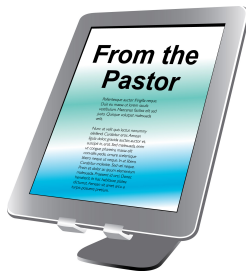




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### “Recognized as Having Been with Jesus”

*“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”*

Acts 4:1-13 (NIV)

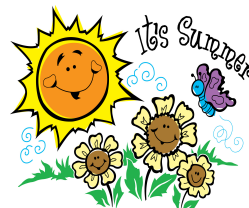


The verse above was the conclusion of my sermon on May 31 and will kick off the month of June as our theme for this month. The context in Acts 4 is that Peter and James saw a man lame from birth as they were going to the Temple to pray. By the power of Jesus Christ within them, they reached down and pulled the man up. As he got up, he was completely healed and started walking, leaping, and praising God. The crowds around Peter, John, and this man were rejoicing, Peter preached to them about the resurrection of Jesus, and many believed and dedicated their lives to Jesus. The Religious Leaders felt threatened

with this new teaching that Jesus had risen from the dead. They had Peter and John put in jail and then brought them before a large group of important Religious Leaders and asked them, “By what power or by what name have you done this?” (Acts 4:7) (NASV) Peter replied with a short defense that highlighted that it was “by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by this name this man stands here before you in good health.” (Acts 4:10) (NASV)

It was then that the Religious Leaders, who did not believe in Jesus, recognized that the courage of Peter and John did not come from their education or expertise, but it came from having been with Jesus. Do people around us recognize that we have been with Jesus? Do they recognize the traits of Jesus illustrated in our lives as we talk and interact with others?

We are going to explore this theme in our spiritual lives as we study and apply passages from Acts, Ephesians, and perhaps others. Let’s join in prayer that each of our lives will be shaped and formed by the Holy Spirit so that we are in conformity with the way Jesus lived and taught. Spend some extra time this month praying and reading the Bible as well as just sitting and listening for God’s guidance and direction.



David Brock

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

Wayne Bogue – bypass surgery & heart valve replacement  
Marilyn Ingle – kidney surgery on June 5  
Beverly Reece – recovering from mild stroke  
Darlene Darling – recovering at home  
Family of Teresa Batt – loss of family member  
Max Jessup – continuing to decline  
Rick Little – completed chemo treatments  
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems  
Judy Smith – health problems  
Irene Goodwin – health problems  
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee  
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle; breathing problems  
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor

### Extended Family and Friends

Family of Butch Tauber  
Kyle Buckley (Carly Griggs) – loss of vision in one eye from hunting accident  
Jett Sadler (great-grandson of Lin & Judy) – Guillain-Barre syndrome  
Peggy MacFarlane and daughter, Jamie (Janice Radcliff) – recovering from surgeries  
Kelsey (granddaughter of Janice Radcliff) – recovering from surgery  
Herbert King (Doris Hoover's brother) – Covid-19  
Danny Day (Amie Thornburg) – recovering from surgery  
Rita Holloway (Peggy MacFarlane) – Covid-19 virus  
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – difficulty breathing  
Wendy Hunt Miers (daughter of Tommie Hunt) – recovering from 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  
Raintree Square – Search for new Executive Director  
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – advanced breast cancer

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## Prayer (Continued)

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



## Sermon Topics for June

**David Brock** will be preaching three Sundays in June. **Mark Herbkersman** will be preaching on June 14.

### **June 7**

Sermon – “Called Out and Called Together”  
Scripture – Acts 4:32-35

### **June 14**

Mark Herbkersman preaching.

### **June 21**

Sermon – “Encourager”  
Scripture – Acts 4:36-37 & Ephesians 4

### **June 28**

Sermon – “The Holdout”  
Scripture – Acts 5:12-16

## Missions Committee Report

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 Virus, we have not been able to be nearly as active this spring as we were last year. However, we have taken desserts to The Guest House both in March and May. We will continue to provide desserts as scheduled. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center at church.



The Baby Bottles have been taken to the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center. If you still have one, please drop it off at the church and we will turn it in. They are also in need of size 4 & 5 diapers. These can also be dropped off at church.

The Missions Committee also provided the "Blessings Sacks" that were delivered to our members who live by themselves during this difficult time.

I would like to organize another trip to the Mesquakie Friends Center in Iowa the fall. If you are interested in going, please contact **Nancy Wadman**. It is an excellent learning and rewarding experience.

**Nancy Wadman**  
Missions Committee Clerk

## Notes of Thanks

"Thank you for the thoughtful "goody" bag you brought me the other day! That was such a nice surprise & I enjoyed looking through it to see the good stuff!" – Sincerely, **Joan Holt**

"What a good idea, and a nice treat for Mother's Day. But especially nice for a couple of minutes to see some faces of old Church Family. Thank you and your crew." – **Pam & Tom Pyle**

"Thank you so much for the gift bag. And a special thank you to Nancy Wadman for driving all the way to my house to deliver it." – **Beverly Reece**

"I'm home recovering from my surgery. My daughter Jamie may need additional surgery on her arm. I'm thankful for my church family and all your prayers and cards." – **Peggy MacFarlane**

## Walking Group Starts Back Up

The Walking Group started back up again on June 1. The group is more than just a "walking group" – they have become a support group for

each other over a cup of coffee. This has become an important ministry at Spiceland Friends. You are invited to come and join us on Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Center at the church. You may wear a mask if it makes you feel more comfortable but is not required. Just like everything else, be cautious, and social distancing will be encouraged.

## Celebration of Graduates and Fathers

We will celebrate Fathers and Graduates on June 21. High school and college graduates will be recognized during worship. We would normally have a hog roast on this Sunday to celebrate the conclusion of Bible School. As with many things this spring, Bible School has been canceled; however, we are still planning on having the hog roast after church. It will be a great way to celebrate our return to having live church services. **Chris Garner** and his family have graciously provided the hog and have arranged to have it cooked. The whole meal will be provided, and we will do our best to maintain social distancing and will have servers with masks and gloves.

I will be contacting people to provide desserts. We will also provide take out if you would be more comfortable with that option.

**Nancy Wadman**  
Interim Ministry Coordinator

## We're Back! 😊

We had a really nice turnout for our first Sunday back from being quarantined for Covid-19. It was really good to see faces and hear voices – 51 people eager to worship our Lord! Some wore masks, and some didn't, but we were nicely spaced for social distancing. We will continue to encourage people to respect each other's spaces and to come when you feel safe and comfortable. As for right now, we are hoping to start Sunday School in July! We will let you know for sure when by email and announcements during church. We will continue to provide online services via YouTube.

– **Nancy Wadman**