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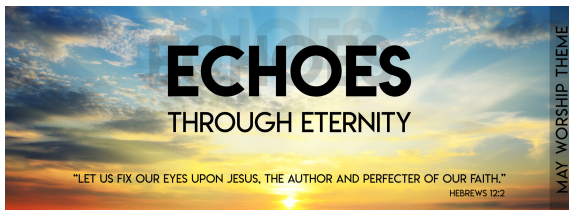
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Echoes Through Eternity

“Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” Hebrews. 12:2 (NIV)



As Christians, we often get excited about the joy and meaning of Easter and the resurrection of Christ. It is Jesus’ conquering of death that gives hope for our own lives. **However, sometimes we forget that the Easter season and the weeks after also represent two other major events for believers.** Following the resurrection, we also have the forty days Christ was on earth continuing to minister. During this time, he was seen by over five hundred witnesses who verified that he was alive after his resurrection. He also spent time with his disciples, teaching them they would not be left alone after he ascended to the Father. Jesus finalized his time on earth in a way that has continued to echo for over two thousand years.

The month of May comes with several celebrations that help us recognize how our life will echo through eternity. In America, we will set a

Sunday aside to celebrate our mothers. Each of our mothers has left us with teaching and memories that will echo throughout our lifetime and often into eternity. May also brings us graduation and commencement celebrations. These are moments that mark the start of a new season in life. They allow us to set a course where the echo of our life begins to impact ourselves and others. The month of May also gives us Memorial Day. On this day, we pause and identify the echo that those who have gone before us ripples through our lives and into eternity.

Our May sermon series will be entitled “Echoes.” We will examine how Jesus’ life has echoed through time and eternity. As we set aside several May Sundays for markers such as baby dedications, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day, **I urge you to consider not only how the life of Christ has echoed through time but how your life will echo through time and eternity.**

Eric Bowman

Membership

We would love to have you join SFC! Official membership is a simple way of saying that you desire to join arms with SFC as a way to walk out your Christian Faith in the encouragement of one another as we share Jesus with our community. Let **David Brock, Eric Bowman, Nancy Wadman, or Richard Ratcliff** know if you have an interest or questions.

Eric Bowman

One Question After Another – Episode 3

We are in our third month of looking at a list of questions intended to stimulate our thinking and hearts as we live out our Christian faith. Historically, early Friends called these questions “Queries.” They were commonly used during worship to help turn hearts and minds toward God’s thoughts. These questions are an excellent way for us to consider our faith journey. I plan to address these questions (queries) one at a time in our 2023 newsletters. I pray that you meditate sincerely on these questions in a way that brings closeness and confidence to your Christian walk.

Here is the question for May: **Do you love one another as you become followers of Jesus Christ?**

In John 13:34, Jesus leaves his followers with a new commandment. Jesus specifically tells His followers to love one another. This leads us to ask, “How do we love one another?” Jesus’ example makes this clear. He gave Himself up for you and me. Following the example of Jesus leaves us with the significant challenge of showing our love for one another by giving ourselves up for each other. I will end this month’s challenging question with another question – Does the world know you are a disciple by how you love others?

“By this, all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35)

Eric Bowman

Honoring Our 2023 High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize and honor our 2023 high school and college graduates during our church service. If you have not turned your graduate information in to me yet, please do so as soon as possible. I will need some information to share with the congregation. Please tell me 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,
Worship Coordinator

Sermon Topics for May

David Brock will be preaching the first Sunday in May, and Eric Bowman will be preaching the next three Sunday on the “Echoes” series.

May 7

Sermon – “Always Nearby”
Scripture – Genesis 28:10-20

May 14

Child Dedication, Mother’s Day Sunday
Sermon – “Echoes Through Eternity,” Part 1
Scripture – Colossians 3:1-3; 3:12-21

May 21

Graduate Day
Sermon – “Echoes Through Eternity,” Part 2
Scripture – Philippians 1:6; Luke 16:10-12,
1 Samuel 17:37

May 28

Memorial Day Sunday
Sermon – “Echoes Through Eternity,” Part 3
Scripture – Luke 24:50; Acts 1:1-9

Worship Assistants for May

Scripture Readers

May 7 – Teresa Batt
May 14 – Eric Bowman
May 21 – Barbara Lacy
May 28 – Nancy Wadman



Children’s Story

May 7 – Janet Putnam
May 14 – Diana Bowman
May 21 – Linda Brock
May 28 – Mike Van Osdol

Junior Church

May 7 – Linda Brock
May 14 – David Lahr
May 21 – Linda Brock
May 28 – Claudia Garner

Greeter – David Lahr

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Family of Emogene Putnam
Sandy White – skin cancer
Kandi Rutledge – knee replacement surgery
Shirley Weber – knee problems
Judy Smith
Jim Williams – recovering from heart surgery
Marcia Byrket – health issues; Glen Oaks
Sarah Reiblein – cancer
Steve Neal – liver cancer



Extended Family and Friends

Karsun Moffitt – at Riley
Chris Owen (grandson of Sara Jane Stegner) – concussion
Mark Allhands (Pam Pyle) – sepsis
Carmelle (Darlene Darling's sister) – in need of prayer
Art Whitaker – recovering from pneumonia
Gary Dice (Marilyn Thompson) – needs heart transplant
Mai Nguyen (Julia Bouslog) – breast cancer
James (Donna Hall's son) – lymphoma; chemo
Sherry Butler (Tasha Crandall) – kidney transplant
David Butler (Helen Rust's brother-in-law) – in need of prayer
Ed Cole (Debi Zimmerman) – pancreatic cancer surgery
Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney failure
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's
Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson's mother) – back pain; skin cancer
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Rita Beavers (Garners) – bladder cancer
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
People in Turkey and Syria
People in Ukraine
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women

Harvest Food Bank

The Harvest Food Bank will be distributing food for local people on Monday, May 15, in the church parking lot from 3:00-4:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact **Nancy Wadman**.

Missions in Action!

Spiceland Friends donated \$869.22 from the baby bottles for the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center as well as diapers and baby supplies. Thank you so much for participating!

The Missions Committee approved paying a utility bill for a needy family in Spiceland, and donated \$150 for Bibles for a church in Myanmar. We also gave a \$200 Walmart card to a family who recently lost their home to a fire. We are blessed to have a caring church and the opportunity to help others in need.

– **Nancy Wadman**,
Clerk of Missions Committee

Baby/Child Dedication

We will have a baby/child dedication service on Mother's Day, May 14. Please let **Eric Bowman** know if you want to dedicate a baby or a young child. SFC would love to be part of the village it takes to raise your child.



VBS Is Coming Up in June

Preparations are in place for our 2023 Vacation Bible School. WE NEED HELP with this! Teachers, snacks, set up, clean up, and group guides are all ways you can help. Please see **Carly Griggs** if you are willing to help. Mark your calendar for June 26-30. Please help!

Thursday Bible Study

Our group has decided to take a short break in May. We will meet on Thursday, May 4, and then take the next three Thursdays off. We will start again on Thursday, June 1. Please feel free to join us! We meet at 11:00 a.m. to have Bible Study and discussion, and then we go out for lunch. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and learning about the characters in the Bible who walked with God. Max Lucado has written the book, and we will have 24 more characters to study.

– **Nancy Wadman**

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!

HOMER & NELLIE DENNY,
RON & WAVA GREGORY,
SHANNON BLESSINGER, MIKE BLESSINGER,
KEITH DALTON & PHYLLIS AUSTIN,
RALPH DENNY

Given by Glen & Debbie Denny

PHILIP THEODORE (TED) & BETTY (RENFRO)
APPLEGATE,
PHILLIP & DOROTHY (BLACK) APPLEGATE,
ESTHER APPLEGATE, EARL APPLEGATE,
WALTER & MARY MARGARET (APPLEGATE) CLAY
Given by Judy (Applegate) Lee & family,
Marilyn (Applegate) Ingle & family

MONTE GOODWIN,
EARL & ETHEL PRIGNITZ,
HAROLD & LOUISE GOODWIN
Given by Irene Goodwin

MY BELOVED JUDGEY
Given by Amanda Judge

MAX MOFFITT AND DAVID MOFFITT
Given by Betty Moffitt & Lisa Knotts

HAROLD & MARY JANE WADMAN,
CAROL SAGESER
Given by Nancy Wadman

JOY BUSSBERG
Given by Ruth Knotts, Janice Radcliff,
Ginny Heiser

BEN KNOTTS
Given by Ruth Knotts, Janice Radcliff,
Ginny Heiser

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

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

Easter Flower Memorials (Continued)

GARY BAUGHAN & CATHERINE EICHENBERGER
Given by Carolyn Lantz & Daughters & Families

DR. & MRS. RALPH McCOY & DON McCOY
Given by Carolyn Lantz & Daughters & Families

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

GEORGE LACY
Given by Barbara Lacy and the Lacy Family

BILLY R. SMITH,
AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,
O. B. & EVELYN SMITH,
LEIGH KOGER, BRENDA PFENNINGER CATRON,
SCOTT PFENNINGER, BETTY GATEWOOD,
MARIAN COFFMAN
Given by Cathy Smith

AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,
HOMER & LIDA CRANDALL,
BILL SMITH, AND OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Given by Don & Cindy Crandall,
Jeff, Margie & family,
Kevin, Tasha & Hunter Crandall

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Jim & Janet Putnam** and family upon the passing of Jim's mother, **Emogene Putnam**, on April 10.



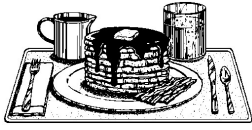
Quaker Haven Kids and Youth Camps



Parents, grandparents, and friends of children and teens! Quaker Haven Summer Camps are currently filling up. There are great camp programs for kids from ages 5 – 18. If you know of a young person whose faith you would like to encourage, this is a fantastic opportunity to do just that. More information can be found at quakerhaven.com. Do this soon! Some camp scholarships are available at SFC. See **Eric Bowman** if you have an interest.

Freedom Days Beans and Breakfast

Spiceland Friends Church will be having a ham & bean supper on the Friday of Freedom Days.



We will also have a breakfast on the following Saturday.

We are having an organizational meeting on May 17 at

6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to help on either day is welcome to come. See **Chris Garner** for details.

Notes of Thanks

“I was so surprised when Marilyn handed me the beautiful prayer shawl Sunday! I have been wearing it and it is comforting especially for all of the thoughtfulness all of you had put into it. Thank you for all of the prayers.

– **Judy Sadler**

“We want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Jim’s heart surgery went well. He has two new valves and three bypasses. He is home and getting stronger day by day.”

– **Jim & Charlene Williams**

“Thank you so much for your donation of diapers, wipes, pull-ups, lotion, shampoo, etc., to the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated. Thank you and God bless each one.”

– **Janet Modjeski**,
Executive Director

A Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion – their very lives – for our benefit. May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

200th Anniversary Announcement



Next year will mark the 200th anniversary of the first Quakers gathering for worship under the trees in Spiceland, Indiana. In 1824 John Sheridan offered his new log barn to the local Friends, where the first recorded meetings were held in which forty or fifty Friends assembled. Fifty years later, in 1874, the present brick meetinghouse was built. Worship of the Lord has continued uninterrupted by Friends in Spiceland for 200 years. A legacy, which is to be celebrated!

We want wide participation in shaping how we observe this significant milestone. There is need for help with planning. Maybe you have memories you would like to share or a testimony of the impact that Spiceland Friends has had on your life. Anyone interested in helping in any way can contact **Barbara Lacy** or **Janet Putnam** or email your ideas or memories to the church at spicelandfriends@frontier.com.

We desire to acknowledge the faith and commitment of those first dedicated Quakers and honor those who have followed which have steadfastly upheld the Gospel of Christ and the principles and practices of Friends in Spiceland.

– **Janet Putnam**

Resilience in the Storms

“In this world you will have trouble,” Jesus says in John 16:33 (NIV). Christians, in other words, should expect sufferings and setbacks that challenge their spiritual resilience. Tim Kight, in a blog post titled “The Resilient Christian,” offers these reminders for times of adversity: Trust God. Pray fervently, deeply and boldly. Dig into God’s Word. And praise God regardless of your circumstances. “When you are in the storm, trust God and don’t flinch,” Kight advises.

With that game plan and attitude, we can pray with the prophet Habakkuk: “Though the fig tree does not bud. . . and the fields produce no food. . . yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” (3:17-18 NIV)