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God Directs Our Paths For His Glory

*"O Lord, you have sent this storm upon him
for your own good reasons." Jonah 1:14b (NLT)*



Our youngest daughter has taken her first teaching position. Watching her experience these first weeks has reminded me of how many challenges and obstacles come along with any new job or adventure. All of us who have started a new job or new experience face a steep learning curve as we embark on a new challenge.

New ventures always come with hurdles and frustrations. Of all of the frustrations – the one that I always dislike the most – is that there are so many things that no one can really explain to us. On any task there are those things that we just have to experience for ourselves. We simply must trust that as we go, we will learn.

As we continue our series from the book of Jonah, the one sentence that continues to press on me is at the end of verse 14 of chapter 1. The verse reads:

"O Lord, you have sent this storm upon him for your own good reasons." (NLT)

This scripture plainly lets the reader know that God allows and brings things into our lives for His own Glory. This should not surprise us. After all, He is GOD! God is able to see the entire picture when we cannot. The story of Jonah is a picture of what can happen to Christ followers who hold on to parts of our lives that God wants to use for His glory.

Just like our minds are not able to comprehend all of the components of a new job, our minds and hearts are not capable of seeing the whole picture that God has for our lives. My daughter, Mallory, will have to just walk forward step by step each day as she experiences her first year of teaching. She will need to trust herself and lean on her education, but more importantly she will have to trust that as she experiences the unknown, her steps and direction will be revealed. The more she trusts those with experience and those who have the whole picture, the better she will become. **Our walk with God is no different. We must not be anxious because He is orchestrating it all for His Glory.**

Eric Bowman

Quaker Beliefs, Part 3

What do YOU believe about the Holy Spirit?

Introduction – In the past few months we have been reviewing early Quaker belief statements. Although many of us are familiar with these and accept them as truth, there are many in our world today who do not. In Second Timothy 4:2 we are told to “be ready in and out of season to explain and preach the Word.” So far we have reviewed the Triune God, who was, is, and always will be. We have looked at our belief that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully human. This month we want to look at the Quaker statement regarding the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Here are excerpts from the Quaker statement, supporting scripture, and a short explanation.

Quaker Belief Statement about the Holy Spirit –

We believe that the Holy Spirit is, in the unity of the eternal Godhead, one with the Father and with the Son. He is the comforter. He convinces the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He testifies of and glorifies Jesus. He quickens them that are dead in trespasses and sins and opens the inward eye to behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Dwelling in the hearts of believers, He opens their understanding that they may understand the Scriptures, and becomes, to the humbled and surrendered heart, the Guide, Comforter, Support, and Sanctifier.

We believe that the essential qualification for the Lord’s service is bestowed upon His children through the reception and baptism of the Holy Ghost. This Holy Spirit is the seal of reconciliation to the believer in Jesus,⁸ the witness to his adoption into the family of the redeemed; the foretaste of the full communion and perfect joy which are reserved for them that endure unto the end.

¹Matt. 28:19, II. Cor. 13:14; ²John 14:26;
³John 16:8; ⁴John 16:14; ⁵Eph. 2:1; ⁶John 16:14;
⁷John 16:17; ⁸Eph. 1:13,14; ⁹Rom. 8:15,16

Summary of Belief Statement – We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit works to pull us to a relationship with Christ by convicting us of sin, helping us understand God’s scripture and God’s ways. We believe the Holy Spirit intercedes for us and comforts us in our relationship with God. We

believe the Holy Spirit brings us to God, cleanses us, keeps us, and works through us in service to God’s kingdom. Quakers refer to this entire process as “the baptism of the Holy Spirit.”

Eric Bowman

Sunday School Breakfast



Mark your calendars! The Christian Education Committee will be serving a breakfast of pancakes & sausage and sausage gravy & biscuits on Sunday, August 28, at 9:00 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity to have a great breakfast, fellowship, and try out a Sunday School class. We have three adult classes and two children’s classes. We would love for you to join us! We have wonderful discussions and truly enjoy our time learning more about God’s Word. If you have any questions, see **Nancy Wadman**.

Wanted!!! Youth and Children

“Jesus said, “*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*” Matthew 9:14

Who do you know that might like to join us on Sunday mornings? Sunday School classes meet each week at 9:30 a.m. before worship at 10:30. We need your help to let us know whom we can reach out to with a personal invitation. It may be your own child or grandchild, a niece or nephew, or a friend or someone in your neighborhood.

Teachers leading each class are **Carly Griggs** – 3 years-1st grade, **Janet Putnam** – 2nd-5th grades, and **Mike Van Osdol** – 6th-12th grades. Just call the church office (987-7835) or contact one of the teachers listed above with the name and mailing address of any young person you would like to receive a card. We would love to have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with more young people!

“*And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*” Romans 10:14

– **Janet Putnam**

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

Tom & Pam Pyle – COVID
David Brock – broken pelvis; broken ribs
Nancy Wadman – severe knee pain
T.J. Richardson - COVID
Monica & Dylan Altman – pregnancy complications
Mark Batt – COVID and flu
Sandy White – multiple eye injections
Sarah Reiblein – surgery
Bowman family – auto accident
Shirley Weber – hip surgery
Tom Weber – Addison’s House #133
Irene Goodwin – health problems
Steve Neal – liver cancer

Extended Family and Friends

Debra Weber’s mother – recovering from surgery
Pansy Pyle (Pyles) – recovering from COVID
Elmer New (Gerald Darling) – possible stroke
Jamie (daughter of Peggy MacFarlane) – Crohn’s disease
Franka Dick (Tom Pyle’s sister) - COVID
Bonnie Knopp (neighbor of Vickie Richardson) – back surgery and upcoming thyroid surgery
Angela (Priscilla James’ sister) – COVID
Family of Randall Coomer
Aaron King & wife (great nephew of Doris Hoover) – both ill
Ed (brother of Debi Zimmerman) – pancreatic cancer
Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney failure
Fran Brock (Brocks) – extreme back pain
Carmelle Jordan (Darlings) – stroke
Rick (Linda Wittmayer) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson’s
Joyce & David Holden (Richard Ratcliff) – David fell 3 times
Naomi Wagner (David Baker’s sister) – lung cancer
Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson’s mother) – severe back pain
Step-mom of Teresa Batt – broken hip
Diana Pfeffer (Tommie Hunt & Judy Stevens) – cancer surgery
Marc Allhands (Cindy Mitchell) – sepsis and other issues
Kelly Bush (Claudia Garner) – colon cancer
Eric Roth (Darlings) – at home; recovering from COVID
Vickie Vaccaro (Helen Rust) – cancer

Jackie Clendenin (Pat Bogue) – swallowing issues
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer
Daniel Sears (Kristen Davis) – stomach cancer
Par Sung (Bob Rust) – kidney problems
Tivon Lee (grandson of Sadlers) – health issues
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Abby (God daughter of Bob & Helen Rust)
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam’s mother) – health issues
Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer
Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain tumor
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation
Shooting in Uvalde, Texas
People in Ukraine
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners

Sermon Topics for August

Eric Bowman will be preaching all Sundays in August, except the last when **David Brock** will be preaching.



August 7

Sermon – “In the Storm Alone”
(God Allows a Time Out)
Scripture – Jonah 1:15-2:9

August 14

Sermon – “The Storm Passes Over”
(God’s Accomplished Will)
Scripture – Jonah 2:10-3:10

August 21

Sermon – “The Forgotten Storm”
(God Gets the Glory)
Scripture – Jonah 3:10-4:10

August 28

Sermon – “Which Way Are You Going?”
Scripture – Psalm 1

Worship Assistants for August

Scripture Readers

Aug. 7 – Gerald Darling
Aug. 14 – Janet Putnam
Aug. 21 – Nancy Wadman
Aug. 28 – Priscilla James



Children's Story

Aug. 7 – Diana Bowman
Aug. 14 – Linda Brock
Aug. 21 – Mike Van Osdol
Aug. 28 – Janet Putnam

Junior Church

Aug. 7 – Linda Brock
Aug. 14 – David Lahr
Aug. 21 – Linda Brock
Aug. 28 – Claudia Garner

Greeter – Diana Bowman

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families who have had recent losses:

Family of **Janet Craft** upon her passing on June 24

Linda & Richard Ratcliff upon the passing of Linda's brother, **Jay French**, on June 18.

Family of **Paul Copeland** upon his passing on July 28.

Notes of Thanks



"Thank you so much. I appreciate your gift! Thank you for your love and support throughout my high school journey!" – **Hunter Crandall**

"Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 and for supporting **The Guest House** men's shelter in New Castle."

"Thank you for providing a meal for **Victory Lane Camp** in June. The sack lunches worked out great for us and we were even able to use the remaining lunches through the week. We appreciate your service to our ministry."

Ladies Night Out Is Coming Up Soon!

Okay, girls, here is the plan! On Friday, August 12, we will meet at Primo's Restaurant in downtown New Castle at 5:00 p.m. for supper. After a yummy meal we will go to the New Castle Presbyterian Church for a concert by INDYKLEZ. They are an ensemble founded in 2002 by violinist Ginny Womack. The ensemble consists of violin, clarinet, bass, and accordion. They play music that is a tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Central and Eastern Europe.

"The program on August 12 has been selected to focus on a theme of celebration – the celebration of freedom, love, marriage and brotherhood. Among other pieces, the band will play the Ukrainian National Anthem, David and Goliath, Tzena, Tzena, Kibbutz Wedding, My Favorite Things, and Hava Nagila."

The concert starts at 7:00, and there will be a reception downstairs in their fellowship hall if you are interested. That is up to each individual. A freewill offering will be accepted for the Westminster Community Center.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer on Sunday. I would like to know who is going by Tuesday, August 9, so I can give Primo's a heads up on how many to expect. If you have questions see **Nancy Wadman**.

– **Nancy Wadman**

Second Harvest Food Bank Distribution

The Second Harvest Food Bank truck will be here on Monday, August 15. We will need 4-5 volunteers for about two hours. They have changed the time to 3:00-4:30 p.m. So if you are willing to help serve our community, please contact **Nancy Wadman**. Thank you!

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