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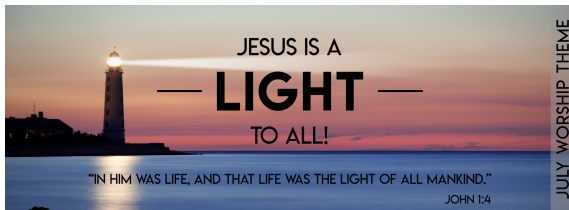
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“Jesus Is a Light to All”

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.” John 1:4 (NIV)



The verse above from the Prologue of the Gospel of John reminds us that Jesus coming to earth as a living human being as well as God in the flesh ushered in a new era. In some instances, he described that new era as the Kingdom of God and in some instances, he described that new era as his life being a light to everyone in the world. After the resurrection, Jesus promised that his life would be in his followers and work through his followers to do his will and to continue to help to bring about the kingdom of God here on earth.

We are going to continue to study the book of Acts in July. The early church has seen spectacular growth and acceptance of the message of Jesus. As they go forward there will be several “bumps in the road” as persecution comes up against them and their very lives are at risk. These early followers of Jesus will learn that they can trust this living Jesus that is a part of their lives to bring them through

these situations and to bring about his purposes even in difficult situations.

Linda and I are constantly amazed at the birds in our backyard. We have several trees, and there are some woods nearby so there are a lot of birds. They love to sing, and it seems to me that they are calling out to one another. Sometimes they seem to taunt our cat when he is out on the deck with me. The thing that is amazing about these birds is that they are singing all the time. They are not worried about the news of the day; they are not worried about the storms that are coming; they are not worried about what the future holds for them; they are just living their lives, looking for some food, and trusting God. They may not know about God, but he knows about them and cares for them according to the Bible. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:25-34 that we might try to be more like the birds who trust him rather than worrying about all the things that we worry about.

We live our lives. There will always be pressure and setbacks. In the midst of all of that, we are working to learn how to depend on that life of Jesus inside us. We are working to understand how we can step back, listen to God, and let him take the lead. Jesus continues to be the life and light of all mankind. Jesus continues to live that life and light through us as we allow it. Jesus continues to guide us through each step of our life and to strengthen us for the storms.

Come to worship each Sunday in July. Celebrate that we can be back together in person and celebrate this life of Jesus in each one of us.

David Brack

A Generous Donor and an Answer to Prayer

Last week an anonymous person or couple in our church gave a gift of \$25,000.00! The giver wishes to remain anonymous. The giver specified that the money be used to pay off the remaining balance on the mortgage that we took out for the new addition and put the rest in a fund for the Trustees to use for major improvements or building needs. There was about \$17,500.00 remaining on the mortgage. It has been paid off, and the balance will be held until needed for a building improvement or major renovation. This is a wonderful and generous gift! It was also an answer



to prayer because many of us had been praying for a way to get the mortgage paid off. Over the course of 2018-2019, we had to replace the boiler for the heat in the original building and then we had to replace the air conditioners for the sanctuary and nursery. Many members gave generously to pay for both of those major repairs. Then the Pandemic came, and it didn't seem like a good time to raise money to pay off the mortgage. This wonderful donor and gift is the answer that God had for us! We never know how God will answer our prayers!

Sunday School and Donuts!



Mark your calendars – we will be starting Sunday School on July 12, 2020! Join us at 9:00 a.m. for Jack's donuts, coffee, and fellowship. Sunday School will start at 9:30, with the Worship Service following at 10:30.

Nancy Wadman will be starting a new Sunday School class designed for anyone in their 20's to 80's. The intention is for people from one generation to the next to learn from each other and gain a better perspective on God's will in our lives. For right now, we will meet in the church library until we run out of room. We are going to start with a book entitled Free of Me by Sharon Hodde Miller. See Nancy if you have any questions.

New Bible Study Is Being Offered



Bring your lunch and your Bible every Thursday from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m., starting July 16. It is for both men and women. We will eat lunch and discuss a lesson from the Bible. We are going to start by studying 1st Peter, "Staying the Course, Perseverance," which is very applicable for the times we are in right now. **Nancy Wadman** will be leading the discussions; however, she is looking for someone to help share the leadership. The plan right now is to meet every Thursday until Thanksgiving and then take a break until February. Please contact Nancy if you have any questions.

Sermon Topics for July

David Brock will be preaching three Sundays in July. **Nancy Wadman** will be preaching on July 19.

July 5

Sermon – "Liberated for Life"
Scripture – Acts 5:17-21

July 12

Sermon – "On Trial for Life"
Scripture – Acts 5:22-33

July 19

Sermon – "Devote, Devotional, Devout"
Scripture – Psalm 58:7-11

July 26

Sermon – "The Surprises of the Life"
Scripture – Acts 5:34-42

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to **Emily (Thornburg) & Taylor Catron** upon their marriage on June 14 at the home of her parents, **Pat & Amie Thornburg**. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

George Lacy – PET scan and biopsy
Marilyn Thompson – Bell's palsy
Jenny McDaniel – triple bypass surgery
Jane Albertson – shingles
Wayne Bogue – recovering from heart surgery;
lung problem
Marilyn Ingle – recovering from kidney surgery
Family of Walter McCormack
Family of Hildegard Murray
Peggy MacFarlane and daughter, Jamie (Janice
Radcliff) – recovering from surgeries
Beverly Reece – recovering from mild stroke; atrial
fibrillation
Darlene Darling – making improvements 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

Extended Family and Friends

Family of Doris Crawford, aunt of Dennis Peavie
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
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – difficulty
breathing
Wendy Hunt Miers (daughter of Tommie Hunt) –
colon surgery
Leona Blake (Mother of Helen Rust) – heart attack
Co-worker of Debbie Denny
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
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

In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Walter McCormack** upon his passing on June 26. Walt was 91 years of age and a long-time member of Spiceland Friends.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Hildegard Murray** upon her passing on June 21. The funeral will be Saturday, July 11, at SFC.

Our sympathy also goes out to **Dennis & Monica Peavie** and family upon the tragic loss of Dennis' aunt, **Doris Crawford**, in an auto accident on June 25. She was like a second mom to Dennis.

Note of Thanks

"I would like to thank everyone that helped me celebrate my 95th birthday. It was great. The Lord has blessed me with a good life."

– **Ruth Knotts**



High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, June 21, our high school and college graduates were recognized during the worship service. Those honored were as follows:

High School Graduates

Halle Chandler

Halle is the daughter of Megan and Bobby Chandler and the granddaughter of Vickie and Thad Richardson and Dick Patterson. Halle graduated from Tri High where she was in the National Honor Society. She was in Health Occupations and received her CNA from Ivy Tech. Halle will be attending IU East this fall to study Nursing. She has been a lifeguard the last two years at Aquatic Center in New Castle and at the YMCA. This summer since she has her CNA she is working at the Friends Fellowship Community in Richmond.

Caleb Elliott

Caleb is the son of Dwight and Lori Elliott and the grandson of Bev and Duane Elliott and Linda and David Brock. Caleb graduated from Oak Hill High School in Converse, IN. He enjoys swimming, being on his iPad, and spending time with his family. He will continue his education in the fall. Caleb has two brothers, Drew and Ethan, and one sister, Emma.

Morgan Jones

Morgan is the daughter of Jamie Jones, granddaughter of Peggy and Larry MacFarlane and the great granddaughter of Mildred and Rex Brooks. She will graduate from the Keystone Academy, an on-line school and plans on going to Purdue to study Bio-tech engineering.

Josh Peavie

He is the son of Monica and Dennis Peavie and the grandson of Kathy Painter. Josh graduated from Tri High School. He is working full-time at the hops farm in Knightstown.

Mitchell Stiller

Mitchell is the son of Suzanne and Jeff Stiller and grandson of Barbara Ward. He graduated from New Palestine High School and is planning to attend Purdue University in the fall.

Brock Trump

Brock is the son of Leslie and David Trump. He is the grandson of Linda and David Brock. Brock graduated from Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN. He will be attending Purdue University in the fall and will be majoring in Pre-Med.

College Graduates

Drew Brock Elliott

Drew is the son of Lori and Dwight Elliott. He is the grandson of Linda and David Brock as well as Bev and Duane Elliott. Drew graduated Magna Cum Laude from Grace College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Counseling. He will be working at Grant-Blackford Mental Health Center in Marion, IN as a case manager.

Chelsea Hineman

Chelsea graduated with her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Illinois in May. Dr. Chelsea works at Buck Creek Veterinary Clinic. Chelsea is from Linton, IN but now lives in Spiceland. She is Jack Garner's fiancée.

The Hog Roast Was Great!

We had a lovely time of food and fellowship on June 21 in honor of Father's Day and High School and College Graduates. I want to thank **Chris & Claudia Garner** for providing the hog and helping to serve the meal. I also want to thank **Linda Brock, Debi Zimmerman, and Don Painter** for also serving the meal. The wonderful desserts were provided by **Linda Brock, Linda Ratcliff, Pam Pyle, Betty Moffitt, Sandi Swann, Claudia Garner, and Nancy Wadman**. **Linda Ratcliff** provided the green beans.

– **Nancy Wadman**

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