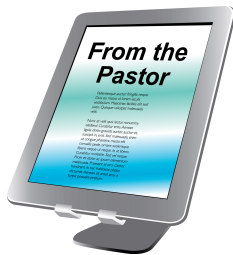




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“Shining God’s Light”

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5



In the above verse, John is speaking of Jesus and his coming into the world as a human being. Throughout the chapter, John is clear that Jesus is the Light that God has sent into the world to bring wholeness and healing to the dark world. The amazing thing is that when Jesus returned to heaven following his resurrection, he promised that he would continue to shine his light through his followers so that they would also become the light of the world. As followers of Jesus, we have the light of God shining through us to make the world a better place.

Last month the sermons highlighted that God chose the most unlikely people to follow him and to do his work. We saw God choose people that we would never have thought of as followers of Jesus, much less his ministers. I started thinking about what character traits God is looking for in his

followers. What makes one person able to shine God’s light brighter than another person? What traits or values is God looking for on the inside of us that enables him to work more effectively through us? Since God looks on the inside and we can only observe the outside, it may be difficult to determine the answer to these questions. However, I think it is worth trying because I would like to be a person who God can use to shine his light brightly around me and to bring hope to people whose paths I cross.

The next few weeks we will be looking at several characters in the Bible. Some God used in powerful ways. Some he used for a short time and then realized they were not really open to his leading so he stopped shining his light through them. He didn’t condemn them, but realized that their present attitude and inner life were not what he was able to use to help others.

I am looking forward to considering each of these Bible characters and the scripture passages about them. We want to study what ways we can learn to be more open to God’s light shining through us. We want to be a clear passageway for God’s light to shine in the dark places of the world. Maybe it will be a small step in our life-long journey to be more of God’s person than we have been.

Try to be present every Sunday this summer that you are in town. Also, summer is a good time to spend some extra time reading your Bible and praying – asking God for insight and guidance for yourself as well as others around you.

David Brock

VBS Program & Church Picnic (Indoors!)

We will have our annual all-church indoor picnic and hog roast on Sunday, June 23, 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!

Jacob's Clean Water for Kenya Lemonade Stand – July 27 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, free games for the kids (including duck game, fishing game, "nose-picking" game, hula hoop, and a bounce house (ages 12 & under), lunch (pulled pork, sloppy joes, hot dogs available for purchase), and of course – lemonade! Coffee, juice, sausage gravy & biscuits, and Jack's donuts are also available to purchase for breakfast.



A baby contest will be held at 1:00 p.m. – indoors for children ages newborn to 3 years old. They will be divided into two age categories for judging.

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.

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!

Coming Soon! "Roar! Life is Wild – God Is Good!" VBS 2019

Are you ready for some fun? Mark your calendars for June 17-21 so you don't miss out on all the fun! This year's theme is "Roar! Life is Wild – God is Good!"



VBS will be 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening that week. This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious

faith that powers them through this wild life.

VBS is for 3-year-olds through those who have completed 5th grade. Registration forms are on the table in the Welcome Center at SFC and on our website at www.spicelandfriends.org.

I know what you are thinking – How can I 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 help at "Roar!" 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 23

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!



With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Jerry Brooks** upon his unexpected passing recently. Jerry was the brother of Peggy MacFarlane, son of the late Mildred and Rex Brooks, and nephew/cousin respectively of Ruth Knotts and Janice Radcliff.

Worship Assistants for June & July

Scripture Readers

June 2 – Pam Pyle
June 9 – Sandi Swann
June 16 – Gerald Darling
June 23 – Shirley E. Miller-Weber
June 30 – Rita Reeves
July 7 – Nancy Wadman
July 14 – Janet Putnam
July 21 – Eleanor Painter
July 28 – Judy Stevens

Junior Church

June 2 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket
June 9 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith
June 16 – Megan Harris & Darlene Darling
June 23 – VBS Program
June 30 – Children remain in worship
July 7 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket
July 14 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith
July 21 – Megan Harris & Darlene Darling
July 28 – Cathy Harris & Brenda Reece

Hosts

June – Vickie Richardson
July – Janice Radcliff & Ruth Knotts

Children's Messages – Mike Van Osdol

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Gerald Darling – wrinkle on cornea
Family of Jerry Brooks
Paul Weber – partial knee replacement
Amy Upchurch – chemo treatments
Barbara Meade – cancer
Don Meade – very weak
Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle
Charlie Byrket – recovering from broken leg
Marcia Byrket – pneumonia
Max Jessup – at Glen Oaks
Chris Garner – recovering from back surgery
Pete Kiger (Judy Sadler) – serious illness
Pat Bogue – eye problem (both eyes)
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Youth Groups & College Students
Unspoken prayer requests



Extended Family and Friends

Rhonda Meade Brown – broken ankle
Nancy Jordan (Sonja Coffman) – fell, concussion, difficulty walking
Ron Bryan (Presiding Clerk of FUM) – significant pain
Colleen Wallace (Marcia Byrket) – cancer
Lesley Reece (Debbie Denny) – at Glen Oaks; not doing well
Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – cancer has spread
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer
Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast cancer
Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer treatments
Our country and servicemen and women
First Responders – 9-1-1 Dispatch Operators
Pray for Christians who are persecuted

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac & Berny McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar Mbali, Nikki Holland)
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

Notes of Thanks



“We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful 50th anniversary cards sent to us recently. We would also like to thank the members for their prayers and concerns during the time we were having medical problems. It was all so very much appreciated.”

– **George & Shirley Fort**

“Thank you so very much for all the prayers and for thinking of me. I truly appreciate all of you. Please continue to pray for me. I can sure use all of the prayers.”

– **Franka Dick**

“Thank you for the generous donation to Victory Lane. Your support is building an understanding community around families of children with special needs.”

– **Tiffany**

Sermon Topics for June & July

Cathy Harris will be preaching June 16, and we will have the Concluding VBS Program on June 23. David Brock will be preaching the other Sundays in June and July.

June 2

Sermon – “Transformed by the Good News”
Scripture – Acts 16:16-40

June 9

Sermon – Called for Life”
Scripture – Genesis 12:1-9

June 16

Sermon – “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Scripture – Psalm 8; John 16:12-15

June 23

VBS Children and Staff

June 30

Sermon – “Choices and Consequences”
Scripture – 1 Samuel 15:7-29

July 7

Sermon – “Chosen by God”
Scripture – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

July 14

Sermon – “Character Shaped by Adversity”
Scripture – 1 Samuel 24 & 25

July 21

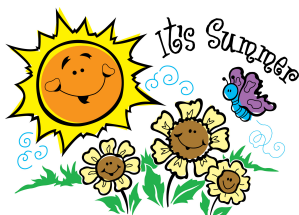
Sermon – “True Repentance and Forgiveness”
Scripture – Psalm 51

July 28

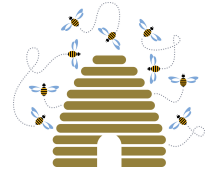
Sermon – “A Divided Heart”
Scripture – 1 Kings 3

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The Missions Committee Has Been Busy as Bees!



We have been very busy! Your support and encouragement have been wonderful! We continue to deliver desserts once a month to The Guest House in New Castle as well as provide financial support. We served a meal for Brianna’s Hope in Knightstown and will provide a meal for the New Castle chapter in July and October and Knightstown again in September.

Renee Adams, Vickie Richardson, Debi Zimmerman, and Nancy Wadman enjoyed a work day at Quaker Haven Camp in May. We were saddened to hear of storm damage later in May.

Money was provided for food and shelter for a local family that lost their home and were living at a campground. We are excited about the upcoming trip to Iowa to the Mesquakie Friends Center in August. We are leaving on August 9 and returning on August 15. We would love to have more people join us. We will be planning a fundraiser very soon to help cover the costs of renting a van. Please see **Nancy Wadman** or **Cathy Harris** if you have any questions.

– **Nancy Wadman**
Clerk of Missions Committee

Missions Trip to the Mesquakie Friends Center – August 9-15

We are looking for volunteers to go to Tama, Iowa to the Mesquakie Friends Center. We will leave on Friday, August 9, and return on Thursday, August 15. We will be volunteering at the Friends Center Sunday through Wednesday. There will be things to do for all skill levels – and indoor and outdoor options. It's an opportunity for us to help Mac and Berny McDonald (they came to our church last summer and shared about their ministry work there) and the Friends Church and Center, as well as experience a Native American powwow, and to visit with folks from the Mesquakie Indian Reservation and to worship together. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center – if you are interested in going, please sign up. If something comes up and you can't go, you won't be locked into it. The cost will be approximately \$250.