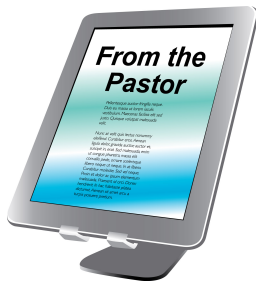




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“Rejoice in the Lord”

“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!” Habakkuk 3:18 (NLT)

The verse printed above is the concluding prayer of the prophet Habakkuk as he concludes his short book. After questioning God about the circumstances of his world and why God is letting that happen, Habakkuk comes to this conclusion: “Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord.” He had questioned God about why there is so much violence; why is there so much greed; why is there so much immorality; why are there so many atrocities; and why is there so much rejection of God’s ways? He had begged God to intervene. He kept asking God how long he was waiting to fix the problems. **God gave Habakkuk several answers, but the most important one was that “the just (or righteous) shall live by faith.”**

The questions and the answers in this ancient book are not just for the nation of Israel in 600 BC. They are questions that we ask today – over and over again. The answer is the same for us. We come to the conclusion that God is in control and that he really is acting in our time and that he is working things out according to his purposes. The command to us is also to live by

faith that God has worked in our lives and in the world in the past. We take the time to recount how God has crossed paths with us and how he has guided certain circumstances in our lives. We read the Bible and see how God has worked in history in miraculous and amazing ways. As we review the past, we gain confidence that we can walk by faith – live our lives believing that God loves us and is walking with us in our journey of life.

We come to worship each Sunday to lay our questions and concerns before God, to be reminded of his word to us in the Bible, and to marvel at his majesty. This will allow him to refresh us and to empower us to truly “be joyful in the God of our salvation.” Despite everything going on in our lives and in the world today, worship allows us to see that God is working and he has not forgotten us,

See you Sunday!

David Brack



Vacation Bible School – **June 13-17**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Spiceland Friends Church for children ages 3 through having completed 5th grade.



Quaker Beliefs, Part 2

What do YOU believe About the Lord Jesus Christ?

Introduction – Last month we started a newsletter section about what Quakers believe. Our first discussion centered around “God.” This month we move on to discuss “The Lord Jesus Christ.” Each month we will continue to be given the Quaker statement, scripture references, and a brief summary of what it is saying.

Belief Statement – About the Lord Jesus Christ

“It is with reverence and thanksgiving that we profess our unwavering allegiance to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Him was life and the light of men. He is the eternal Word who was with God and was God, revealing Himself in infinite wisdom and love both as Man’s Creator and Redeemer. Conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, the Word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst men. He came in the fullness of time, being foreordained before the foundation of the world that He might fulfill the eternal counsel of the righteousness and love of God for the redemption of man. In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He became obedient unto the death of the cross, and is a propitiation for our sins, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace. He was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures, ascended into heaven, and hath sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, now to appear in the presence of God for us. This same Jesus, which is taken up into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. And now, while thus watching and waiting, we rejoice to believe that He is our King and Savior. He is the one Mediator of the new and everlasting covenant who makes peace and reconciliation between God the offended and man the offending; the great High Priest whose priesthood is unchangeable. He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God through Him.” - *Faith and Practice 2018*

References: ¹John 1:18; ²John 1:4; ³John 1:9; ⁴James 1:17; ⁵John 1:1; ⁶Col. 1:13-16; ⁷Matt. 1:20; ⁸Matt. 1:23-25, Luke 1:35; ⁹John 1:14; ¹⁰Gal. 4:4;

¹Peter 1:20; ¹²Isa. 11:1-5, Isa. 52:13-15; ¹³Isa. 53; ¹⁴Col. 2:9; ¹⁵Phil. 2:7; ¹⁶Titus 3:4; ¹⁷Acts 10:38; ¹⁸Isa. 53:4, Luke 12:50, Luke 19:41, 22:44; ¹⁹John 4:6; ²⁰Luke 22:43, 44; ²¹Heb. 4:15; ²²I Peter 2:21; ²³Matt 3:15; ²⁴Eph. 4:13; ²⁵Phil. 2:8; ²⁶I John 2:2; ²⁷Eph. 1:7; ²⁸Barclay’s Apology, Propos. 5 and 6 par. 15, p. 141; ²⁹I Cor. 15:4; ³⁰I Cor. 15:23; ³¹Acts 1:3; ³²Heb. 1:3, 9:24; ³³Acts 1:11, and see 5:7; ³⁴Rev. 22:20; ³⁵I Tim. 2:5, Heb. 9:15; ³⁶George Fox’s Epistle to the Governor of Barbadoes; ³⁷Heb. 4:14, 7:24; ³⁸Heb. 7:25; ³⁹Matt. 28:18; ⁴⁰Acts 17:31; ⁴¹John 5:22,23; ⁴²John 5:28, 29 R.V.; ⁴³Declaration of 1693, in Sewell’s Hist., vol. II, 379; ⁴⁴Eph. 1:22; ⁴⁵Rev. 7:14; ⁴⁶Rev. 1:6

Summary of Belief Statement – We believe that Jesus was God incarnate (fully God/fully human). He was from the beginning and ever will be. He was born of the Holy Spirit through the virgin Mary. He dwelt among us experiencing the joy and agony of humanity, yet remained sinless. He lived as an example, taught by His words, and performed miracles proving He was the prophesied Messiah. He was crucified, buried, rose the third day, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will one day return. He is our high priest and mediator and able to save completely those who trust in His truth. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the light of men.

Eric Bowman

Join our Thursday Bible Study

It is not too late to join our group as we read through Max Lucado’s book, *Unshakable Hope*. We meet every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Mary M room for discussion and then go out to eat at noon. We have lively and serious discussions that help us grow, follow, and share what we have learned about God and Jesus. You do not have homework, and I have extra books!



– **Nancy Wadman,**
Ministry Coordinator

Sermon Topics for June and July

Nancy Wadman will be preaching on June 26, Eric Bowman will be preaching on July 3, 24 & 31, VBS staff will do the Concluding Program on June 19, and David Brock will be preaching June 5 & 12 and July 10.

June 5

Sermon – “Explaining God’s Presence in History”
Scripture – Habakkuk 3:3-15

June 12

Sermon – Rejoicing in Tribulation”
Scripture – Habakkuk 3:1-2, 16-19

June 19

VBS Concluding Program & Dinner
Mike Van Osdol and VBS staff

June 26

Sermon – “Does God Wink at You?”
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

July 3

Sermon – “Two Sides of the Same Stone”
Scripture – Joshua 4:4-7; Hebrews 12:1-2

July 10

Sermon – “In God We Trust”
Scripture – Psalm 73

July 17

Guest speaker, Blessing Vanoso,
from Chin Church in Indianapolis

July 24

Sermon – Jonah Series

July 31

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Tea Time for Ladies



Ladies who have lost their husbands are encouraged to join Nancy Wadman and several ladies on Tuesday, June 21 and July 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mary M Room for tea, coffee, and a snack. We have a great time laughing, crying, and discussing issues concerning life without a spouse.

Worship Assistants for June and July

Scripture Readers

June 5 – Nancy Wadman
June 12 – Pam Pyle
June 19 – Janet Putnam
June 26 – Eric Bowman
July 3 – Sandi Swann
July 10 – Lisa Knotts
July 17 – Janet Putnam
July 24 – Barbara Lacy
July 31 – Kandi Rutledge



Children’s Story

June 5 & July 3 & 31 – Janet Putnam
June 12 & July 10 – Diana Bowman
June 19 & July 17 – Linda Brock
June 26 & July 24 – Mike Van Osdol

Junior Church

June 5 & July 3 – Linda Brock
June 12 & July 10 – David Lahr
June 19 & July 17 – Linda Brock
June 26 & July 24 – Claudia Garner
July 31 – There will be no Junior Church

Greeters

June – Mark & Marilyn Thompson
July – New Horizons Sunday School Class

Sack Lunches for Victory Lane Camp

The Missions and Evangelism/Community Concerns Committee and our Thursday Bible Study group will be fixing 100 sack lunches for Victory Lane Camp on Thursday, June 23. Victory Lane Camp is an organization that helps families of children with special needs to live happy lives and reach their fullest potential. Each summer they actually go camping at Cornerstone Campground. This is a great experience for their whole family and the support families that join them.



God Bless America



Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Sandy White – multiple eye injections
Dale Albertson – shattered knee cap
Brandon Thompson – kidney stones
Bowman family – auto accident
Shirley Weber – hip surgery
Tom Weber – surgery; Addison's House #133
Marilyn Biehl – shoulder surgery
Pat Bogue – recovering from back surgery
Judy Smith – health problems
Marilyn Thompson – Bell's palsy
Irene Goodwin – health problems
Janet Craft – health problems
Steve Neal – liver cancer

Extended Family and Friends

Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney failure
Fran Brock (Brocks) – extreme back pain
Carmelle Jordan (Darlings) – stroke
Rick (Linda Wittmayer) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's
Robert Peavler (Hoovers) – blood clots
Joyce & David Holden (Richard Ratcliff) – David fell 3 times
Naomi Wagner (David Baker's sister) – lung cancer
Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson's mother) – severe back pain
Step-mom of Teresa Batt – broken hip
Diana Pfeffer (Tommie Hunt & Judy Stevens) – cancer surgery
Marc Allhands (Cindy Mitchell) – sepsis and other issues
Kelly Bush (Claudia Garner) – colon cancer
Vickie Vaccaro (Helen Rust) – cancer
Jackie Clendenin (Pat Bogue) – swallowing issues
Ruthann Pittman (Kandi Rutledge) – cancer
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer
Daniel Sears (Kristen Davis) – stomach cancer
Par Sung (Bob Rust) – kidney problems
Tivon Lee (grandson of Sadlers) – health issues
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Abby (God daughter of Bob & Helen Rust)
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – health issues
Franka Dick (Pyles) – health issues
Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer



Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain tumor
Parents of Teresa Batt
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation Shooting in Uvalde, Texas
People in Ukraine
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners

Spiceland Freedom Days

July 8 & 9 will be busy days for Spiceland Friends Church and the Spiceland Community. We decided to serve a Ham & Beans Supper on Friday evening and a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning. The organizations that usually serve these meals have decided not to do it this year. This is a perfect opportunity for us to invite the community into our church to eat and have fellowship time.

The proceeds from the supper will go to the Sharing Hope Organization where Nancy Wadman goes on mission trips every year to serve people who have been touched by natural disasters. They have traveled to Alaska, Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana, Ohio, and Tennessee the last several years. Sharing Hope rebuilds and repairs homes that have been destroyed or damaged by hurricanes, floods and tornadoes. They generally repair 15-20 homes each year for low-income families whose insurance doesn't cover the total cost. Sharing Hope raises money through an annual auction and donations from churches. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go to our church's Mission & Evangelism/ Community Concerns Committee to be spent for local families and nonprofit organizations that we support each year.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center the last two weeks of June asking for donations of food and workers for these two events.

I am excited about this opportunity to share not only our building but having time to fellowship with the community and raise money for such worthy causes.

– Nancy Wadman

A Visit with Blessing

On July 17 we are excited to have **Blessing Vanoso** join us at SFC. Blessing comes from a small village in the Chin State of Myanmar (Burma). She moved to the United States when she was a little girl with her family. We have been praying for Myanmar as they go through a very difficult time period in their country. Blessing is a rising sophomore at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She is majoring in social work. Her home church is the Mara Christian Church of America in Greenwood, Indiana, where she teaches Sunday School and is a part of the praise and worship team for their Sunday service. Blessing is excited to meet us and share her music and testimony about the Chin people and their faith in Christ. This is her first visit to an American church, and she will sing in both English and her native language.

Draper Is Resuming Wednesday Lunches

Draper, Inc will be using our Family Center for their employees' lunch and meetings on Wednesdays starting June 22. Their times will vary according to which shift they are serving each Wednesday. We are looking forward to having Draper use our facilities again. If you have any questions, please see **Nancy Wadman**.

You Are Invited

Please join us to celebrate **Correna Thompson's** 90th birthday on Saturday, June 25, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Spiceland Friends Family Center. Please no gifts but cards are welcome. Thank you!

– **Mark & Marilyn Thompson**



Tributes to Dad

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do – be there."

– **Max Lucado**

"Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love." – **Unknown**

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to **Lane Rust** and **Mikayla Betz** who exchanged vows at SFC on Saturday, June 4. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

Congratulations to **Tom Weber** (June 3) and **Correna Thompson** (June 6) who celebrated 90th birthdays and **Ruth Knotts** (May 24) who celebrated her 97th birthday.

New Babies

Congratulations and best wishes to Rex & Wendy Norris upon the birth of a baby boy recently. **Rayden Asher** weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Congratulations also to the proud grandma, **Teresa Batt**.



Congratulations also to Elijah & Riley Darling upon the birth of a baby girl on May 28. **Ivy Sue Ann Darling** weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. Congratulations also to the proud great-grandparents, **Gerald & Darlene Darling**.

Notes of Thanks

"I want to say thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards and wishes. All are so very special to me."

– **Ruth Knotts**

"Thank you for the card and devotional book. It was a very thoughtful graduation gift. Also, thanks for the recognition at the church program. I watched on Facebook Live when I was out of town."

– **Lauren Bouslog**

"Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 to the Men's Shelter in New Castle. We appreciate your faithfulness."

– **The Guest House Staff**
Carol Martin

