett Goodwin** and **Kaitlyn Pierce**.

Congratulations to **Kandi Rutledge** upon the birth of a great-grandson, **Liam Michael Raines**, on July 14.



Come to Lunch and Bible Study

Do you need a little hope and encouragement in your life? If so, join us on Thursdays from 11:30 – 12:30. We have lots of room with old and new friends to discuss the difficult times Peter faced and the encouragement he shared with fellow believers. Paul wrote this letter to encourage believers who were facing trials and persecution. We are definitely facing trials right now, and I don't know about you, but I need all the encouragement I can get these days.

We eat lunch and have fellowship and then discuss the scripture for the week. It won't matter if you missed the first week or two – come any Thursday you are available.

– Nancy Wadman

Note of Thanks

"Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for our father, Walter McCormack.

"We also greatly appreciated the wonderful meal which was served afterward at the church. Spiceland Friends has always been a very important part of our lives."

– Family of Walter McCormack, Jr.

Stay Connected with Friends

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

Email communication that shares everything from prayer concerns and joys to activities at the church, announcements, closings, weather-related information, and any information you need to know.

If you are interested in receiving emails, contact us at spicelandfriends@hotmail.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.