



THE *Spiceland Friend*

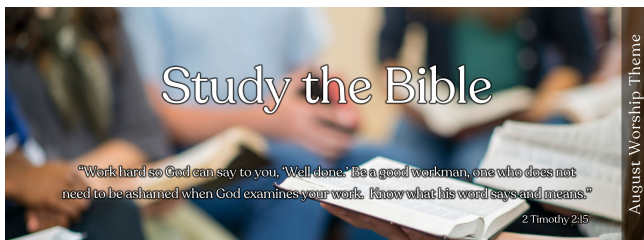
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“Study the Bible”

“Work hard so God can say to you, “Well done.” Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what his Word says and means.”
2 Timothy 2:15 (TLB)



We believe that the Bible is God’s word and that it contains important principles for living our lives, but do we really know what it says? Or do we just depend on a few cliches and favorite verses and leave the deep studying to others? Jesus told his followers to love God with all their hearts, souls, **and minds** (Matthew 22:37). Paul told his readers that “we have the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16). Peter encouraged Christians to give a reasoned case for what they believe (1 Peter 3:15). Believers are to study hard (2 Timothy 2:15) and seek wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 4:5).

The verse from 2 Timothy printed above reminds us that we are to be mature in our faith and growing more mature all the time. The growth in our faith and our understanding of the Bible is a lifetime journey of study and exploring different passages of scripture. Sometimes that study is on our own – searching and seeking to understand a particular passage of scripture; sometimes it is in a Sunday School class discussing with others what a passage means; and sometimes it is a home Bible study where we listen to others share about how they have applied the scripture to their lives.

Most of us go through times in our lives when we question our faith or question some of our beliefs. Sometimes that is because of *unanswered questions*. We have questions about many things, and there does not seem to be any good answers. If those pile up too much, it may lead us to question our faith and its foundation. On the other hand, sometimes it is *unquestioned answers* that challenge our faith. **We are beginning a new series of sermons that will examine several Christian cliches to rediscover Biblical truths. We hope to go beyond easy answers to timely truth that will help each of us in our Christian walk of faith.**

I will be using a book that I have found helpful titled: *Unquestioned Answers* by Jeff Myers as well as many passages from the Bible. I invite you to attend each Sunday, take notes during the sermon, and study various scripture passages during the week. Let’s join together in encouraging each other to grow in our faith and to apply the principles in scripture to our life circumstances. Let’s not forget to pray for God’s help in our understanding and application. As the scripture above says, let’s strive to be a congregation who “knows what his word says and means.”

David Brock

Mark Your Calendar for August Events

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – Walkers
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – Bible Study
Aug. 3, 6:00 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting
Aug. 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Second Harvest Food Distribution in SFC parking lot
Aug. 23, 3:00-8:30 p.m. – Pictures taken for church directory
Aug. 24, 2:00-8:30 p.m. – Pictures taken for church directory
Aug. 29 – After worship – Reception for Barbara Ward and Libby Henshaw
Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m. – Deadline for newsletter articles for September newsletter

Directory Photo

There has been a fantastic response to our plans for a photo directory. Great job! We have had to open up a second day for photo shoots. It will be Monday, August 23, from 3:00-8:30 p.m. We also have some slots left on August 24. Remember that we want a huge response from both members and non-members. If you consider SFC your church, we want to get a photo of you and your family in the directory. Let's make this a BIG event with a great turnout.

Let's Honor Libby and Barb!



Change of date! We will be having a Cake and Punch Reception to honor the musical talents of **Libby Henshaw** and **Barb Ward** on Sunday, August 29, right after church. They have both gifted us with beautiful music for many years. Please join us as we celebrate and honor their service to our church.

Mark Your Calendar for Movie Night

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. for a family movie night at SFC. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring snacks to share if you'd like. Stay tuned for the feature presentation to be announced!

Carly Griggs

That's What Friends are for

When I was very young, maybe 3 - 5 years old, my mom was probably my best friend. She spent hours reading to me, taking me on walks, playing simple games with me, and teaching me rhymes and songs. When I was around 6, I began to spend much time with my friend Bennie. Bennie was a neighbor who was one year older than I was. We often helped his dad around the farm, played with our toy tractor collection while his mom gardened nearby and generally messed around. I'm not really sure what we talked about but am sure our time together developed a close friendship.

In elementary and junior high my best friend Bud and I rode our bicycles constantly. If we were not riding our bikes, we were riding horses or just hanging around talking about life and getting into occasional mischief. My grandpa was also a true friend that took me fishing, hunting, motor boating. We were very close from the time I was 7 or 8 until he passed away when I was 22. He was a friend indeed.

Looking back over my now some 55 years of life I realize that God always provided me with a friend to walk with me along the way. Diana has been my friend since I was 16. I have had friends at church, friends in college, and friends at work. There has always been a friend close by my side through every joy and every struggle in life. God is good!!!

The Bible has much to say about the importance of friendship. In I Samuel 18 we read about the close bond between David and Jonathan. The scripture tells us that their souls were "knit together." God intends for us to live life together! God is always faithful to provide friendship when we are in need. So many times in life I have felt lonely, but as I look back God ALWAYS provided a friend to carry me through, cheer me on, or to enjoy life with. I am glad I serve a God who puts a high value on friendship and doing life together with others. I am glad God designed us to live life in community.

Eric Bowman

Welcome to Our New Members

Mary Van Osdol and George & Shirley Fort were recently accepted into the membership of Spiceland Friends Church. Welcome to our church family!



Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Shirley Miller Weber – fell; concussion
Kandi Rutledge – recovering from back procedure
Marilyn Biehl – ill
Kenny Miers – sepsis and pneumonia; at home
Beverly Reece – sinus surgery
Debi Zimmerman – stroke; at home
Libby Henshaw – broken hip; is in assisted living
Megan Chandler – foot surgery
Debbie Denny – chemo completed
Pat Bogue – back surgery; eye infection
Wayne Bogue – accident; concussion
Marcia Byrket – health issues
Rick Little – good test results
George Lacy – lung cancer; chemo
George Fort – recovering from back surgery
Judy Smith – health problems
Steve Stevens – health concerns
Darlene Darling – at home
Kathy Painter – at home
Marilyn Thompson – Bell's palsy
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems
Irene Goodwin – health problems
Janet Craft – health problems



Extended Family and Friends

Nancy Adkins (sister of Marilyn Biehl) – COVID-19 and pneumonia
Abeba Darling (Darlings' granddaughter) – in need of prayer
Tivon Lee (grandson of Sadlers) – health issues
Bob Carroll (Priscilla James) – heart surgery
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Abby (God daughter of Bob & Helen Rust)
Richard Biehl (Marilyn Biehl) – heart issues
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – health issues
Franka Dick (Pyles) – health issues
Larry & Peggy MacFarlane – Larry - in hospital
Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer
Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain tumor
Randy Helderbrand (Dale Albertson) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Sister of Judy Stevens) – health issues
Emma – 8-year-old with brain tumor (Marilyn Ingle)
Jill Stansberry (Claudia Garner) – mass removed from spine

Sue Engle (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer
Brooke Runyon (Cindy Mitchell) – cancer on her face
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – cancer has returned
Jennifer (friend of Debi Zimmerman) – breast cancer
Juan (Beverly Reece) – health issues
Charlene Haugh (Claudia Garner) – recovering from stroke
Parents of Teresa Batt
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners
Long-term care facilities staff and residents dealing with COVID-19

Worship Assistants for August



Scripture Readers

August 1 – Doris Hoover
August 8 – Sandra Swann
August 15 – Eric Bowman
August 22 – Janet Putnam
August 29 – Debbie Weber

Children's Story

August 1 – Janet Putnam
August 8 – Diana Bowman
August 15 – Linda Brock
August 22 – Mike Van Osdol
August 29 – Janet Putnam

Junior Church

August 1 – Linda Brock
August 8 – David Lahr
August 15 – Linda Brock
August 22 – Claudia Garner
August 29 – No Jr. Church

Greeters for August – Butch & Linda Rutherford

Sermon Topics for August

Eric Bowman will be preaching on August 8, and **David Brock** will be preaching the other four Sundays in August.

August 1

Sermon – “God Said It; I Believe It;
That Settles It for Me”
(Rediscovering Truth about the Bible)

August 8

Sermon – “Entitled”
Scripture – 1 Samuel 18:1-4

August 15

Sermon – “Just Have Faith”
(Rediscovering Truth about Faith)

August 22

Sermon – “God Will Heal Our Land if We
Humble Ourselves and Pray”
(Rediscovering Truth about Prayer)

August 29

Sermon – “It’s Just Me and Jesus”
(Rediscovering Truth about Community)

Raintree Square Love and Care

Spiceland Friends is providing a worship service on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. **Eric Bowman** brings a short message/devotional but could use some help singing songs, reading scripture, sharing love, and visiting during and after the service. See Eric if you would like to help share Christ’s love and encouragement at Raintree Square on occasion.

Food Distribution – Volunteers Needed



Second Harvest Food Bank will be distributing free food here at the church on Monday, August 16. We will need 4-5 volunteers for approximately two hours from

2:45-4:30 p.m. Please contact **Nancy Wadman** if you would like to help. This is a great opportunity to serve our community.

The Power of Prayer Is Amazing!

Dear Friends,

As I was mailing out letters concerning the new picture directory, it dawned on me that there are so many of our friends and members that may not be covered in prayer. Some have moved, some have gone to other churches as pastors, some haven't come back due to health issues, and there are multiple other reasons they don't come to church but are on our mailing list. We here at Spiceland Friends strongly believe in the power of prayer and have witnessed amazing results from those prayers. I think that as a church we need to pray for all people on our mailing list whether we know them or not. So . . . on Sunday, August 1, we will pass the offering plates around with everyone's name on a slip of paper. Please take one or two slips to pray for during the month of August. We tend to pray for people only when they have big problems or wonderful news. Everyone needs prayer sometimes just to make it through the day. Pray for their health, their family, their finances, their mental status (happy or sad, etc.), their relationship with God and Jesus, and anything else you can think of that affects someone's life. If you want to do more than pray, reach out to them through cards, emails, or texts. Whatever you do, challenge yourself to pray for them on a daily basis.

Nancy Wadman
Ministry Coordinator

Ladies Night Out

Chonda Pierce, a Christian Comedian and Author, will be live in concert at Madison Park Church of God, Anderson, IN on Thursday, September 23, 2021. An evening of food, fellowship, and laughter sounds like just what we all need! The cost for the evening is \$26 for the concert and whatever you want to spend for your meal.

I would like to order tickets by Monday, August 9. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m., and I would like to leave the church at 4:15 so we have plenty of time to eat and get to the concert. Please contact **Nancy Wadman** if you are interested in going. Also feel free to invite a friend. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center at church.

Nancy Wadman

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Elaine Wilson** upon her passing on June 30 at the age of 97 years.

Congratulations!

Matthew Bowman, son of **Eric & Diana Bowman**, recently graduated from the Army Airborne (Jump) School in Fort Benning, Georgia. This is an awesome accomplishment after having two heart surgeries this year. Congratulations! Matthew will be moving next week to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to start Special Forces Training.

New Addresses



Libby Henshaw

Glen Oaks Healthcare, Room 505
601 W Co. Rd. 200S
New Castle, IN 47362

Ralph & Renee Adams

18 Cedar Drive
Babbitt, MN 55706

The Power of Listening

“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen,” says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. “Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.”

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen” (verses 9 & 23). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them, not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they’re still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

Don’t underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christ-like love.

Notes of Thanks

“Thank you for the wonderful graduation gift. I am so grateful for your guys love and support.”

Riley Smith

“Thank you very much for my new Bible. I always enjoy coming to your church. Everyone is always so nice and friendly.

Dylan Carrera

“Thank you Spiceland Friends Church for the Bible and the \$50 towards outreach. I plan to gift the money to Westminster Retirement Community in Muncie. Also the quality of the Bible is really nice so I wanted to say thanks again.”

Derek Carrera

“Thank you for the bible and \$50. I’m not sure yet what I will be using the money for. Thank you for having a special graduation service for the seniors.”

Tristen Speer

“Thank you for the wonderful breakfast you provided us on Thursday morning! Everything was delicious and the leftovers provided blessings throughout the remainder of the week. Your ministry to us was a blessing and we pray God continues to bless each of you for your service to Him.

In His love,

Beth for Victory Lane Camp

