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“Transformed by Jesus”

“To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.”

Colossians 1:29 (NEB)

Over the next five Sundays, the sermons will be based on the New Testament book of Colossians. The overarching theme of this short book is the sufficiency of Jesus Christ to transform our lives into people who can live like He did when he was on earth. Jesus demanded difficult ideals such as humility that we talked about last Sunday. He also demanded love for our enemies, not seeking revenge for wrongdoing, giving to those who are in need, and many other actions that we do not find coming easily from a natural perspective.

Colossians teaches us that the presence and power of Jesus is continuing to work in each of us – striving to make us in His image. In verse 29 above, Paul states that his continued work and ministry is only possible because of Jesus working in him mightily. When we feel inadequate to do the ministry to which we have been called, we turn to the power of Jesus that dwells within us and reclaim the promise that He will work in and through us to transform our personality and ability.

In the first chapter, Paul addresses our new identity in Christ. His prayer for the Colossians *and*

for us is that “God will fill us with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.” (verse 9) Imagine that kind of promise of a new identity. One in which God has filled us with knowledge of his will and has given us all wisdom and understanding. This promise and prayer is the reason that we can be confident that God will work in us to transform us into the people he wants us to be.

There is much more in the first chapter and in the rest of the book. This book is filled with wonderful promises and excellent direction of how to live the transformed life. Read the book ahead of time and study some at home so you will be more familiar with the passage. Come each Sunday with an expectant attitude and an open heart. Come looking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life as the risen Jesus continues to work in you to bring about this new identity in Christ.

David Brock

We’ll See you at the Bazaar 😊

Be sure to join us for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, 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. For more information see flyer in this newsletter.

– Linda Ratcliff

Sermon Topics for November



David Brock will be preaching each Sunday in November.

November 3

Sermon – “Identity”

Scripture – Colossians 1:1-14

November 10

Sermon – “Jesus Has It Covered”

Scripture – Colossians 1:15-24

November 17

Sermon – “Christ Within”

Scripture – Colossians 1:24-2:19

November 24

Sermon – “New Personality”

Scripture – Colossians 2:20-3:17

December 1

Sermon – “A Different Community”

Scripture – Colossians 3:18-4:18

Worship Assistants for November

Scripture Readers

Nov. 3 – Priscilla James

Nov. 10 – Doris Hoover

Nov. 17 – Jason Ash

Nov. 24 – Libby Henshaw

Junior Church

Nov. 3 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket

Nov. 10 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith

Nov. 17 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith

Nov. 24 – Darlene Darling & Brenda Reece

Hosts – Ron & Brenda Reece

Children’s Story

Nov. 3 – Mike Van Osdol

Nov. 10 – Janet Putnam

Nov. 17 – Mike Van Osdol

Nov. 24 – Linda Brock

Quilt Group Is Selling Chances on Quilt

The quilt group has made a lovely quilt which will be raffled at this year’s bazaar. Tickets are now on sale – \$1.00 per ticket or buy six for \$5.00. See one of the quilters or purchase tickets after worship. The winner will be drawn at the bazaar on November 9. You do not have to be present to win.



Daylight Saving Time Ends!
Remember to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night, **November 2!**

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Back November 17

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 17.



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.



JOHN 6:27, NIV

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Rick Little – at home; recovering from pancreatic cancer surgery
Halle Chandler – kidney stones
Family of Sandy Alexander
Steve Stevens – prostate cancer of the bones
Richard Ratcliff – will start radiation soon
Judy Smith – health problems
Eleanor Painter – dealing with side effects of chemo
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Bertie Darling – health problems
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee
Amy Upchurch – chemo treatments
Barbara Meade – finishing radiation treatments
Don Meade – very weak; at home
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle; breathing problems
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor



Extended Family and Friends

Caleb Kinnard – possible heart issues
Family of Lesley Reece
Bill (nephew of Joan Holt) – in ICU at Methodist
Bob & Jackie Jones (V. Newkirk) – Bob – problems with diabetes; Jackie – cancer
Diane Blake (Jessica Mitchell) – very ill
Brandon Thompson (Mark & Marilyn) – job ended
John Reno (uncle of Pam Reno) – health issues
Steve Clearwater – recovering from open heart surgery
Isabelle (mother of Claudia Garner) – recovering from back surgery
Joe & Debbie Whitesett (friends of Darlene Darling) – multiple health problems
Carolyn Lantz (Teresa Batt) – B-Cell lymphoma
Cousin of Jason Ash – chemo treatments
Mother of Jason Ash – not doing well
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – back surgery
Draper – computers hacked
Family of Jill Fitzhugh (Barbara Lacy)
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine cancer
Rhonda Meade Brown – broken ankle
Ron Bryan (Presiding Clerk of FUM) – significant pain
Colleen Wallace (Marcia Byrket) – cancer
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer

Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast cancer surgery
Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer treatments
Our country and servicemen and women

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac & Bernie 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

New Members Recognized

We were happy to welcome **Dale & Jane Albertson** into the membership of Spiceland Friends Church on Sunday, October 27. They come to us from the First Baptist Church in Rushville.

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Sandra Alexander** upon her passing on October 16. A memorial service was held at Spiceland Friends on October 26.

Who Will Lead?

After the people of Shechem made a poor decision about who would rule as their king, Gideon's son Jotham told them a parable.

In Judges 9:8-15, the trees had difficulty finding a willing leader. The olive tree, fig tree, and grape vine all declined, saying they didn't want to leave their important production jobs. Finally out of options, the trees asked the wretched, thorny bramble bush to be king. Although this wild shrub wasn't welcome in anyone's land, still it was a plant. And it was willing to rule if the trees announced their allegiance. The trees opted for the worst of the worst. When the most worthy, qualified people neglect to step up and lead, results – and morale – suffer. Where can your expertise and passion best be put to use in God's kingdom?

Looking Ahead . . .

We have a lot of 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.

- Dec. 1 – Practice for Children/Youth Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 4 – Advent Night – 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8 – Children’s Christmas Program, 10:30 a.m. followed by All-church Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 18 – Advent Night, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19 – Longest Night Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 9:00 p.m.

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 Thursday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m., that will cover 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.

This one-night seminar stands alone and is separate from our regular GriefShare meetings. It is open to anyone (including the public) who has lost a loved one – whether the loss was recent or long ago. The seminar is free and will be led by **Shirley Fort** and **Janet Putnam**. Each participant will receive an informative and helpful booklet on “Surviving the Holidays.” If you have questions, please talk with Shirley or Janet. Invite a friend or family member who might benefit from this seminar – and help them by coming with them.

The Matter of Conscience

A Sunday School teacher asked her class, “What happens when someone’s conscience bothers them?” A boy spoke up and said, “It makes you tell your mother what you did before your sister tells on you.”

A Note on Giving to Readers Who Are Over 70

It’s nearing the end of the calendar year and I wanted to remind you that you can take advantage of the IRA qualified charitable distribution law to help manage both your charitable intent and your tax liabilities.

The law allows you to “count” charitable contributions made from your traditional IRA toward your required minimum distributions beginning the year you turn 70 ½. By directing your distribution from your IRA administrator directly to a charity, it moves without tax consequence to you or the charity. This is a pretty tax-efficient way to support the causes you care about!

With the new tax laws in effect that greatly increase the personal deduction, more people will not be filing the long form that enabled them to deduct charitable contributions. The IRA direct distribution keeps those funds from being counted as income to you so there are no taxes due on that distribution.

More information is available from your tax advisor, attorney, or administrator of your IRA.

– **David Brock**

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