



THE
Spiceland Friend

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“Encourage Each Other”

“So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (CEB)



We have read the verse above several times in the last few weeks as a reminder that during this time of many people being shut in or quarantined that we should be intentional in reaching out to others and offering some encouragement. It is also important to give encouragement to others that we encounter by chance in our daily lives and work.

What is the source of this encouragement that we are supposed to be handing out? What if our own problems have multiplied and we don't feel encouraged ourselves? Our source of encouragement is our unshakable faith that God is at work all around us even when we can't see it. We talked about the story of Esther last Sunday. This is the only book in the Bible that God is not mentioned, and yet we see him working to bring about redemption for

his people. If you have forgotten the story, you may want to read this story of intrigue, sabotage, fear, courage, romance, and rising to one's destiny. “The story of Esther is a chronicled struggle between good and evil, where the hidden hand of God isn't seen but is at work on behalf of His people. The story of Esther is ultimately about God working all things together for the good. **We realize that when we cannot see the providential hand of God, we must trust the heart of God.** Realizing the goodness of the Father stirs us to rejoice.” This quotation is from Kathie Lee Gifford's book titled, *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi*.

Esther reminds us that God raises up the most unexpected people to protect and propel His plan for the ages and His plan of redemption. That is the message of Esther (and the whole Bible) that God is not absent even in the moments where He seems absent. We can depend on this truth in our own lives thousands of years later. Whatever is going on in our lives, we can still encourage others because of our deep faith that God is at work and that God has not forgotten us. We can trust the heart of God as it is revealed in the Bible and in Jesus' life even when we can't see the hand of God working.

This month we are continuing our study of Acts. We will meet Barnabas who encouraged a new convert to Christianity, Paul. Barnabas was known in the early church as an encourager. We can learn from his life and his faith in action.

Join us each Sunday in September as we worship, study the scripture, fellowship with each other, and encourage each other.

David Brock

Fall Bible Study Begins in October

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 will be available in the Welcome Center later in September.

Sermon Topics for September

Nancy Wadman will be preaching on September 27. **David Brock** will be preaching the other three Sundays in September.

September 6

Sermon – “Persecutor Turns Preacher”
Scripture – Acts 9:1-9

September 13

Sermon – “Everyone Needs an Encourager”
Scripture – Acts 9:20-30

September 20

Sermon – “Expanding the Ministry Vision”
Scripture – Acts 9:43-10:16

September 27

Sermon – “Great Escapes”
Scripture – Exodus 12:40-42; Acts 12:6-11

Bring Your Bible and Your Lunch Thursdays

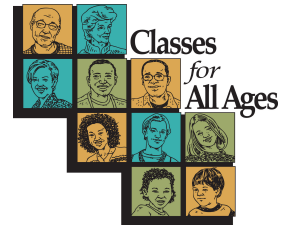


Our Bible Study will start a new study on 1 Corinthians on September 24. We will be discussing Integrity, Taking on Tough Issues and will be studying 1 Corinthians 1-16. We have lots of room – come at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday.

– **Nancy Wadman**

Children’s Sunday School Classes Will Reopen on September 13

Come and join us for Sunday School! We will have classes for all ages beginning Sunday, September 13!



Tasha Crandall & Rachel Putnam – Nursery

Linda Brock – 4-year-olds to 1st grade

Janet Putnam – 2nd to 5th grade

Mike Van Osdol – Jr./Sr. High

Jessica Noteboom – Pathfinders (adults)

Sandi Swann – New Horizons (adults)

David Brock – Bible Readers (adults)

Nancy Wadman – The Disciples (adults)

Adults should feel free to try out different classes to see which one fits you best.

Worship Assistants for September

Scripture Readers

Sept. 6 – Gerald Darling

Sept. 13 – Linda Ratcliff

Sept. 20 – Nancy Wadman

Sept. 27 – Libby Henshaw

Children’s Messages

Sept. 6 – Linda Brock

Sept. 13 – Mike Van Osdol

Sept. 20 – Janet Putnam

Sept. 27 – Mike Van Osdol

Greeters – Randy & Sonja Coffman

Get Your Quilt Raffle Tickets



We will have an extraordinary beautiful quilt to raffle off this year at our Annual Holiday Bazaar. We need help selling tickets. If you would like to sell or purchase tickets, they are available in Nancy’s office. Her office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

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

Extended Family and Friends

Kirk Albertson – surgery following car accident
Parents of Teresa Batt
Kandi Rutledge's brother
Valerie Darling – gallbladder surgery with problems
Jack Pew (Sara Jane Stegner) – cancer
Mother & Stepfather of Marilyn Thompson – Covid-19
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Annette Bonisa (Teresa Batt) – lost son in car accident
Joyce Butler (Sara Jane Stegner) – Covid-19
Doug Schweikhardt – cancer
Cain Kneply (Brian Thomas) – surgery on both hips
Teresa Hughes Major (Debbie Denny) – death of husband
Larry Stigall – cancer
Catherine Scott (Amie Thornburg) – ALS; severe lung infection; is on ventilator
Kathy Miller (Beth Carr) – colon cancer
Herbert King (Doris Hoover's brother) – Covid-19
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – difficulty breathing
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) – continued pain
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine cancer
Students, teachers, and administration as they return to school
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 McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

Quote by Corrie ten Boom

“If you look at the world,
You'll be distressed.
If you look within,
You'll be depressed.
But if you look at Christ,
You'll be at rest.”

Corrie ten Boom and her family helped Jews in Holland to escape the Nazi Holocaust. She was arrested and sent to a concentration camp and survived to write several books about her experiences. Her relationship with Jesus is honest and inspiring. I have one of her books (Tramp for the Lord) in my office if you would like to borrow it.

– Nancy Wadman

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.