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“Hope in a Dark World”

“The will of the Lord be done.” Acts 21-14b (NKJV)

Paul’s close friends were advising him to change his plans because they knew there was serious danger ahead if he kept going toward Jerusalem. However, he was sure God had called him to make this trip to Jerusalem at this particular time. Finally, his friends gave up trying to persuade him and said, “The will of the Lord be done.” Paul was sure he had the mind of the Lord and that the Holy Spirit was guiding him even though he knew that his friends were likely right about the adverse circumstances and the threat to his safety.

Paul’s deep commitment was to bring the message of hope – the message of Jesus – to a dark and sinful world. He was up against corrupt religious officials who were only looking out for their own political fortunes. He was up against the force of the Roman Empire that saw Christ followers as a threat to its government and power. He was up against the intellectuals of the day who laughed at his claims about Jesus and his resurrection. It would have been easy to stay with his friends and stay out of danger. However, Paul had seen God work through arrests, prison, beatings, and all kinds of other adverse circumstances. This

gave him the confidence to continue on his path to bring the message of hope to city after city and person after person.

The torch has been passed to us. Now, it is our turn to do our part to bring hope to the people around us, to our communities, to our neighbors, to our friends, and to our little piece of the world. How do we do that? By following the will of the Lord. By praying, by listening, by worshipping, by discussing, by being willing to take action as God leads us. Sometimes we are like Paul’s friends – it seems that the world is too dark and unaccepting of the message of Jesus’ love and forgiveness. But the message is still effective today and God will continue to open up doors of faith in our friends, family, and associates. Continue on with courage expecting God to minister through you and through your circumstances.

Plan to come to worship each Sunday in November as we conclude our study of Acts. Plan to invite someone to visit our church with you. On Sunday, November 5, you will have an extra hour because of Daylight Saving Time ending – maybe you could use that extra hour to come to Sunday School and try out one of our three adult classes and your kids can go to their classes.

David Brack



**Daylight Saving Time Ends!
Remember to set your clocks
back an hour Saturday night,
November 4!**

We'll see you at the Bazaar! 😊

Be sure to join us for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 11, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Family Center at Spiceland Friends Church. Come for lunch, purchase from the vendors, get your chances on the beautiful queen-size quilt, and enjoy visiting with friends.

– Linda Ratcliff

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Barbara Ward – fell; injured ankle
Lonnie Murray – cancer
Phil Alexander – on oxygen; pneumonia; dialysis
Darlene Darling – sciatic nerve pain
Shirley Fort – fell, badly sprained ankle
Ruby Katherine Barker – breathing problems
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Unspoken prayer requests
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Quaker missionaries preparing to leave for Kenya

Extended Family and Friends

Family of Kenny Carter
Jackie Jones – new area of cancer
Joann Warfield (Gerald Darling) – seriously ill
Stephanie Langston (Bob Rust) – breast cancer
Bryan Fox (Carol Fox) – in hospice with cancer
Brandon Dishman – farming accident
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – struggling with cancer
Student of Susan Waymire – doing a lot of seeking spiritually
Brantley Rayburn – child with cancer
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – metastasized breast cancer
Peace and stability in North & South Korea
Our country and servicemen and women

Choir Practice – Come Sing! 🎵

Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve service are on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us – adults and/or youth – so please consider joining us! Please let **Cathy** know if you need child care. We are happy to provide free child care, but need to know in advance if it is needed so we can make arrangements.

Veterans to Be Honored November 5

Veterans and active duty military personnel will be recognized during worship on Sunday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m. We want to express our appreciation for their service to our country and for sacrifices they and their families have made on our behalf. Please join us as we honor these men and women.



Sermon Topics for November

David Brock will be preaching three Sundays in November. **Cathy Harris** will be preaching on November 12.

November 5

Sermon – “Can Jesus Change Your Community?”
Scripture – Acts 19 & 20

November 12

Cathy Harris will be preaching.

November 19

Scripture – “Courage to Face Life’s Headwinds”
Scripture – Acts 23-26

November 26

Sermon – “The Next Step”
Scripture – Acts 27-28

Worship Assistants for November

Scripture Readers

November 5 – Ralph Adams
November 12 – Sandi Swann
November 19 – Judy Stevens
November 26 – Teresa Batt



Junior Church

November 5 – Beverly Elliott
November 12 – Amanda Huss
November 19 – Cathy Harris
November 26 – Amanda Huss

Hosts – Megan Harris & Chris Harris

Children’s Messages – Charlene Williams

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Back November 19

There's still time to grab and fill some shoeboxes! Please take as many boxes as you are interested in filling. Then fill the boxes, indicate the age/gender, include a check for \$9 made out to Samaritan's Purse to help with the cost of shipping, and return the boxes to the Family Center by November 19.



There are some teddy bears by the shoeboxes that were made and donated by the men's quilting group from the New Castle Correctional Facility. Feel free to pick one out to include in your shoeboxes.

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach ministry supported, managed, and sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, which is run by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. They have one of the best/highest ratings for a charitable organization.

Notes of Thanks

"Thank you for the thoughts, kind words, cards, and prayers. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring church family."

– **The Van Osdols, Griggs & Notebooms**

"Thank you for your gift of \$531.00 on October 16, 2017, for Hurricane Harvey Relief."

– **Samaritan's Purse**

Change of Address

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New Castle, IN 47362-8401

Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Know someone who is? When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful or difficult. We are offering a one-night seminar on Wednesday, November 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., that will talk about dealing with our emotions throughout the holidays, offer helpful

tips for surviving social events as well as ideas of what to do about holiday traditions, and how to find hope for the future.

The seminar is open to anyone (open to the public) who has lost a loved one – whether the loss was recently or long ago. The seminar is free, and will be led by **Cathy Harris**. Each participant will receive a pamphlet on Surviving the Holidays. If you have questions, please talk with Cathy. We will be starting a 13-week grief support group beginning January 18 – look for more information in the December newsletter.



Looking Ahead . . .

We have several exciting activities and opportunities for fellowship and worship coming up through the end of the year. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite a friend!

Nov. 8 – Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Seminar
6:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 – Holiday Bazaar 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Dec. 3 – Practice for Children/Youth Christmas Program 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 6 – Family & Friends Advent Evening – Dinner and activities 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 10 – Children/Youth Christmas Program during worship

Dec. 10 – All-church Christmas pitch-in meal after worship

Dec. 13 – Family & Friends Advent Evening – Dinner and caroling 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 21 – "The Longest Night" Worship Service followed by a light meal 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 9:00 p.m.

Jan. 18 – GriefShare bereavement support group begins (13 weeks) Thursdays

Quilt Group to Raffle Quilt

The quilt group has made a lovely quilt which will be raffled at this year's bazaar. Tickets are now on sale – \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. See one of the quilters or purchase tickets after worship. The winner will be drawn on November 11 at the bazaar. You do not have to be present to win.

