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**God's Plans Are the Best!**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

I don't know about you but I tend to drag my feet when someone asks me to do something new. I never quite feel like I am qualified or will be good enough for what they want done. When Lisa asked me to come volunteer at the prison, I couldn't begin to imagine that I could relate to these men that have totally different backgrounds and have committed crimes I would never think of doing. Well, God had other plans in mind for me. You have heard this story before, so I will go on.

The Ministry and Oversight Committee asked me if I would be willing to help out at church for awhile until we can find an Associate Pastor to work with David. Once again, I am thinking that there is no way that I am qualified, but again God had another plan in mind. I have to admit that God's plans are always better for me than I can ever imagine. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I find amazing comfort in this verse, especially now with the Covid-19 situation we are dealing with. Trusting God should come naturally, but I have to work on it every day, by praying, reading scripture, talking and sharing with people. My heart knows but my mind is sometimes slow to follow!

As I have been reading the Bible during this difficult time, I came across Psalm 96 in my Life Application Study Bible. This version is so upbeat and brought me such comfort that I wanted to share it with you:

**Psalm 96**



Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord: bless his name.

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.

Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!

He is to be revered above all the gods.

The gods of other nations are merely idols,

But the Lord has made the heavens!

Honor and majesty surround him;

Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

O nations of the world recognize the Lord;

Recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong.

Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!

Bring your offering and come to worship him.

Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor.

Let all the earth tremble before him.

Tell all the nations that the Lord is king.

The world is firmly established and cannot be shaken.

He will judge all peoples fairly.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

Let the fields and the crops burst forth with joy!

Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise

before the Lord!

For the Lord is coming!

He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

And all the nations with his truth.

The teacher in me wants to have you highlight the action verbs in this Psalm – words like sing, proclaim, publish, tell, recognize, worship, rejoice, shout, burst forth! Use this Psalm to help you to cope with this difficult time and Know that God is still in control! Use those actions to share with others how glorious God is and will always be, no matter what.

So make a plan, with God's help it will be perfect! Don't drag your feet like I do!

**Sing** every day even if God is the only one to hear you!

**Proclaim** to others what He is doing for you!

**Publish** (write a note to someone) we all like to get mail.

**Tell** someone how much you love them or miss them!

**Recognize** all the big or little things God is doing for you each and every day.

**Worship** God in all you do.

**Rejoice** in His love for you!

**Shout** (well, don't scare people) his greatness to others.

**Burst forth** with phone calls, cards, treats, good deeds to help someone else!

You will be amazed at how much better you will feel with just sharing God's love.

**Nancy Wadman**  
Ministry Coordinator

## In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jason, Lisa, Collin, and Mallory Ash and other family members upon the passing of Jason's father, **Robert Ash**, on February 26.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Mike Neal** upon his passing on March 19.

## Sermon Topics for May



David Brock will be preaching each Sunday in May.

### May 3

Sermon – “Forty Days with the Risen Christ”

Scripture – Acts 1:1-11

### May 10

Sermon – “God's Power in You”

Scripture – Acts 2:1-4; 14-24

### May 17

Sermon – “The Ingathering”

Scripture – Acts 2:37-47

### May 24

Sermon – “Amazing!”

Scripture – Acts 3:1-10

### May 31

Sermon – “Setbacks”

Scripture – Acts 4:1-12

## Update from the Missions Committee



We are still taking baby bottles for the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center. They are also in need of size 4 and 5 diapers. They can be dropped off at the church during Nancy's office hours.

We did not deliver desserts to The Guest House in April due to the Covid-19 virus. We would like to start again in May. However, for right now, let's just provide pies and cakes from the store. There are really good pies in the freezer section. Please have your donations to the church by noon on Thursday, May 21. No one has had the opportunity to sign up for May so please help us out.

**Nancy Wadman**

Ministry Coordinator

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

Betty Moffitt – fitted with brace for back pain  
Darlene Darling – at home  
Max Jessup – continuing to decline  
Rick Little – receiving chemo  
Judy Smith – health problems  
Irene Goodwin – health problems  
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee  
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle; breathing problems  
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor



### Extended Family and Friends

Danny Day (Amie Thornburg) – colon surgery  
Rita Holloway (Peggy MacFarlane) – Covid-19 virus  
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – difficulty breathing  
John Harris (Tom Harris' brother) – Covid-19 virus  
Ron Moffitt – neck/upper back surgery  
Kathy Guffey – stroke; in rehab  
Wendy Hunt Miers (daughter of Tommie Hunt) – colonoscopy showing malignancy  
Leona Blake (Mother of Helen Rust) – heart attack  
Co-worker of Debbie Denny  
Connie Smith (Linda Ratcliff's sister) – cancer  
Jason Ash's mother – in Rushville nursing home  
Brad Coffey (Joe James) – cancer  
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – lymphoma; chemo  
Irene Hudelson (Pat Bogue) – heart problems  
Raintree Square – Search for new Executive Director  
Kurt Ernestes (Jason & Lisa Ash) – car accident in AL  
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – advanced breast cancer  
Young mother of 4 children diagnosed with cancer (Pat Bogue)  
Bob Jones (V. Newkirk) – problems with diabetes  
John Reno (uncle of Pam Reno) – health issues  
Carolyn Lantz (Teresa Batt) – lymphoma is in remission  
Cousin of Jason Ash – chemo treatments  
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – back surgery; has a lot of pain  
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine cancer  
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer

Our country and servicemen and women  
Prison Staff and Prisoners

### 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 MMbali, Nikki Holland)  
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)  
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

### Update on Reopening SFC

A decision has not been made yet about returning to in-person worship. It will likely be in May, so be watching for the exact Sunday. In anticipation of returning, the whole church building has been sanitized by our cleaning service. We are looking forward to getting back to normal as soon as possible.

**The Ministry & Oversight Committee will meet on Monday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.**

### Meet Gracie, the New Church Dog

Gracie is the furry daughter of **Nancy Wadman**, the new Ministry Coordinator for Spiceland Friends Church. Gracie is a 6½ year old Chocolate Labradoodle. She will be at the church on Mondays and Thursdays when Nancy has office hours. Her main job is to alert Nancy to visitors coming into the church since Nancy can't hear the door buzzer. She will bark but not bite. She works for treats and walks in the woods. By the way, she is a sister to Chase Dicken whose dad is our former youth pastor, Wes Dicken.



## June/July Newsletter

We will once again be having a June/July summer edition of our newsletter. Newsletter articles are due June 1 for this summer issue and will be mailed out on June 4.



## Notes of Thanks

“Thank you for the cheer basket of goodies. I appreciate you thinking of me.” – **Linda Emerson**

“Vickie – Please pass on my thanks to whomever else was responsible for the very thoughtful “care package.” I am looking forward to being back in fellowship at Spiceland Friends.”

– **Bill Byrket**

“Thank you so much for the bag of goodies the church recently left for me. I’m enjoying them so much.” – **Elaine Wilson**

“Please know how much of a wonderful surprise when Nancy Wadman delivered the Goody Bag! I miss being in church and hope we all can soon return to our own God’s wonderful house in Spiceland. Please stay safe and know you are all in my prayers!” – **Judy Smith**

“Thanks so much for my Sack of Blessings. Loved everything, gifts and candy, even the Peeps tasted good. So good to be remembered.”

– **Ruth Knotts**

“Thank you to everyone who prayed, called, sent cards and came to visit us at the funeral home during the passing of my father, **Robert Ash**. We are blessed with an amazing church family. We have said many times how God works in mysterious ways. We miss my father terribly, but knowing he is in Heaven and can see and no longer in pain, we are thankful. We have also said how blessed we were that His timing was not ours. We were able to have a wonderful service where so many people came to pay their respects. We were truly amazed at all the people that came through. Thank you all for your love, friendship and prayers. We are thankful for each and every one of you.”

– **Jason, Lisa, Collin & Mallory Ash**

## Notes of Thanks (Continued)

“The Christian Love Help Center would like to extend a cordial 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. . . .”

“Many thanks for your continued support of The Guest House. We appreciate your commitment to our ministry.”

– **The Guest House Staff**

“Thank you for your continued support of Victory Lane. Your generosity is impacting the lives of families of children with special needs.”

– **Tiffany**

## Thoughts from Bill Byrket

Winston Churchill said:

“1/3 of the people are worked to death.

“1/3 of the people are worried to death.

“1/3 of the people are bored to death.”

. . . and right now Bill is in the last 1/3!

## Quarantine Discoveries

**Libby Henshaw** discovered she doesn’t like anything about the quarantine. However, she has delivered beautiful flowers from her friend’s yard to other friends to brighten their day! She also doesn’t like feeling disconnected from the church.

**Linda Brock** was so blessed when **Sandi Swann** brought her some very important face masks to use during the quarantine.

**David Brock** doesn’t like wearing the masks and really misses face to face conversations with people.

**Nancy Wadman** realized how much she misses giving and getting hugs. She also discovered she needs to practice her handwriting skills. Who knew that **Richard Ratcliff** likes dogs? That was one of my best discoveries.