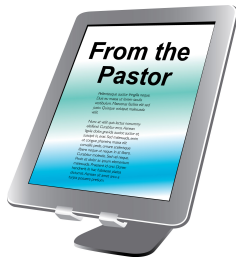




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“The Holy Spirit Works in Our Lives Today”

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

The book of Acts reports these words above as the last words the resurrected Jesus spoke to his disciples before ascending into heaven. The scripture says that “a cloud took him out of their sight.” That would be quite an experience to suddenly see a man swooped up to heaven and out of sight. The disciples were amazed and were standing there gazing up into heaven when suddenly two men in white robes stood by them and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:10-11)

This was certainly a promise that Jesus will return some day, but it was also a direct command to stop standing around and get to work. Get to work revealing God’s love just as Jesus had done. Get to work experiencing the power and the promise of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised

would come to take his place in our lives. Get to work allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our lives so that our actions, words, and thoughts all reveal God and his love and forgiveness. It is easy for us to be like the disciples – staring up into heaven. Maybe not literally, but to become so focused on our church activities, on our theology, and many other distractions that we forget to get to work doing God’s work in this world.

Last week we studied the passages in John and in Acts about the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. The message that came through loud and clear in both accounts was that the Holy Spirit is a sending power – sending the early disciples out, sending us out to minister in the name of Jesus. For the next several weeks we are going to be studying several chapters of Acts with the intent to learn from those stories of the early church how we can improve and increase the effectiveness of our church ministry. Keep in mind that the church is simply a gathering of individual followers of Christ so what we are studying is how to increase the effectiveness of each one of us as we reach out in Christ’s name.

Plan to come to worship each Sunday this summer unless you are traveling out of town. Plan to read a chapter in Acts each week in preparation for worship. Plan to take some extra time to think about how the power of the Holy Spirit has affected and shaped your life. Plan to open up your mind to new opportunities to which God may be calling you. Plan to stop staring and get to God’s work!

David Brack

“Maker Fun Factory” VBS



Make plans now for your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to attend this year’s Vacation Bible School June 19-23, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We will have fun

going to different stations throughout the evening where everyone will discover how God lovingly made them, God is “for” them, God is with them, God will always love them, and that God made them for a purpose. It’s a fun-filled week packed with lots of activities and a special surprise on Friday evening! VBS is for children ages 3 years old through students who have completed 5th grade.



VBS Program – June 25

During our regular morning worship service, the children will be sharing songs, Bible stories, and pictures of what they did during VBS and what they learned. Join us for this fun time of worship as we support and encourage our youth. Bring a friend and stay for the picnic!

All-Church (Indoor) Picnic and Hog Roast – June 25

Immediately following worship, we will have an all-church picnic – indoors with air-conditioning and no bugs! The main course will once again feature our favorite – pulled pork from a hog roasted overnight on a roaster! Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share, or consider making a donation to help with the cost of the pork. Table service and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend!



This is our special Special Summer edition of *The Spiceland Friend* newsletter that includes information for the months of June and July. The Back-to-School edition will be published in August.

Sermon Topics for June and July

David Brock will be preaching about life lessons we can learn from the book of Acts. Interspersed with those themes will be our concluding VBS program and celebration on June 25, and **Cathy Harris** will bring the message on July 16. The Gospel Sing will be on August 20.

June 11

Sermon – “God’s Power at Work”
Scripture – Acts 3

June 18

Sermon – “The Gift of Boldness”
Scripture – Acts 4

June 25

VBS Concluding Program and
Devotional by Cathy Harris

July 2

Sermon – “The Gift of Encourager”
Scripture – Acts 4 & 5

July 9

Sermon – “God Given Surprises”
Scripture – Acts 5

July 16

Cathy Harris will preach

July 23

Sermon – “Using Evil for Good”
Scripture – Acts 6 & 7

July 30

Sermon – “Surprising Orders”
Scripture – Acts 8

Youth Group Meeting Times for July

- July 2 Elementary Youth – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
High School Youth – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- July 9 High School Youth – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- July 16 No Youth Groups (Tyler will be at QHC)
- July 23 Elementary Youth – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
High School Youth – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- July 30 Combined Youth Group – 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Doris Hoover – surgery & pneumonia
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems
Meredith Harris – traveling to Thailand
Family of Max Copeland; prayers for Janet
Ginny Bryson – fell; knee injury
Kathy Painter – fell, broken rib
Tom Ratcliff – hospice care
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems

Extended Family and Friends

Phil Stafford (Duane Elliott) – fell; critical head injury
Randy Muncy (Marilyn Thompson) – severe kidney failure
Elaine Wilson’s son & daughter-in-law – traveling to Holland
David Van Hoy’s grandson & wife – just had baby girl
Family of Carla Hopper (Tommie Hunt’s sister)
Audrey Wampler (Peggy Brooks MacFarlane) – 9-year-old undergoing chemo treatments
Mary Kleeman (Linda Van Osdol) – heart attack & pneumonia
Marcia Ash (Jason Ash) – seriously ill
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – serious health problems
Ed Shepherd (Judy Stevens) – lung cancer
Cyndi (aunt of Josh Griggs) – cancer recurrence that has spread
Theresa Wilson (Cathy Harris) – thyroid cancer treatments
Friend of Dave Moore – having some serious problems
Kenny Carter (Marilyn Ingle) – advanced cancer
Tom Leonard (Priscilla James) – broken ankle
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – metastasized breast cancer
Our country and servicemen and women

In honor of all ladies for Mother’s Day and all men for Father’s Day, the church is donating \$500 (\$250 for each special day) to **Habitat for Humanity** towards the house that will be built in Spiceland.

Monthly Business Meeting Is Scheduled for June 11

Our next Monthly Business Meeting is set for June 11 immediately following worship. Our goal at the business meeting is to hear reports from various committees, financial reports, and to prayerfully consider any business or decisions before us.

Mark Your Calendar for Girls Night Out – June 28

Join us for a delightful evening as we go on a “Road Trip” together! How many places have you traveled? Where’s your favorite spot so far? Put on your traveling clothes – whatever you usually wear for your road trip – a hat. . . flip flops . . . walking shoes . . . ?? Wear it!

We’ll enjoy a pitch-in meal at 6:00 p.m. (drinks and table service provided – you’re invited to bring a dish to share – but not required to). Then we’ll have some fun games with door prizes, and hear from two or three friends about their “road trips”! Bring some of your friends and family – girls/ladies of all ages! – for this grand adventure!



Mark Your Calendar for the Gospel Sing – August 20

Join us for our annual Gospel Sing on Sunday, August 20, during our regular morning worship time. Several musicians from our church will be sharing the message through music that morning. You won’t want to miss, it, so mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us.



Youth Picture of the Month



Worship Assistants for June and July

Scripture Readers

June 4 – Sandra Swann
June 11 – Wes Dicken
June 18 – Carly Griggs
June 25 – VBS Sunday
July 2 – Linda Ratcliff
July 9 – Judy Sadler
July 16 – Arthur Whitaker
July 23 – Nancy Wadman
July 30 – Carrie Copenhaver



Junior Church

June 4 – Tyler Little
June 11 – Linda Brock
June 18 – Cathy Harris
June 25 – There will be no Junior Church;
Kids stay in worship
July 2 – Tyler Little
July 9 – Linda Brock
July 16 – Cathy Harris
July 23 – Amanda Huss
July 30 – There will be no Junior Church;
Kids stay in worship

Hosts

June – Ron & Sandy White
July – Tony Swann

Children's Messages

June & July – Charlene Williams

Congratulations to Our Graduates

On Sunday, May 21, graduates were recognized during the worship service. We wish them happiness and success as they enter the next chapter of their life.



High School Graduates

Cate Brock – daughter of Mark & Christi Brock, graduated from New Castle High School and will be attending Harvard University this fall.

Haley Painter – daughter of Don & Eleanor Painter, graduated from New Castle High School and will be going to Indiana Wesleyan University in the fall.

Lindsey Peavie – daughter of Dennis & Monica Peavie, graduated from Tri High School and will be going to IUPUI in the fall.

Chris Blake – nephew of Bob & Helen Rust, graduated from Tri High School and is attending automotive training at the Ohio Technical College in Cleveland, Ohio.

Kyle Frost – grandson of Virginia Newkirk, graduated from Columbus East High School on June 3 and will be going to Purdue University to pursue a degree in Engineering.

Anthony Vaccaro – nephew of Bob & Helen Rust, graduated from Tri High School, and his future plans are to enlist in the Armed Forces.

College Graduate

Jack Garner – son of Chris & Claudia Garner, graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He has already accepted a job offer working here in Henry County.

Visit Jacob's Lemonade Stand

Jacob Specht is getting excited – it's time once again for his annual lemonade stand! It will be held July 14 and 15 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. There will be food, a yard sale, and, of course, lemonade! All money raised will be sent to Friends United Meeting to purchase/make water filtration units



so that children and families in Kenya can have clean water. Each filter costs approximately \$60. The sale will be held at **Gerald and Darlene Darling's** home (Jacob's grandparents) at 6028 West County Road 550 South, Knightstown. Come join the fun and help Jacob raise money for the children and families in Kenya to have clean water!

Notes of Thanks

“The family of **Mildred Gephart** would like to express their gratitude to Spiceland Friends for the beautiful flower arrangement and luncheon following Mom's funeral. We were blessed by your visits to Mom at Glen Oaks, and your continued prayers. We would also like to add a special thank you to David Brock for the wonderful eulogy, and the beautiful music provided by Cathy Harris and Libby Henshaw. Again, thank you all so much.”

–**Sarah Stanley**

“The Christian Love Help Center-Shelter would like to thank you for your monetary contribution of \$100.00. It is because of caring individuals like you that the CLHC is able to meet the ongoing needs in our community”

– **Juanita Suggs**, Director

“Thank you for your recent donation of \$500.00 on May 3. We are all set for a Spiceland Build when all the pieces fall into place for a building location. Please remind your church family that we are looking for a building site whether by donation or “For Sale.” Thank you for your support of our mission of providing decent affordable housing for qualified residents of Henry County.”

– **Alan McCraine**, Executive Director

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Max Copeland** who passed away on Saturday, April 29.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to Tommie Hunt and family upon the unexpected passing of her sister, **Carla Hopper**, on May 16.

Directory Additions

Don & Eleanor Painter

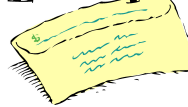
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Would You Like Offering Envelopes?

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Offering envelopes for the coming year will be available soon. If you haven't used them in the past and would like to start, please see **Tom Pyle**. Also, if you have been getting them but no longer want them, let Tom know that also.

Freedom Days Will Be Here Soon!

Be sure to come to Freedom Days in downtown Spiceland July 7 and 8. There will be vendors, a parade, delicious food, contests, car show, entertainment and MORE. If you have any questions, e-mail spicelandfreedomdays@gmail.com.

