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### **“Spreading God’s Love”**

***“On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.” Acts 14:27***

How do we spread God’s love in a world that sometimes seems filled with hate? How do we spread God’s love to our friends and family who are the closest to us? How do we spread God’s love by our day-to-day actions?

The early followers of Jesus were amazed at how God’s love was accepted by people they never thought were interested. They kept listening carefully to the Holy Spirit as he directed them into new situations. They sometimes encountered rejection and persecution, but more often they were surprised by the wonderful acceptance and transformation.

Even though it is 2,000 years later and even though the Church has grown and spread around the world, each one of us faces the same challenge in our daily lives. We are looking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives to lead us into situations where we can communicate the love of God. We are looking for the power of the Holy Spirit to make our words and actions powerful

tools of communicating God’s wonderful, never ending love. God may lead us to unexpected people and places, but they are the people and places where He wants us.

Just like the early disciples, we share with each other how God has worked in our lives. We share new insights we have gained and new ways God has called us to minister. We encourage each other when there is rejection or setbacks. We study the Bible for new insights and guidance. We ask God for guidance and follow His subtle callings.

Invite a friend to come with you each Sunday as we gather to worship and share and listen. Come expecting to experience more of God in your life and to understand more completely what it means to follow Jesus each day.

*David Brock*

### **Breakfast with Friends – September 24**

The Christian Education Committee will be cooking breakfast on Sunday morning, September 24! This delicious homemade meal includes sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit, donuts, milk (chocolate and white), juice, and of course – fresh, hot coffee! The breakfast is free, but freewill donations are welcome. We want to celebrate the beginning of the new "church year." We will start serving breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, visit with friends, and stay for Sunday school and check out one of our classes!

## Director of Student Ministry Resigns

**Tyler Little** submitted a letter of resignation on August 13 after the worship service. His resignation was effective immediately. Our Monthly Business Meeting was already scheduled to meet that day after worship, and Tyler's letter of resignation was presented and read.

Monthly Meeting regretfully accepted and approved his resignation as Director of Student Ministry. Deep appreciation was expressed for all the work Tyler has done with our youth over the past three years.

The Ministry & Oversight Committee will be meeting soon to begin working to find a new Director of Student Ministry – and perhaps to find an interim person to fill in until we get the position filled.

More information about the fall youth group schedule will be provided soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please see **Tom Pyle** (Clerk of Ministry & Oversight), **David Brock**, or **Cathy Harris**.



## SFC Movie Night

We will be showing the movie, “Facing Darkness” on the big screen! This is a true story of faith, and how Dr. Kent Brantley (an Indiana native) was saved from Ebola in Africa. The movie is based off the book, “Called for Life” – which we studied a couple of years ago.

The movie will be shown in our Family Center on Saturday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m.

The movie is free. Popcorn and drinks provided. Feel free to bring other snacks to share – and bring your friends and family!

## Check Out the Church Website

New this month on SpicelandFriends.org – check out the “Verse of the Day” and “Bible Gateway Blog” under the Resources menu heading. This content will change regularly, so be sure to check often.

## S. S. Classes Kick Off with New Studies for Fall

The **New Horizons** Sunday School class has just started reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. The story is written from the perspective of a demon who is mentoring his nephew, also a demon, in trying to condemn a man to Hell. It is a challenging read and should lead to wonderful discussions about God and the things that distract us from our journey with Him. C. S. Lewis is a well-known Christian author who also wrote *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Mere Christianity*, and many others. We are reading it aloud in class and discussing as we go. We would love to have you join us.

– **Nancy Wadman and Sandi Swann**

The **Young Adult** class was started a year ago resulting from requests from several of our young adults to add a new class for them, and they asked **Mike Van Osdol** to facilitate. They have been studying a variety of materials over the past year and are beginning a study on the book, *One Minute After You Die*. The class has invited anyone – any age – to join them in this fascinating discussion study.

The **Bible Readers** class features an ongoing Bible study of different books or aspects of the Bible. The class is embarking on a study of the Wisdom literature/books of the Bible, which includes taking a look at the Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes. The class is led by **David Brock**.

## Help Wanted!

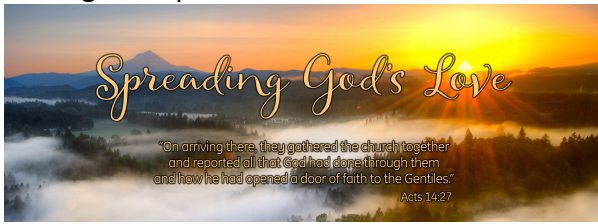
We are in need of two teachers for our church hour “Godly Worship” program. It would involve young children one Sunday a month. The program is scripted and very easy to teach. If you are interested or have questions, see **Cathy Harris** or **Linda Brock**.

## Welcome to Our New Members

On Sunday, September 3, **Phil & Sandy Alexander**, will be welcomed as new members of Spiceland Friends Church.

## Sermon Topics for September

**David Brock** will be preaching about life-lessons we can learn from the book of Acts three Sundays in September. **Cathy Harris** will be preaching on September 17.



### September 3

Sermon – “Unrecognized Answers to Prayer”

Scripture – Acts 12

### September 10

Sermon – “Chosen by God”

Scripture – Acts 13

### September 17

**Cathy Harris** will be preaching

### September 24

Sermon – “Rejected”

Scripture – Acts 14

## Walking Group Begins Soon!

Walkers – get your walking shoes ready! We will start meeting again on September 11 in the Family Center on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, hot tea, bottled water, and good fellowship are also a part of these gatherings. Everyone is welcome to join us. Some folks like to walk quickly, while others walk at a much slower pace – and that’s fine. Walk at your own pace and stop and rest and have something to drink when you get tired. **Tom & Pam Pyle** and **Cathy Harris** are coordinating the walking program.

## With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Joan Holt** upon the recent passing of her mother-in-law, **Helen Holt**.

## Notes of Thanks

“Thanks so much for all your prayers, cards, visits, and food. I’m resting and getting better at home. Can’t wait to be back in church with all of you.” – **Pam Pyle**

“Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement in honor of my Dad, **Tom Ratcliff**. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.”

– **Julia Ratcliff Bouslog**

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

Lonnie Murray (brother to Sandy Alexander) – in hospital, diagnosed with bladder cancer  
Mary Putnam – traveling in Europe Sept. 1-13  
Darlene Darling – sciatic nerve pain  
Shirley Fort – fell, badly sprained ankle  
Pam Pyle – neck surgery  
Judy Smith – medical tests  
Phil Alexander – on oxygen; fluid retention  
Joyce Rossman – house fire  
Ruby Katherine Barker – fall & breathing problems  
L. J. Murray (Sandy Alexander) – Stonebrooke  
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems

### Extended Family and Friends

Jill Fitzhugh (Barbara Lacy) – hospital  
Tony Williams (Richard Ratcliff) – lawn mower accident; lost arm  
David Lloyd (Debbie Denny) – body rejecting pancreas transplant  
Vanda Carnes (Dennis Stamper) – massive stroke  
John Jordan (Dennis Stamper) – recovering from surgery  
Barbara Kyser (Cathy Harris) – fractured pelvis  
Sandy & Jerry Murray & family (Sandy Alexander) – Sandy has failing health  
Doyle Chandler (Bobby Chandler) – prostate cancer  
Sheri Matney (Kandi Rutledge) – eye cancer  
Brantley Rayburn – child with cancer  
Sarah Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – metastasized breast cancer  
Flooding and storm damage in Texas and Louisiana  
Peace and stability in North & South Korea  
Our country and servicemen and women

## FALL FESTIVAL (TRUNK OR TREAT) IS COMING SOON!

While Halloween may seem a little ways off, it will be here before you know it! That being said, come join in on the fun during our annual Fall Festival! It will be Tuesday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

It's all indoors! In the gym next door, we will pass out candy and have some games to play with door prizes. In the church Family Center, there will be hot dogs, cookies, and other refreshments, as well as the movie, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!". It's all free! We'll need volunteers to pass out candy in the gym and to run some of the games, as well as needing help to serve food in the kitchen and clean up. See **Cathy** for more details or questions.

### Worship Assistants for September

#### Scripture Readers

September 3 – Judy Smith  
September 10 – Priscilla James  
September 17 – Pam Pyle  
September 24 – Libby Henshaw

#### Junior Church

September 3 – Cathy Harris  
September 10 – Linda Brock  
September 17 – Cathy Harris  
September 24 – Linda Brock

**Host** – Virginia Newkirk

**Children's Messages** – Charlene Williams

### Congratulations 😊

We extend our congratulations to **Janice Radcliff** upon the birth of a granddaughter, **Everlee Mae Radcliff**, on August 15.

Congratulations also to **Judy & Lin Sadler** upon the birth of a granddaughter born on Judy's birthday, August 3. Parents are **Brandon & Deepa Kiger**.

### Other Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 26 – Choir Practice begins! 6:30 p.m. weekly  
Oct. 30 – Set-up for Fall Festival  
Oct. 31 – Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat)  
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 after worship  
Dec. 13 – Family & Friends Advent 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.

### Walk to End Alzheimer's

The New Horizons Sunday school class, which for this purpose will be called "The Lame Dames," was invited by **Jenny McDaniel**, daughter of the late **Patsy Pitts**, to participate in the Annual Walk to end Alzheimer's event on September 23, 2017.

Our class decided to support Jenny and everyone who has dealt with Alzheimer's by participating in this walk. I think we have six team members physically walking but others are helping to support us by contributions they make or are gathering contributions for the team. We are asking for your help. We would like to raise money for this cause by asking you to donate to this cause. All money collected will be included in our team's collection. There will be a jar in the Family Center for your donations through September 17 and will be counted as a team contribution.

Most of us have had or know families who have dealt with this devastating disease and our class felt that it was a good thing to do both to honor Jenny and Patsy and to help others as they find cures and successful treatments. Please make your check out to The Alzheimer's Association and feel free to put cash in the jar. – **Linda Ratcliff**