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**“Shipwrecked”**

About 15 years ago, Tom and Chris went on a fishing and bear hunting trip to Canada. Both of them went fishing, and although Chris went out with Tom to go bear hunting, he wasn't actually hunting himself. They had a great time and came back and told me lots of stories about being up there. I told them if they went back the next year, I might go with them and I could go on walks and sit outside or go swimming. Tom laughed and said I would only be able to walk a few feet from the cabin because of the bears nearby, and that if I sat outside, I would have to wear a full “bug suit” – head to toe, and that I could swim if I wanted, but the water was freezing cold. I decided I'd just let them go back and I'd do something else! I told Tom before he left to take care of himself and watch out for Chris while he was hunting. Tom replied that all Chris had to do was to run faster than him and Chris would be fine.

One day they went out fishing with two other boats – the other boats had eight French-men. It looked like a nice day. They got out on the lake, and a bad storm came up suddenly – pouring down rain with lots of lightning and thunder. The Frenchmen motioned for Tom and Chris to follow them. They did not want to stay out on the lake in that bad storm. So Tom and Chris followed them.

The Frenchmen headed up to the shore, tied up and secured all three boats, and then they went

up to a cabin and knocked on the door. No answer. So the Frenchmen opened the door – and Chris and Tom followed – and they all took shelter inside the front porch of a stranger's cabin. Chris and Tom discovered that up there – no one locked their cabin – or at least leaves their closed in porch unlocked – in case someone has an emergency and needs to take shelter – even if you weren't home. Chris thought that was really cool. They waited in that porch until the storm ended and then headed back out.

Storms bring with them different feelings in us and in others around us – fear for some of us, and some people – like Tom – are intrigued by storms. There have been several times when there were tornado warnings advising people to take cover, and the kids and I were hunkered down in the bathroom with pillows and the dog and cats, while Tom was standing out on the front porch watching. He likes storms. I don't.

This year's vacation Bible school theme is “Shipwrecked” – and the kids will be talking about some of the storms and Bible stories that take place on the sea – as well as shipwrecks. The kids will have great adventures on the high seas that week!

Sometimes our lives feel like we are being tossed around in the storms of life when we are faced with illness, conflict in relationships, problems at work, the loss of a loved one, or financial difficulties.

Unexpected problems come into our lives each and every day. When storms blow into our life bringing changes, we have a choice – we can fight it, we can resent the storm or get bitter about it – or we can learn to adapt. Sometimes we simply cannot navigate around a storm.

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Whatever the storm, we can cast out four anchors:

1. Know that God is with you – you’re not alone.
2. Remember who you are – you’re God’s! and God loves you!
3. Stay connected with God’s people – our church family!
4. Count on God’s promises – you’ll make it through.

That’s what the kids will be learning – that God is with us – rescues us – and will see us through life’s storms.

Tom, Chris, and Meredith went up to Canada the next year for a fishing trip, and they had a great time – bug suits, bears, and all! Me? I stayed home and kept the home fires burning and curled up with a good book.

*Cathy Harris*

This is our 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 the last week of July.

## Coming Soon! “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus” VBS 2018



Are you ready for some fun? Mark your calendars for June 18-22 so you don't miss out on all the fun! This year's theme is: “Ship-

wrecked: Rescued by Jesus.” VBS

will be from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening that week. Kids will have fun as “castaways” going to different stations throughout the evening – venturing onto an uncharted island, where kids survive and thrive. Kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.

VBS is for 3-year-olds through those who have completed 5th grade. Registration forms are in the Welcome Center at the church.

We NEED YOUR HELP! How can you be a part of this awesome ministry opportunity? Well, there are multiple ways you can help: donations (list of needs in Welcome Center), volunteer to



## “Shipwrecked” (Continued)

help at “Shipwrecked,” and pray for everyone involved. All of these are very important in helping make VBS a success. Please see **Carly Griggs** if you are interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities.

## VBS Program – June 24

During our regular morning worship service, our 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!



## Hog Roast & Church Picnic (Indoor!)

We will have our annual all-church indoor picnic and hog roast on Sunday, June 24, immediately following worship. The kids will share some of their VBS songs and what they learned at VBS that Sunday during worship, so it will be a fun, exciting day! The pork, drinks, and table service will be provided, and you are invited to either bring a side dish or dessert to share or make a donation to help with the cost of the pork. This would be a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to join us as we enjoy good food and fellowship, and as we discover that Jesus is our anchor to help carry us through life’s storms!

## SFC Missions Committee Sponsors (Cooks!) Pancake Breakfast During Freedom Days

The Missions Committee will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 14, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. in the Family Center. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. All proceeds will go towards missions, and everyone in the community is welcome.



## Meet Mac & Brenda (Berny) from Mesquakie Friends Center

The Mesquakie Friends Center is a Friends ministry to the Mesquakie Indians in Tama, Iowa. **Mac & Brenda McDonald** are the directors of the Center, and Mac is the pastor of the Mesquakie Friends Church. They have an active youth program as well as having ministries to adults and the folks in Tama County. Mac and Berny will be visiting us on Sunday, July 29, to share about the ministry work they are doing at the Mesquakie Friends Center.

We will have a joint Sunday school class at 9:30 a.m. Following worship, we will have a pitch-in lunch for the church and for our guests from the Center. Mac and Berny will be bringing some of their youth with them from Iowa.

The Mesquakie Friends Center is one of six native American Friends Centers in the United States, all of whom we support through our annual missions budget. This is a great opportunity to meet the directors and some of the Mesquakie youth!

## Young Adult Cookout Coming Up

There will be a cookout on June 16 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., for young adults, ages 18 and older who are not yet established (i.e., unmarried). The cookout will be at the Sims Lake in Greenfield. The address is 2424 N 400 E, Greenfield, IN. Please



feel free to invite a friend. For those who do not want to drive to Greenfield themselves, **Chris Harris** will provide a ride from the Church (if needed, please contact Chris Harris). If you have any questions, please contact Chris at 317-498-9058.

## Youth Group Activities

By Chris Harris

**King's Island Trip** – The Jr./Sr. High Youth Group will be going to King's Island on July 19. We will be leaving from the church at 8:00 a.m. and will be returning at 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per student. Drinks are free at the park. A picnic lunch and dinner will be provided.

**Elementary Youth Summer Party** – The Elementary Youth Group will be having a cookout at the Sims Lake on July 22. The address is 2424 N 400 E, Greenfield, IN. We will be meeting in the Family Center at 11:30 a.m. after worship and returning at 4:00 p.m. There will be lunch, swimming, and games. There will be plenty of shade to stay cool. Parents, siblings, and friends are all welcome. Please RSVP to **Chris Harris**, either in person or by phone at 317-498-9058 so we can plan food and transportation.

**Day Trip to Quaker Haven** – A day trip for the Elementary Youth Group is currently being planned for later this summer. Watch for more details soon!

**Quaker Haven Overnight Retreat for Jr./Sr. High Youth** - The Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (students entering grades 5-12) will be heading to Quaker



Haven Camp on August 11-12. We will be meeting at the Church at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, and returning Sunday at 4:30 p.m. We have reserved Oak Haven Lodge (separate bunk rooms for guys and girls). The activities will include swimming, boating, and other camp games. We will be making popcorn over the campfire and having lakeside devotions. There will be no cost to students. More information will be available soon from Chris. Quaker Haven Church Camp is on Dewart Lake in Syracuse, Indiana.

**Levi and Catharine Coffin House** – Both Youth Groups went to the Levi and Catharine Coffin House in May. Our tour guide had been volunteering at the House for 42 years. It was a very engaging and interesting tour that kept us all on our toes the whole time, learning new things in every room we ventured into. We also learned about our own history, here in Spiceland. Catharine Coffin's parents lived in Spiceland and are buried in the Friends' Cemetery. And Levi Coffin visited Spiceland frequently. Our role in the Underground Railroad was very enjoyable to learn about. I think we all left the Levi and Catharine Coffin House feeling inspired to do great things in our own lives.

## Monthly Business Meeting

Our next Monthly Business Meeting is set for June 10 immediately following worship. Our goal at the business meetings is to hear reports from various committees, financial reports, and to prayerfully consider any business or decisions before us.

## Sermon Topics for June and July

**Cathy Harris** will be preaching June 10 and 17 while **David & Linda Brock** are on vacation. **David Brock** will preach on July 1, 15, and 22. **Cathy Harris** will preach on July 8.

### June 10 and 17

Cathy Harris will be preaching.

### June 24

VBS Concluding Program and Hog Roast

### July 1

Sermon – “Unrestricted Mercy”  
Scripture – Lamentations 3:22-33; Mark 5:21-43

### July 8

Cathy Harris will be preaching.

### July 15

Sermon – “Unexpected Outcome”  
Scripture – Mark 6:14-29; Ephesians 1:3-14

### July 22

Sermon – “A Dwelling Place for God”  
Scripture – Ephesians 2:11-22; Jeremiah 23:1-6

### July 29

Missionary Speakers – Mac & Brenda McDonald  
from Mesquakie Friends Center

## Worship Assistants for June and July

### Scripture Readers

June 3 – Nancy Wadman  
June 10 – Sandra Swann  
June 17 – Amanda Huss  
June 24 – VBS Program  
July 1 – Linda Ratcliff  
July 8 – Pat Bogue  
July 15 – Mark Thompson  
July 22 – Jason Ash  
July 29 – Judy Smith

## Junior Church

June 3 – Chris Harris  
June 10 – Linda Ratcliff  
June 17 – Megan Harris  
June 24 – No Junior Church  
July 1 – Chris Harris  
July 8 – Linda Brock  
July 15 – Megan Harris  
July 22 – Amanda Huss  
July 29 – Kids stay in worship

## Hosts

June - Duane & Beverly Elliott; George & Shirley Fort  
July – Pat Bogue

**Children’s Messages** – Linda Brock

## Jacob’s Clean Water for Kenya Lemonade Stand – July 28 at SFC!

Mark your calendars now for Jacob’s Lemonade Stand. It will be held here at the church this year, and it’s growing!

This year’s Lemonade Stand features a car show, craft booths, a quilt raffle, homemade baked goods, lunch (pulled pork, sloppy joes, hot dogs available for purchase) and, of course – lemonade! Coffee, juice, and Jack’s donuts are also available to purchase for breakfast.



**The event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

If you’re interested in having a booth (indoors), please contact **Marilyn Thompson** at 765-987-8807.

We have two beautiful quilts that have been donated by the prisoners’ quilt group. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Winners will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. First winner drawn gets first choice of quilt. The Youth Groups will begin selling tickets for the quilt raffle after worship each Sunday or ask **Gerald and Darlene Darling** or **Cathy Harris** if you need tickets.

We will need some volunteers to help with parking, working in the kitchen to serve food, baking desserts/snacks to sell, etc. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center.

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## Jacob's Clean Water (Continued)

The event will be held rain or shine. All proceeds go to Kenya (via Friends United Meeting) to build biosand water filters so that kids and families in Kenya can have clean, safe water to drink. This project also creates jobs for Kenyans. Invite your friends!

## News and Notes from the Missions Committee



### LOCAL MISSIONS

Spiceland Friends Church has been very busy supporting the local community. We raised \$576.01 for the Baby Bottle

Boomerang. We also provided an evening meal for the local chapter of Brianna's Hope. Brianna's Hope is a substance abuse group in New Castle working to provide hope and support to people struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. We gave Henry County Special Olympics \$150 in memory of David Moffitt. We continue to provide yummy desserts once a month to The Guest House, the local men's shelter in New Castle. We provided lodging for a local couple and their two children who had their utilities unexpectedly shut off during the Memorial Day weekend.

All of the people above were extremely appreciative of our help.

We will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on July 14 during Spiceland Freedom Days. There will be a sign-up sheet for cooks and servers.

We are also considering a possible missions trip to the Mesquakie Friends Center later this summer. Possible dates are August 10-16 which would provide an opportunity to experience the Mesquakie annual Pow Wow on August 11, when non-Native Americans are allowed to participate. Cost would be between \$250-300 per person and would include all meals and lodging. We would be staying in the director's home – sleeping in beds and with air-conditioning. There is some indoor and some outdoor work that needs to be done. The Center is located in Tama, Iowa. Are you interested in going? The Missions Committee needs to know what kind of interest there is.

Thank you for blessing our community with your skills, prayers, and financial support.

– **Nancy Wadman,**  
Clerk of Missions Committee

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

David Brock – upcoming cataract surgery  
Linda Brock – Hodgkin Lymphoma; chemo treatments

David Baker – fell; broke hip

Sandy Alexander – leg wounds

Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments

Bobby Thompson – health problems

Carolyn Lantz (Teresa Batt) – stage 3 cancer

Lonnie Murray – chemo & radiation treatments

Phil Alexander – dialysis at home

Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems

Youth Groups

Unspoken prayer requests



### Extended Family and Friends

Lex Sadler (Lin Sadler) – biopsy of mass on left lung  
Charlotte Pew (Tommie Hunt) – cancer in pancreas and kidney

Great-granddaughter of David Baker – concussion

Shirley Henshaw (Libby Henshaw) – fell; broke hip

Theresa Wilson (Cathy Harris) – thyroid cancer surgery

Angela Thompson (Priscilla James) – shingles

Bailey Roberson (Priscilla James) – shingles

Brother of Susan Waymire – job search

Susan Waymire's former mother-in-law – hospice

Brantley Rayburn – 6-year-old with cancer back

Dick Patterson (Vickie Richardson) – recovering from surgery

Tom Applegate – cancer surgery

Amanda (Pam Reno's cousin) – ovarian cancer

Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – port put in; chemo treatments

Jeremy Hicks (Judy Sadler) – colon cancer

Natalie Young (Cathy Harris) – severe headaches, tremors

Jackie Jones – chemo treatments

Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – advancing Parkinson's disease

Our country and servicemen and women

### Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Belize Friends School and New Friends Church

Ramallah Friends School in Palestine

Dale Graves – cancer treatments

Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – ministry in Kenya

Colin Saxon & Kelly Kellum, outgoing & incoming  
General Secretary of FUM - transitions

## Pitch-in Lunch – July 29

Everyone is invited to an all-church pitch-in lunch immediately following worship on Sunday, July 29. We will be having visitors from the Mesquakie Friends Center (Iowa) that day, and we'd like to provide an opportunity to visit with them more, provide them with a nice meal before heading back to Iowa, and for all of us to take the opportunity to visit with one another. Bring a friend and come!

## With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Lisa Little** and family upon the recent passing of her aunt, **Phyllis Frazier**.

We also express our sympathy to **Lynne Jackson** upon the sudden passing of her husband, **David Allen**, on May 27. Lynne is the daughter of Myrtle Jackson and lives in Blair, Nebraska.

## Notes of Thanks

"Thanks so much for all of your prayers, best wishes, expressions of sympathy, gifts, and wonderful support and encouragement! We are certainly blessed to be a part of Spiceland Friends Church. We will spend June 9 & 10 in Fresno, CA remembering David's mother with a graveside service and Memorial Service. We will spend June 11-18 at the beach celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We will return home on June 19 and then on June 21, Linda has her third Chemotherapy treatment and David has his first eye surgery for cataracts. On July 5 Linda has her fourth (and hopefully final) Chemo treatment and David has his second eye surgery. We appreciate you all more than you know!"

– **David & Linda Brock**

"Thank you for all of your loving thoughts & prayers during my hospital stay. They meant so much to me."

– **Janet Craft**

"Thank you for the gift card!"

– **Lindsey Thornburg**

## Notes of Thanks (Continued)

"Thank you to all who attended our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration on May 12. The Lord has blessed us with many friends & loved ones."

– **Barb & Don Meade**

"Thank you for sponsoring one of the Special Olympics athletes in honor and memory of David Moffitt. We appreciate your support."

– **Tami Wagner**, County Coordinator

"Thank you for the love gift of \$150 to the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you also for your participation in our Baby Bottle Boomerang and your donation of \$576.01. Your continued support and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated."

– **Janet Modjeski**, Executive Director

"Thank you very much for serving dinner at our Brianna's Hope meeting."

## Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Kent & Michelle (Dupart) Moore** who were married on June 2 at Spiceland Friends Church.

## Pictures from Youth Group Activities



Jackson Gentry, Harper & Hank Chandler, Gus Upchurch, Mallory Ash, Jada Woolard

Gus Upchurch  
Jason Ash (on slide)

