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**“Forgiven!”**

***“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12***

We are familiar with this verse from Matthew – it is at the center of the Lord’s Prayer. It may not be at the actual center of the prayer if you count the words on either side, but it is at the center of praying for a new lifestyle and new attitude that only Jesus can provide. Jesus was teaching his disciples how to pray at their request. They saw him praying all the time and found that they were lacking in the ability to know what to say or how to approach God. Many times we feel the same as the disciples – we want to talk to God, but are not sure how to do it or what words to use.

Jesus included this little phrase in the prayer because he knew that if we prayed these words seriously, it would open the door for him to completely transform our lives and transform our attitude toward others. This part of the prayer offers something completely free! We all like to hear about free things, but we know that there is usually a catch – something hidden in the offer that will include us buying something else. We are so sure it is not really free that we have popularized that belief with a well-known saying, “There is no

such thing as a free lunch!” And yet, here is Jesus offering just that – forgiveness for our sins, for our wrong attitudes, our wrong actions, our wrong words, and our wrong moral choices. And here is the best part – it is NOT a one-time offer – it is an on-going offer that keeps on offering forgiveness to us each day for the rest of our lives! Throughout the Bible, God’s unlimited love and continuing faithfulness to us is described in many different ways. He is always reaching out to us, searching for us, and desiring a relationship with us.

The problem for us is that we really do not believe it. We have a hard time thinking that God really forgives us because we do not forgive ourselves. The only way we can let go of the grudges we hold against ourselves is to really believe that God has let go of those grudges also – he really is forgiving us and working to renew our whole outlook on life. It transforms our life when we really believe that God loves us so much that he is not holding any grudge against us and he is not punishing us because he has forgiven us.

It transforms our life so much that the second part of the prayer becomes true in our life – we begin to forgive others with a free and open hand. Only the transformation of Jesus can make that happen because in our natural state we hold grudges against ourselves and others. Letting go and receiving God’s forgiveness transforms us both ways – we stop holding grudges against ourselves and we stop holding grudges against others who have wronged us. Pray to receive God’s wonderful forgiveness in your life each day.

*David Brock*

## 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 – Shipwrecked: 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are on the table in the Welcome Center.

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 "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.

## Hog Roast & Church Picnic (Indoors!)

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!

## 2018 Graduates to Be Recognized

We will be having our Graduate Recognition Service on Sunday, May 20, during worship. **Chris Harris** will be acknowledging the achievements of our grads and also giving the morning message. Those graduating are as follows:

### High School Graduates

**Mason Rottinghaus** – Tri High School  
**Lauren Bouslog** – Tri High School

### College Graduates

**Audrey (Peavie) Davis** – I.U. East  
**Luke Garner** – Purdue University  
**Whitney Thomas** – IUPUI  
**Susan Waymire** – Master's Degree, Western Governors University  
**Emily Thornburg** – Master's Degree, Ball State  
**Lori Thomas** – Graduated in December with Nursing degree from Ivy Tech Community College

If you know of any additional graduates, please let Chris know (317-498-9058 – text or call).

Following our worship service that day, we will be having a reception with refreshments in the Family Center.

Come and celebrate with us – join in on the fun and fellowship!



We will once again be having a June-July summer edition of our newsletter. Newsletter articles are due June 5 for this summer issue. We will be printing an August "Back to School" issue, and the deadline for that is July 24.

## New Association of Friends Family Camp

On Memorial Day weekend, the New Association will be hosting a family camp at Quaker Haven Camp (on beautiful Dewart Lake in Syracuse, Indiana). The camp will begin Saturday, May 6, and go through Monday. Information and registration forms, along with the cost of the camp, are on the information table in the Welcome Center. All ages are welcome.

## Sermon Topics for May



**David Brock** will be preaching three Sundays in May, and **Chris Harris** will be preaching on May 20, when we will also honor all of this year's graduates. There will be a reception following worship on that Sunday so we can all greet and congratulate the graduates.

### May 6

Sermon – "Forgive Us Our Debts"

Scripture – Matthew 6:9-14; Luke 12:13-21

### May 13

Sermon – "Follow Me"

Scripture – Matthew 8:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21

### May 20

**Chris Harris** will be preaching, and we will honor the 2018 Graduates

### May 27

Sermon – "Recognizing Jesus"

Scripture – Acts 4:18-33; John 4:19-26

## Girls Night Out – June 6

Join us for a delightful evening of fun, food, and friendship! This year's theme is "**Girl Power!**" Feel free to dress up like your favorite super hero – if you'd like (not required though).

Women are powerful/strong in profound ways. We see women every day at work, in our community, at our church, and in our families – women who show strength, perseverance, and live out their faith in God. Who are some of the strong women in your life?

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.

Bring your friends and family – girls/ladies of all ages! – for this grand adventure!

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

David Brock – upcoming cataract surgery

Linda Brock – Hodgkin Lymphoma

Janet Craft – gallbladder surgery

Charlie & Marcia Byrket - traveling

Sandy Alexander – leg wounds

Kandi Rutledge – carpal tunnel surgery

Brenda Reece – cataract surgery

Chris Garner – recovering from back surgery

Marilyn Thompson – 2 broken wrists

Meredith Harris – traveling before coming home

Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments

Bobby Thompson – health problems

Matthew Miller – harassment

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

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

Pansy Pyle – Type B flu

Brantley Rayburn – 6-year-old with cancer back again

Thomas Dennis (newborn grandson of Becky Muse) problems

Phyllis Frazier (Lisa Little) – fighting cancer

Dick Patterson (Vickie Richardson) – recovering from surgery

Tom Applegate – pancreatic cancer; chemo

Amanda (Pam Reno's cousin) – ovarian cancer

Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – bone cancer

Jeremy Hicks (Judy Sadler) – colon cancer

Barbara Hoover Keen (Pat Bogue) – lung cancer  
Natalie Young (Cathy Harris) – severe headaches, tremors

Jackie Jones – chemo treatments

Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's disease

Our country and servicemen and women

## Elegant and Eighty

Everyone is invited to a birthday party in celebration of **Barbara Ward's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It will be on Saturday, May 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Hoover Hall in Spiceland.



## Easter Plant Memorials

We would like to thank everyone who donated an Easter flower as a memorial for our Easter Sunday worship service. They were beautiful!

DAVID NEWKIRK  
BOB & BETTY NEWKIRK  
Given by Virginia Newkirk & Family

HAROLD & LOUISE GOODWIN  
EARL & ETHEL PRIGNITZ  
Given by Monte & Irene Goodwin

BILLY R. SMITH, AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,  
O. B. SMITH, LEIGH KOGER, MARIAN COFFMAN,  
BRENDA CATRON & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS  
Given by Cathy Smith

OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS  
Given by George & Barbara Lacy

PHILIP THEODORE APPLGATE  
BETTY LOUISE APPLGATE  
Given by Judy Lee & family  
Marilyn Ingle & family  
Esther Applegate

PHILLIP APPLGATE, DOROTHY APPLGATE,  
EARL APPLGATE  
Given by Judy Lee & family  
Marilyn Ingle & family  
Esther Applegate

BEN KNOTTS AND JOY BUSSBURG  
Given by Virginia, Janice & Ruth Knotts

RUEL & LUCILLE BRYSON  
Given by Betty Moffitt

MAX & DAVID MOFFITT,  
EDITH MOFFITT  
Given by Betty Moffitt

JERRY & JANET KNOTTS  
Given by Brad & Lisa Knotts

AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,  
HOMER & LIDA CRANDALL,  
BILL SMITH, ROBERT CRANDALL,  
FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY  
Given by Don & Cindy Crandall and Family



JAMES PICKERING,  
KENNETH & RUTHANNA PICKERING  
Given by Lisa Little

DR. AND MRS. RALPH McCOY,  
DON McCOY  
Given by Carolyn (McCoy) Lantz  
and Daughters and Families

KENNETH "BUD" LANTZ  
Given by Carolyn Lantz  
and Daughters and Families

GARY BAUGHAN AND CATHERINE EICHENBERGER  
Given by Carolyn (McCoy) Lantz  
and Daughters and Families

CHARLOTTE & HUGH McGINNIS, RUTH McGINNIS  
Given by Gerald & Darlene Darling

KENNETH & BETTY BAILEY  
Given by Randy & Sonja Coffman

BURTON & ADA COFFMAN  
Given by Randy & Sonja Coffman

DENNIS & HELEN HOLT  
Given by Joan Holt

REA H. & WINIFRED RATCLIFF,  
MARY JANE FRENCH,  
THOMAS R. RATCLIFF,  
JAMES R. PICKERING  
Given by Richard & Linda Ratcliff

HOMER & NELL DENNY,  
SHANNON BLESSINGER & MIKE BLESSINGER,  
RON & WAVA GREGORY  
Given by Glen & Debbie Denny

PAUL, JR. & JUANITA REECE,  
FLOYD & ADA HINSHAW,  
PAUL, SR. & GOLDIE REECE  
Given by the Reece Family

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

The children of **Donald & Barbara Meade** are hosting an Open House in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 12, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Spiceland Friends Church Family Center. The Meades were married May 11, 1958, in Straughn and have two daughters, Donna Tauber and Rhonda Brown, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## “My Legacy”

By Doug Alexander  
(Son of Phil & Sandy Alexander)

“I think on a fundamental level we all want to have purpose in the world. Everyone wants to be special and essential in the big wide world. The truth is the vast majority of us will leave no grand footprints in the soil of time. A hundred years from now my name might come up in a genealogy footnote of some curious extended branch of my family tree. The same can be said for most of us. There was a time when this would have depressed me greatly. I find now that it offers a great sense of freedom. Don’t get me wrong; if I had a chance to leave a time stretching monument that would hold my name I would be damn tempted to take it but I don’t need it. If a friend needs a shoulder to cry on, I offer it. I share laughter and pain with loved ones who were once strangers. Even your blood are strangers until you make the effort to know them. I have looked out a window in amazement at pristine snowstorms. I have read thousands of books and imagined countless landscapes both real and fantastic. In this moment and this now I matter to others and myself and that is enough for me. When I breathe my last breath what will matter is how well I lived my life up to that moment. All we have is the extended now from birth to death and if we enjoy those moments more than not and help others enjoy theirs more than detract from it then that is our legacy. Those that I affect will go on to affect others across the bridge of time and that is my legacy and the same will be true of those future people I will never know. A name remembered is history. One can leave a legacy without leaving a history. Perhaps I ramble tonight and say the same thing over and over again but for me it is as powerful a concept as it is a simple one. Close your eyes and think of every life you have touched today in no matter how small a way. Consider every thought that made you think or gave you joy. That is a legacy and it is a good one. I am not a terribly exciting man. The world will not change because I was in it but for now I matter and my ripples, though subtle, will span time in unobtrusive ways. That is my legacy and it is enough.”

(Doug passed away unexpectedly on March 25, 2016)

## Worship Assistants for May

### Scripture Readers

May 6 – Libby Henshaw  
May 13 – Carly Griggs  
May 20 – Susan Waymire  
May 27 – Judy Smith

### Junior Church

May 6 – Chris Harris  
May 13 – Linda Brock  
May 20 – Megan Harris  
May 27 – Amanda Huss



**Hosts for May** – Don & Cindy Crandall

**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! It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.

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.



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 \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Winners will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. First winner drawn gets first choice of quilt.



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!

## GriefShare Upcoming 2018 Gatherings

### GriefShare get-togethers – 6:00 p.m. –

Come and join Janet and Cathy for a meal at 6:00 p.m., and then we'll spend some time just talking and checking in with each other – what's going on, how we are doing (you can bring a dish/dessert to share if you'd like, but don't need to bring anything – just yourself!) on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 10
- Monday, June 4
- Thursday, July 12
- Thursday, August 9

**We will begin a new 13-week GriefShare grief support group on September 6.** We will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and is open to anyone who has lost a loved one – friend or family member. If you know someone who might benefit from this support group, please let them know about this upcoming class.

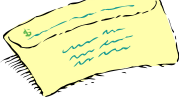
## Notes of Thanks

“Thank you for supporting Victory Lane Camp through Faith Promise. Your generous donation is building community around families of children with special needs.”

“We appreciate all your support and offerings to The Guest House.” – **Melody Ford**

## Would You Like Offering Envelopes?

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New offering envelopes will be available soon. If you have not used them in the past and would like to start, please see **Tom Pyle**.

## Are You Missing Any Kitchen Items?

We have quite a selection of platters, casseroles, Tupperware containers, and pie plates that have been left in the church kitchen. Check to see if any of these might be yours.

## Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups Plan Outing

Both of our youth groups will be heading to the Levi & Catharine Coffin House and new museum in Fountain City on Saturday, May 5. Levi & Catharine were Quakers and were important leads in the Underground Railroad. This is a great and fun opportunity to learn more about Quaker and U. S. History and how Levi & Catharine's faith in God led them to help slaves get safely to freedom. **Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5.** After we visit the house and museum, we will enjoy a picnic lunch and play some games, and then return to the church at 2:30 p.m.

Please contact **Chris Harris** at harriscct@umail.iu.edu or call or text him at 317-498-9058 if your student(s) are coming and if you would like to drive/chaperone. There is no cost for this adventure.

## State Park Outing Was Enjoyed by the Kids

On April 22 both youth groups went to Mounds State Park. Sixteen students and 10 adults took part in a picnic, kickball, hiking, and more. During the short devotional along the White River, the Youth Group shared with one another what things we were thankful for and felt blessed to have. The Youth Group is looking forward to more chances to enjoy each other's company and build a tighter community through different outings.

– **Chris Harris**



Taken at Mounds State Park in Anderson on April 22 – Jackson Gentry, Sarah Waymire, Isaiah Waymire