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Commencement

“The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.” Mark 1:1



The month of May is a time of celebration. We celebrate the end of another year of school. We celebrate with graduates the end of high school or the end of college. Graduation is often accompanied by a commencement ceremony where diplomas are handed out and certain graduates are honored for their accomplishments. Many times there are tears of saying good-bye to longtime friends, who are going in a different direction. Many times commencement seems like the ending – ending of several years of being together and shared experiences. The graduates realize that they won't be seeing their teachers or fellow students who have been such an integral part of their lives. It seems like the end of a special time in their lives.

Commencement, however, means “a beginning or a start.” It means a new thing, some-

thing to look forward to, or facing into the future. When we celebrate with our graduates on May 15, we will be celebrating their next steps as they face the new things in their life.

It is easy for all of us to get mixed up and think we are celebrating the end of something when we should be celebrating the beginning of the next thing. Instead of thinking “Whew, I got through this day,” think “I can hardly wait to see what tomorrow brings.” **Looking forward and expecting new things is an important way to live our lives. The scripture teaches us that God gives each of us “new mercies (or compassions) every morning.”** (Lamentations 3:22-23) We are told to wait expectantly to see what God will do in our lives on this new day – new beginnings each day.

The scripture above is the very first verse in Mark's gospel. Mark skips all the birth stories and the stories about Jesus growing up and starts directly with the beginning of Jesus' ministry – “the beginning of the good news about Jesus.” We, the readers, find out as we read Mark how true that is. Jesus came so that the whole world could have a new beginning. That new beginning includes forgiveness for our past sins and a new life in Christ that gives us hope and strength to face life's challenges each day. With Jesus in our lives, each day is a new day with new hope and new mercies. Yesterday is behind us and with our hope in Christ we can face each new day with confidence.

As we celebrate with graduates' new beginnings this month, let's reflect on our own new beginning with Jesus each day as we walk by faith in his love and compassion.

David Brock

What do YOU believe about GOD?

Introduction – Many who read this newsletter each month grew up in a time when the Bible was taken as unmistakably true authority. However, in today's world of vast ideas and information, many seek more to stand on. For the next few months, I will be attempting to give you the written belief statements from our meeting as well as a simple, plainly written explanation of each belief in today's vocabulary so that our readers who seek clarity in a world with confusing answers may also stand on the truths of our forefathers' understanding of scripture. Each month I will give you the belief statement with back up scripture as well as a summary of what it says.

Belief Statement – About God

"We believe in one holy,¹ almighty,² all-wise³ and everlasting God, the Father,⁵ the Creator⁶ and Preserver⁷ of all things; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, by whom all things were made,⁸ and by whom all things consist;⁹ and in one Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son,¹⁰ the Reprover¹¹ of the world, the Witness for Christ,¹² and the Teacher,¹³ Guide,¹⁴ and Sanctifier¹⁵ of the people of God; and that these three are one in the eternal Godhead;¹⁶ to whom be honor, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen."

References: ¹Isa. 6:3, 57:15; ²Gen. 17:1; ³Rom. 11:33, 16:27; ⁴Ps. 90:1,2; ⁵Matt. 11:25-27; ⁶Gen. 1:1; ⁷Job 7:20; ⁸John 1:3, ⁹Col. 1:17; ¹⁰John 15:26; 16:7; ¹¹John 16:8; ¹²John 15:26; ¹³John 14:26; ¹⁴John 16:13; ¹⁵11 Thess. 2:13; ¹⁶Matt. 28:19; John 10:30,17:21

Summary of Statement – We believe the Bible

teaches there is ONE GOD who is in THREE PERSONS. These three persons are the FATHER (all wise, all present creator), the SON (Jesus Christ) God who came to earth fully human but still fully God and lived, was crucified, buried, resurrected, and ascended to heaven all for the forgiveness of our sins, and the person of the HOLY SPIRIT who lives with the believer to bear witness of Christ in our everyday lives, continue to guide, teach and draw us to Jesus Christ our Lord. This Christian belief is often referred to as THE TRINITY. ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS.



Eric Bowman

Sermon Topics for May

Eric Bowman will be preaching May 15 and 29. **David Brock** will be preaching May 1, 8, and 22.

May 1

Sermon – "Search Me, O God"
Scripture – Psalm 139

May 8 – Mother's Day

Sermon – "Lessons in Faith"
Scripture – Luke 1:26-38; John 19:25-27

May 15 – Graduate Recognition

Sermon – "Brush and Floss Daily"
Scripture – Galatians 6:9

May 22

Sermon – "Waiting for God's Intervention in History"
Scripture – Habakkuk 1

May 29

Sermon – "Take a Hint, Part 1"
Scripture – Jonah 1:4-6

June 5

Sermon – "Learning to Live by Faith"
Scripture – Habakkuk 2

Honoring Our 2022 High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, May 15, we will recognize and honor our 2022 High School and College Graduates during our church service. Please turn in the names of your graduates by May 8. We will also need some information to share with the congregation. Please tell us where he/she went to school, what activities they were in, what their future plans are, the names of parents and grandparents, and any other information they would like to share with the congregation.



– **Nancy Wadman**,
Ministry Coordinator

Tea and Time to Talk

On Tuesday, May 17, ladies whose husbands have passed away are invited for tea and cookies and a time to visit and share concerns. Please contact **Nancy Wadman** if you have questions.

Worship Assistants for May

Scripture Readers

May 1 – Bob Rust
May 8 – Dale Albertson
May 15 – Debra Weber
May 22 – Sandi Swann
May 29 – Janet Putnam



Children's Story

May 1 – Mike Van Osdol
May 8 – Janet Putnam
May 15 – Diana Bowman
May 22 – Linda Brock
May 29 – Mike Van Osdol

Junior Church

May 1 – Linda Brock
May 8 – David Lahr
May 15 – Linda Brock
May 22 – Claudia Garner
May 29 – No Junior Church

Easter Flower Memorials



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

GEORGE A. LACY

Given by Barbara Lacy and the Lacy Family

MAX MOFFITT, DAVID MOFFITT

Given by Betty Moffitt, Brad & Lisa Knotts,
Wyatt & Lacey Thompson & boys

JIM BOWMAN

Given by Eric & Diana Bowman

DAVID NEWKIRK

BOB & BETTY NEWKIRK

Given by Virginia Newkirk & Family

PAUL, JR. & JUANITA REECE

FLOYD & ADA HINSHAW

PAUL, SR. & GOLDIE REECE

Given by the Reece Family

MONTE GOODWIN

Given by Irene, Bob, Randy & Mike Goodwin

Easter Flower Memorials (Continued)

BETTY (RENFRO) APPEGATE

PHILIP THEODORE APPEGATE

Given by Judy (Applegate) Lee & family
Marilyn (Applegate) Ingle & family

DOROTHY (BLACK) APPEGATE,
PHILLIP APPEGATE, ESTHER APPEGATE,
EARL D. APPEGATE, MARY MARGARET
(APPEGATE) CLAY, WALTER CLAY

Given by Judy (Applegate) Lee & family
Marilyn (Applegate) Ingle & family

REA & WINIFRED RATCLIFF,
DAVID & MARY JANE FRENCH,
THOMAS R. RATCLIFF, JAMES R. PICKERING,
RICK LITTLE

Given by Richard & Linda Ratcliff

LOVED ONES

Given by Strong & Huston Families

AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,
HOMER & LIDA CRANDALL, BILL SMITH, OTHER
FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Given by Don & Cindy Crandall

Jeff, Margie & Family

Kevin, Tasha & Hunter

BILLY R. SMITH, AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,
O.B. & EVELYN SMITH, LEIGH KOGER,
BRENDA CATRON, BETTY GATEWOOD,
MARIAN COFFMAN

Given by Cathy Smith

EVELYN JO DELAY MAJORS,
JULIE ANN DELAY, TAMI RUTLEDGE HARR,
ANNEKE HEATHER RUTLEDGE,
RUTLEDGE FAMILY, DELAY FAMILY

Given by Don & Kandi Rutledge

GARY BAUGHAN AND CATHERINE EICHENBURGER

Given by Carolyn Lantz,
Daughters and Families

DR. & MRS. RALPH McCOY

Given by Carolyn Lantz

Daughters and Families

Mark your calendar for VBS 2022 which will be June 13-17 at SFC. The theme is "Monumental – Celebrating God's Greatness."

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Shirley Weber – knee 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

Doris Hoover's brother – blood clots
Tragedy of the Clark Family
Caudill Family Losses
Joyce & David Holden (Richard Ratcliff) – David fell 3 times
Naomi Wagner (David Baker's sister) – lung cancer
Step-mom of Teresa Batt – broken hip
Diana Pfeffer (Tommie Hunt & Judy Stevens) – cancer surgery
Marc Allhands (Cindy Mitchell) – health 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
Geoff Ostler (Nancy Wadman) – liver 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
People in Ukraine
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners

Birthday Party for Henry County – 200 years and counting

We are excited to announce that Spiceland Friends will be participating in the 200th birthday party of Henry County. We hope to have a significant (HUGE) representation at the Henry County Arts Terrace at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Since our church is one of the oldest, we will have a birthday cake with 194 candles at the cake competition. Before the birthday party we will be part of a community wide worship service that begins at 6:30 p.m. After a short time of worship, all of the churches in Henry County will be able to fellowship around cakes from each represented congregation as well as food trucks and gospel music. There will be something for everyone in your family to enjoy. We just want to gather with other believers in the Henry County area for a night of celebration. Stay tuned for announcements, bulletins, and emails as the day gets closer. Mark those calendars right now and let **Eric Bowman** know if you are interested in helping with our SFC cake. It's going to take a lot of candles. Lay out your lawn chairs right now.

– Eric Bowman

The June/July summer issue of *The Spiceland Friend* newsletter will be printed on June 9.

Harvest Food Bank

The Harvest Food Bank will be distributing food for local people on Monday, May 16, in SFC's parking lot. They will be here from 3:00-4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact **Nancy Wadman**.

Notes of Thanks

"We want to say thanks to those who continue to support the mission of the **Christian Love Help Center**. . . . Your donation of \$100.00 was received on 3/13/22."

– Juanita Suggs

"Thank you so much for the diapers you donated to the **Henry Co. Pregnancy Care Center**. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for assisting us to assist those in need."

– Janet S. Modjeski

