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**“Following the Leading of the Holy Spirit”**

*“Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace.” Acts 16:11a (NKJV)*

Paul had a plan of where he wanted to go next to preach this Good News about Jesus and his love and forgiveness. However, twice the Holy Spirit told him, “No,” and he had to turn back and reconsider what was next. He had a dream one night and realized God was calling him to go to Philippi, a leading city in the Macedonia region. Then, the verse above follows that revelation: “sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course . . .” If you have sailed or ridden on a sailboat, you know that feeling of having the wind at your back, filling the sails, and propelling you toward your destination smoothly and quickly. It is a great feeling as you skim along over the water.

Luke, the writer of Acts, had more in mind than a good sailing day. He was conveying to us the joy and the wonder of finally understanding God’s direction for us and the joy of immediate and complete obedience. Paul felt relieved that he did not have to struggle any longer to figure it out. It was in God’s hands and God was preparing the way. What a wonderful feeling!

This experience is not just for Paul or the

early Christians. It is for each one of us. We search and listen in our daily time alone with God to determine how the Holy Spirit may be directing us. We may not be sailing to a new city to spread the gospel, but each day we sail through our lives doing his work and spreading his love in ways that he directs. We go through the open doors with willing obedience to work on the opportunity that came to us. We move forward even though we may doubt our ability or worthiness. We walk through those doors of opportunity knowing that the wind of God’s power is at our back and giving us the strength and ability to do the work to which he has called us.

What about you? As we have been studying how God worked in the early church, have you been actively listening and considering what God may be preparing for you? As Paul reminded us in Ephesians 2:10, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

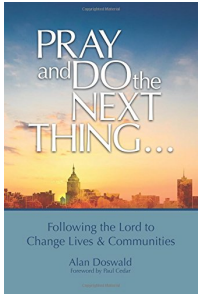
*David Brock*

**Choir Practice Begins October 26** 🎵

Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Service will begin on Thursday, October 26. We will meet each week from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us – adults and/or teens – so please consider joining us. Please let **Cathy** know if you need child care. We are happy to provide child care but must know in advance if it is needed so we can make arrangements.

## Fall Book Study Begins!

Our Fall Book Study will be for four Wednesdays – October 4-25, with a pitch-in meal at 6:00 p.m. and class from 6:45-7:45 p.m.



The class will be led by **David Brock**, and we will be studying the book, “Pray and Do the Next Thing . . .” It was written by Alan Doswald – a friend of David Brock's from Fresno, California.

What if you knew that God could use you to change the lives of others and even your community? Would you follow Him? This book is for those who want to put their faith into action and are willing to let God use them to make a difference. **Experience the joy of doing what God created you to do!** This book will encourage you to pray, then step out in faith and do the next thing.

Books will be available for sale starting this Sunday, and the cost is \$10 each. Take a book now and pay later, if you'd like. Make checks payable to Spiceland Friends Church. Books are also available at no cost if needed – see Cathy.

A children's class will be available during the adult class sessions and will be taught by **Linda Brock**. She has some fun, meaningful activities and lessons for the kids! Please contact Cathy and let her know if your child(ren) will be attending.

## Holiday Bazaar is Coming Soon!

It's time once again for the Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, November 11 - 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The booths have been rented, items are being collected, and plans are being made. Please mark your calendars and set aside that day to help us in any way you can.

**Marilyn Thompson** is in charge of booth space this year as she was last year. We have a couple of new booths this year. The attic treasures crew is collecting and making arrangements for more great bargains. Another quilt will be available by the quilting group.

We will be serving chili, vegetable soup, sandwiches and desserts plus chips, veggies, and drinks from the kitchen until 1:30. This gives the

kitchen crew time to clean up and be ready to leave at 2:00.

This is the main fundraiser for the ladies, and the money is used for a variety of things throughout the year. We have purchased many of the kitchen supplies, made a donation to the Building Fund and donated to other charities at Christmas. It seems there is no end to the need in our community, and we are happy to participate in any way we can. Most of the money is used to offset the cost of funeral dinners and kitchen supplies and that is such a worthwhile ministry for our community. We serve not only our members and attenders but also other families that do not have a home church or those needing a place to go at such a difficult time in their family. We often receive donations from families for the dinners we provide and that is always appreciated.

The sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Center the middle of October, and we will appreciate your donations of food and supplies for the kitchen, deli items, desserts, and the help of those willing to sign up for a shift in the kitchen.

Look for more information in the bulletin, November newsletter, and ads in the Courier and Banner.

– **Linda Ratcliff**

## Sermon Topics for October

**David Brock** will be preaching from the book of Acts four Sundays in October. **Cathy Harris** will be preaching on October 8.

### October 1

Sermon – “Play by the Rules”  
Scripture – Acts 15

### October 8

Sermon – “Satisfied”  
Scripture – John 6:1-15

### October 15

Sermon – “Lemonade from Lemons”  
Scripture – Acts 16

### October 22

Sermon – “Getting to Yes”  
Scripture – Acts 17

### October 29

Sermon – “A Cure for Discouragement”  
Scripture – Acts 18

## Fall Festival Is Coming Up Soon!



We've got a great evening planned for our annual Fall Festival!

There will be several fun games and activities in the gym – with prizes! We'll also have folks passing out candy for your trick-or-treaters!

In the church Family Center, we'll be serving up some delicious refreshments – hot dogs, cookies, apple cider, and hot chocolate. While you're enjoying your snacks, you can sit and relax and watch the movie, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" and visit with friends.

It's Tuesday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! It's all FREE! And it's all indoors! So invite your friends and bring your trick-or-treaters and join in the fun!

### Candy & Cookie Donations Needed for Fall Festival

It's that time of year again! We need lots of candy for our annual Fall Festival. A donation box will be in the Welcome Center. Please make sure the candy is individually wrapped. Candy donations will be accepted through October 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Donations of cookies are needed too. We serve refreshments in the Family Center during the



Fall Festival and like to have a variety of cookies. The cookies can be homemade or store bought. Please bring cookies to church by 5:30 p.m. on October 31.

### Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival

Each year we have 600-700 folks from the community to come to our Fall Festival. This is a ministry that the community appreciates and

highly values. In order to do this, we need lots of helping hands, and it's fun and easy. Volunteers are needed to (1) Prepare and serve food in the kitchen, (2) Help run some of the games in the gym, and (3) Sit in the bleachers (or bring a lawn chair) and pass out candy. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center to sign up to work in the kitchen and to help run games in the gym. You don't have to sign up to hand out candy – just come! See Cathy for more details or questions. Adults are welcome to dress up in costume too, but it's not required.

### SFC Friend to Friend and Prayer Chain Emails

We occasionally send out emails to the whole church about upcoming events, weather closings, and urgent information about friends in our congregation. We also have a very active prayer chain and send separate emails that go out to our prayer chain. We usually send the prayer chain emails out once a week, with additional emails going out as prayer requests are made. If you would like to be added to either of these lists – or both – please contact **Cathy Harris** at [cathy.spicelandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.spicelandfriends@gmail.com).

### Other Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!



- Nov. 5 – Recognize Veterans during worship
- Nov. 8 – Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Seminar 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11 – Holiday Bazaar
- Dec. 3 – Practice for Children/Youth Christmas Program 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 6 – Family & Friends Advent Evening
- Dec. 10 – Children/Youth Christmas Program during worship
- Dec. 10 – All-church Christmas Dinner following worship
- Dec. 13 – Family & Friends Evening – Dinner & Caroling 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – "The Longest Night" Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 9:00 p.m.

## Please Remember in Prayer



### Church Family

Meredith Harris – lung infection  
Chris Blake (Bob Rust) – college student in Cleveland  
Holden Thomas – broken wrist  
Nathan & Caitie Weber – health problems  
Matthew Miller (Susan Waymire) – under a lot of stress at college  
Bobby Thompson – stroke  
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

### Extended Family and Friends

Family of Richard Luellen (friend of Nancy Wadman, sister to Debbie Hicks)  
Sharon King (Nancy Wadman) – mother died  
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – struggling with health issues  
Family of Mary Kleeman (Linda Van Osdol's mother)  
Mandy Boyd (Pat Bogue) – brain surgery on Oct. 17  
Student of Susan Waymire – doing a lot of seeking spiritually  
Charlene & D. J. Shirrell (Bob Rust) Charlene cancer  
Brantley Rayburn – child with cancer  
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – metastasized breast cancer  
Flooding and storm damage in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Caribbean  
Peace and stability in North & South Korea  
Our country and servicemen and women

### **With Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary E. Kleeman** upon her passing on September 20. She was the mother of Linda Van Osdol.

### **New Address**

#### **Lindsey Peavie**

*(Omitted from online newsletter. Please contact the church office or consult your printed newsletter.)*

## Worship Assistants for October

### Scripture Readers

October 1 – Michelle Clapp  
October 8 – Debi Zimmerman  
October 15 – Jason Ash  
October 22 – Renee Adams  
October 29 – Kandi Rutledge

### Junior Church

October 1 – Amanda Huss  
October 8 – Amanda Huss  
October 15 – Cathy Harris  
October 22 – Linda Brock  
October 29 – No Junior Church

**Hosts** – Paul & Debra Weber

**Children's Messages** – Charlene Williams

### You Are Invited



**Dennis & Monica Peavie** and **Jeff & Dawn Davis** request the honor of your presence at the marriage of **Audrey Peavie** and **Dakota Davis** on Saturday, November 18, at 4:30 p.m. at Spiceland Friends Church. The reception will follow at 6:00 p.m. at Whitetail Tree Farm, 8650 N Co. Rd. 100E, Springport. Audrey & Dakota look forward to sharing their day with everyone.

### Walking Groups Continue

Get on your walking shoes and get walking! The walking group meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Center.

Walk for as much or as little as you would like or are able. Walk slow or fast. Take a break and rest, then walk some more. The important thing is for you to know you are welcome to come and walk at your own pace. Some like staying in the Family Center to walk, while others enjoy walking through more of the building – it's your choice!

Anyone from the community is welcome to come and walk. Enjoy getting some exercise and visiting with friends. We always have coffee or hot tea, and sometimes we have fruit or cookies, too!



## Operation Christmas Child Boxes Now Available



The Missions Committee has put together shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Christmas giving project they're sponsoring again this fall. Brochures and shoeboxes will be available on the Missions display table in the Family Center.

These brochures also contain an information form to let them know whether the gift is for a boy or girl (or either) and which age is appropriate.

Please take as many boxes as you are interested in filling. Then fill the box(es), 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.

Please note CHANGES beginning this year:

- Cost to ship a box costs \$9 (previously was \$7)
- Items that are not allowed: No candy/snacks/food, chewing gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.
- Gift Suggestions can be found in the brochures or online at [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org)

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.

## Titan Children's Fund Donations Needed

Every Friday a bag of food is sent home with Tri Elementary students who do not have enough food at home to eat. Donations of breakfast, lunch, and snack items are needed – non-perishable and non-breakable, individually wrapped items that an elementary child can

prepare themselves. Monetary donations are welcome also. Make checks payable to SFC and mark "Titan Fund." See **Cathy Harris** or **Vickie Richardson** for more information.

## Notes of Thanks

"Thanks for the use of your Fellowship Hall for Our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Cate and Caitlin wanted to Celebrate it Big so they did. Thanks again."

– **Fred and Lola Snyder**

Thanks to **George Lacy** for sharing his harvest and thanks to all who took home fresh vegetables and donated to the Building Fund. This year it raised \$724.51!

Thanks to the **New Horizons Sunday Class** ladies who raised \$600.00 by participating in the Alzheimer's Walk in Anderson on Saturday, September 22.

## Share Your Artwork

We realize we have a lot of talented people in our church and that God speaks to each of us in different ways – nature, music, prayer, cooking a meal, and artwork – just to name a few.

If you draw and do artwork, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to share that as a type of ministry.

How it works: If you draw a picture that would be appropriate (themed around a scripture reading or some way you've experienced God in your life), submit it to **Carol Fox** or **Cathy Harris**, and Carol will include it on the cover of a bulletin. Drawings need to be in black and white and have strong enough lines that will copy well. Papers will be available in the Welcome Center, or you can draw on any white paper. Submissions welcomed from youth and adults. Questions? See Cathy.

