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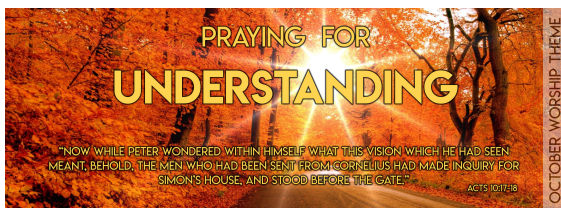
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“Praying for Understanding”

“Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon’s house, and stood before the gate.” Acts 10:17-18 (NKJV)



The verses above follow Peter’s vision of a sheet bound at its four corners and filled with unclean animals being let down from heaven and a voice from heaven saying, “Rise, Peter, kill and eat.” (Acts 10:11-13) Peter’s reply was adamant: “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” “And a voice spoke to him again the second time “What God has cleansed you must not call common.”” This was done three times. (Acts 10:14-16 – NKJV). Peter was confused. It certainly seemed to be from God and yet, he had been taught since childhood that all of those animals were unclean and should not be eaten by a devout Jewish person. In fact, his ancestors had been taught the same thing for over

three thousand years! (See Leviticus 11 for a list of the unclean animals that were prohibited to eat.)

In verse 17 above, we read that Peter “wondered within himself” what this vision meant. The NIV version says, “he was wondering about the meaning.” One commentator explains that the original Greek word used meant that he was perplexed and continued to think about the vision and he “revolved the truths in his mind, over and over again, through and through, in and out in an effort to understand the meaning of the strange revelation.” The commentator goes on to explain: “his main concern was what he should do about what he had experienced.” (*The Communicator’s Commentary* by Lloyd J. Ogilvie)

God, who had given the vision and the new truth, was communicating to Peter that every human being was valued and loved by God and that every human being should have the opportunity to repent and believe in Jesus. Peter had to figure out how to act on this truth. God had already prepared an action step for him. Right at that moment three men were at the gate wanting to take him to Cornelius’ house (a Roman commander, who was devout and seeking more of God.) Peter knew that going to a Gentile’s house was also forbidden, but God said, “Arise, therefore, and go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.” (Acts 10:20)

Our theme for this month is “Praying for Understanding.” All through the book of Acts, the disciples and leaders have been praying for understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ and what that meant in their lives and the lives of people around them. We pray for understanding of our world and

Praying for Understanding (Continued)

the events in it, how we can minister to others in our present circumstances, and how we can bring about wholeness and healing in our world. This month we will explore those themes and learn from the scripture lessons how we can better pray for understanding of God's work in our lives. Join us each week.

David Brock

Fall Bible Study Begins October 7

You are invited to join us for our six-week Fall Bible Study on Wednesday evenings beginning on October 7 and ending on November 11. Dinner will be provided beginning at 6:00 p.m. The class will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. We will be studying the second half of the Book of Acts, beginning at Chapter

13. Bring your Bible, and we will have study books available for purchase. The book is *Acts for Everyone* – Part 2 by N.T. Wright. The cost of the book is \$15.00 or you can order it for your Kindle on Amazon for \$9.00. **Ron Reece** will be the teacher of the class. Books are available in the Welcome Center.

Jr. Church Starts Back Up

Jr. Church will begin again this Sunday, October 4, for children in Kindergarten – 5th grade. **Jason Ash** will be leading it this first Sunday back. We invite all children in this age group to come and hear the Bible lesson being presented.

Nominating Committee Is Meeting Soon

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon regarding committees for 2021. Please contact **Lisa Knotts**, **Beth Carr**, **Doris Hoover**, or **Renee Adams** if you would like to be considered for a committee next year.

– Lisa Knotts

Wanted!

Who do you know that might like to join us on Sunday mornings? Sunday School classes have resumed for youth. We need your help to let us know who we can reach out to with a personal invitation. It may be your own child or grandchild, a niece or nephew, or a friend or someone in your neighborhood.

Teachers are **Linda Brock** – 4 year olds-1st grade; **Janet Putnam** – 2nd-5th grade; and **Mike Van Osdol** – Jr./Sr. High. Just call the church office (987-7835) or contact one of the teachers listed above with the name and mailing address of any young person you would like to receive a card.

“And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

Romans 10:14

– Janet Putnam

Operation Christmas Child

The Missions Committee will once again offer you the opportunity to participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will have shoe boxes available on Sunday, October 18, for you to pick up. Filled shoe boxes are due back by November 15. They are asking that each box has a WOW item, such as a doll,



stuffed animal, or a soccer ball with a pump to inflate it. Other items could include school supplies (pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, notebooks and paper, coloring books, solar calculators), hygiene items (toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, hair-brushes and combs), and other toys. Please do NOT include candy, toothpaste, liquids, glass objects, war toys, food items, or medicine. They also request a \$9 donation to cover shipping and other costs. The most important part is to pray for the child receiving your box.

The deadline for news articles for the November newsletter will be Monday, Nov. 2, and will be mailed out on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Get Ready for the Holiday Bazaar!

Saturday, November 14 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. is the date! The booths have been rented, items are being gathered for the Attic Treasures area, and plans are being made for the lunch. 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 again this year, and we appreciate her willingness to take on this project.

The lunch menu will include vegetable soup, chili, and sandwiches, plus desserts, chips, veggies, and drinks being served until 1:30. The morning will start with Jack's donuts and orange juice. **Lisa Ash** and **Nancy Wadman** will be in charge of the kitchen. Call either of them if you have any questions.

Please plan to join us and contribute items to be sold and purchase some of the many things that will be available. The money is used for many projects throughout the year with a focus on serving funeral meals and contributing to local community needs.

Sign-up sheets will be put out at the church soon for donations for the kitchen, workers for the kitchen, and donations for the deli.

Our quilting group has made a beautiful king-size quilt that will be raffled so you won't want to miss the opportunity to purchase your tickets for that.

Trunk or Treat Is Back!

Trunk or Treat is being planned for Saturday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event will be outside in the church parking lot for a traditional Trunk or Treat so please plan accordingly. Trunks/vehicle decorating is encouraged but isn't required. Masks and gloves are to be worn by all those passing out candy. The church will not be open during this event. The event could be canceled due to Covid-19, but at this time plans are being made for this annual event. There will be a container in the Welcome Center for those wishing to donate candy.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their costumes!

– Jessica Noteboom



Sermon Topics for October

David Brock will be preaching all four Sundays in October.

October 4

Sermon – “God Demonstrates His Love for Everyone”

Scripture – Acts 10:17; 23b-33; 44-48

October 11

Sermon – “The Lord's Agenda or Our Agenda?”

Scripture – “Acts 11:9-18

October 18

Sermon – “The Gospel Goes to the Most Unexpected Places”

Scripture – Acts 11:19-30

October 25

Sermon – “Prayers That Work”

Scripture – “Acts 12:12-25

Missions Committee Updates

- We are in need of some new members on our committee. Please let the Nominating Committee know if you would like to be part of our fun and active group.
- Due to Covid-19 we have not been providing meals for Brianna's Hope. They have not been eating before their meetings right now.
- We are continuing to provide desserts once a month to The Guest House men's shelter. There is a sign-up sheet at church if you would like to provide a dessert.
- We will be buying some needed supplies for the nurse's office at Tri Elementary/High School. If you would like to donate some money to help purchase these items, please see **Nancy** or **Vickie Richardson**. The nurse is always in need of cough drops, underwear, shirts and pants for when children have accidents.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

George Lacy – lung cancer; chemo
Wayne Bogue – broken collar bone
Gary Stegner – recovering from surgery
Linda Rutherford – breast cancer; chemo
Kathy Painter – recovering from Covid-19
Janice Radcliff – recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Jenny McDaniel – recovering from heart surgery
Marilyn & Mark Thompson – Marilyn – Bell's palsy;
Mark – loss of job
Darlene Darling – at home
Max Jessup – continuing to decline
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems
Judy Smith – health problems
Irene Goodwin – health problems; recently moved
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes
Darrell & Janet Craft – health problems; Darrell –
knee surgery
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor

Extended Family and Friends

Charlene Haugh (Claudia Garner) – recovering from
bad stroke
Family of Jeff Rinehart
Claire Wallace (Pam Pyle) – possible back surgery
Kirk Albertson – ankle/foot surgery
Parents of Teresa Batt
Jack Pew (Sara Jane Stegner) – cancer
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Joyce Butler (Sara Jane Stegner) – Covid-19
Doug Schweikhardt – cancer
Cain Kneply (Brian Thomas) – surgery on both hips
Larry Stigall – cancer
Catherine Scott (Amie Thornburg) – ALS; severe
lung infection; is on ventilator
Leona Blake (Mother of Helen Rust) – heart attack
Connie Smith (Linda Ratcliff's sister) – cancer
Jason Ash's mother – in Rushville nursing home
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – upcoming back
surgery
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine
cancer
Students, teachers, and administration as they
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners
Long-term care facilities staff and residents dealing
with Covid-19



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 McConaughey – Kenya
Missionaries

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Doris & Gib Hoover** and family upon the passing of Doris' brother, **Hubert King**, on September 3.

Worship Assistants for October

Scripture Readers

Oct. 4 – Barbara Lacy
Oct. 11 – Sandi Swann
Oct. 18 – Judy Smith
Oct. 25 – Gerald Darling



Children's Messages

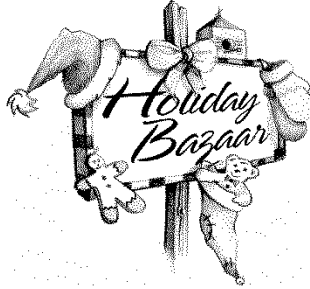
Oct. 4 – Mike Van Osdol
Oct. 11 – Janet Putnam
Oct. 18 – Mike Van Osdol
Oct. 25 – Linda Brock

Greeters – Rick & Lisa Little

A Lesson in Appreciation

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. Her ears perked up when an older member said, "Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, 'The one we have at any given time is my favorite.'" What a relief for the pastor to hear – and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

51st Annual Holiday Bazaar Spiceland Friends Church 401 W. Main Street



Saturday, November 14, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Booths

- Quilted Santas & Quilted Bags
- Handmade Baskets, Crosses & Candy Canes
- Wool Mittens
- Jewelry for Adults & Kids, plus Keychains
- Ceramics
- Scrubbies
- Watkin, Rawleigh, Cutlery & Stanley Products
- Trophy Engraving Items
- Pottery & Ceramics to Paint
- Quilted Note Cards, Painted Canvas
- Dried Flowers & Wreath Arrangements
- Miscellaneous Sewing
- Sewed Soup Bowls, Baker Towels, Scrubbies, Face Masks
- Collectible Coca-Cola Items

Lunch

- Chili
- Vegetable Soup
- Sloppy Joes
- Coney
- Hot Dogs
- Pulled Pork
- Relish Tray
- Desserts
- Beverages

Church Booths

- Deli Items
- Attic Treasures
- Crocheted Hats and Baby Afghan (made by the Friends Crochet Group)

Tickets will be available for the beautiful king-size quilt made by the ladies of the church.
They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.