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“Pray for One Another”

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)



We have been emphasizing intentional prayer for others on a daily basis here at Spiceland Friends. Each month we have drawn names out and promised to pray for them during the month. Sometimes we know the persons we draw out and sometimes we don't. Perhaps you have been like me and wondered what should I pray for since I don't know much about their lives or their needs. As we have studied prayer, we have found that prayer is more than a list of needs that we need or that another person needs. God has bigger plans for us and invites us to join him in his work here in this world.

The verse printed about gives us a good starting point. We have a responsibility to help others with their spiritual growth. This verse asks us to think about how we could encourage others toward love and good deeds as an expression of their love for God. Of course, at the same time, we would be considering how we might live our own

lives in ways that would show love for others and doing good deeds to help others. The rest of this passage advises us not to forsake assembling together on a regular basis. Prayer from a distance is good, but there also should be times that we gather together to pray together and to share what God is doing in our lives. **Our Christian faith is much stronger and more meaningful when lived out in a community of fellow believers.**

Jeff Myers in *Unquestioned Answers* gives us a starting point in a list of things that we can pray for with confidence and with certainty because God has promised us these things. This is only the beginning of many promises God makes to us in the Bible. Here is his list:

- God's kingdom will come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10)
- God will forgive our sins (1 John 1:9)
- God's presence will be with us (Isaiah 58:9)
- We will have wisdom (James 1:5)
- The Lord will be a stronghold for the oppressed (Psalm 9:9)
- God will meet all our needs (Philippians 4:19)
- The sick will be healed (James 5:14-15)
- We will be given everything we need to bear fruit for him (John 15:16)

God is a generous God and wants to walk alongside us each day. Let's keep our focus on walking close to him and listening carefully to his voice.

David Brock

No Surprise!!!

A few weeks ago I was speaking to another teacher about the increasing struggles she had experienced over the last 3 – 5 years of her career. During the conversation it became evident that she and I had many shared experiences during our time in the classroom. Toward the end of our conversation, we both recognized that our similar experiences brought us to some common ground. We both, while standing in the small appliance aisle at Walmart, realized that by sharing our struggles with one another it was God who had brought each of us through our situations. We each, awkwardly and with a few tears in our eyes, admitted our thankfulness to God's leading grace. While standing there in the middle of Walmart we took a moment to say a quick prayer of thanksgiving for what God had done in our lives and that He had put us together in that moment to provide some healing.

Later, the same day, I walked into a small meeting at our church to overhear two young people sharing about a common experience they had experienced. What I heard in the conversation led me to believe the experiences were deeply hurtful to each of them. I noticed that each of them realized that through the support of one another they found a bit of healing shared experience. The sharing of their common experience began to help heal a season of hurt.

Later that evening it dawned on me that neither of those healing experiences would have occurred without the physical presence of one another. It seemed like such a revelation that I jumped out of bed and made a quick written note. I was greatly surprised!!!

Why was I so surprised? Friends, in these times it has become very easy to let so many things interrupt God's design for believers to come together. God promises His presence through the Holy Spirit when two or more are gathered together in His name. There should be no surprise when we see God work while we are in the physical presence of other Christians. Assembling ourselves together is His design! Our walk as believers depends on coming together with one another.

The enemy's work is to separate us from God and from one another. Sometimes we are separated by geography, sometimes by illness, sometimes by hurt, embarrassment, or sin. Sometimes we just simply separate ourselves by being too busy or by having other priorities. Other times we separate by

the easy use of technology. Christians NEED to be TOGETHER! Hebrews 10: 24-25 is clear when it says *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* (NIV). It should be NO SURPRISE when we struggle out of the presence of our Christian friends. It should be NO SURPRISE when God's hand works mightily when we gather in His name.

Eric Bowman

Fall Bible Study Is Coming Up

We will have Bible Study every Wednesday evening in October and the first two Wednesdays in November. A pitch-in meal with the main dish and drinks provided by the church will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Bible Study will start at 6:45. We will let you know what the topic or book will be in the near future, so save Wednesdays for study and fellowship.



Thursday Bible Study Continues

We will finish our study of Revelation this month and JOYFULLY move on to Philippians the first Thursday in October. Please feel free to join us at any time. We have great biblical discussions and wonderful laughter filled fellowship. We meet every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for Bible Study and then go out for lunch.

Mark Your Calendar for September Events

Mondays & Wednesdays – 10:00 a.m. – Walkers
Thursdays – 11:00 a.m. – Bible Study
Thursdays – 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Crochet Group
Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m. – Music Committee Meeting
Sept. 7, 6:00 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting
Sept. 12 – Monthly Business Meeting after church
Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. – Ministry & Oversight Meeting
Sept. 18, 6:00 p.m. – Movie Night in Family Center
Sept. 23 – Ladies Night Out
Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m. – Seasonal Choir begins
Sept. 27, 9:00 a.m. – Deadline for newsletter articles for October newsletter

Sermon Topics for September



David Brock will be preaching all four Sundays in September.

September 5

Sermon – “It’s Just Me and Jesus”
(Rediscovering Truth about Community)

September 12

Sermon – “Love the Sinner; Hate the Sin”
(Rediscovering Truth about Sin & Forgiveness”

September 19

Sermon – “Christianity is a Relationship Not a Religion”
(Rediscovering Truth about Worldview)

September 26

Sermon – “Jesus Was a Social Justice Warrior”
(Rediscovering Truth about Justice)

Nancy Wadman will be out of the office Sept. 15-18. **Carol Fox** will be out of the office Sept. 16.

Worship Assistants for September

Scripture Readers

Sept. 5 – Dale Albertson
Sept. 12 – Gerald Darling
Sept. 19 – Diana Bowman
Sept. 26 – Dale Albertson

Children’s Story

Sept. 5 – Diana Bowman
Sept. 12 – Linda Brock
Sept. 19 – Mike Van Osdol
Sept. 26 – Janet Putnam

Junior Church

Sept. 5 – Linda Brock
Sept. 12 – David Lahr
Sept. 19 – Linda Brock
Sept. 26 – Claudia Garner

Greeters for Sept. – Bob & Helen Rust & family

Smile for the Directory was a Success

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation in helping us put together a new picture directory. There were a few glitches, but overall it was a great success! We had 63 church families take pictures and several who are sending us a picture. If you would still like to be in the picture directory, please send or give **Nancy Wadman** your photo as soon as possible. Thank you again for your flexibility!

Sandi Swann

Eric Bowman

Nancy Wadman



Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

David Brock – recovering from cellulitis
Teresa Batt – cataract surgery
Lin Sadler – fell
Judy Stevens – recovering from shoulder surgery
Kandi Rutledge – recovering from back procedure
Marilyn Biehl – ill
Kenny Miers – sepsis and pneumonia; at home
Beverly Reece – ear issues
Debi Zimmerman – recovering from stroke
Libby Henshaw – recovering from broken hip
Debbie Denny – chemo completed
Pat Bogue – recovering from back surgery; eye infection
Wayne Bogue – accident; concussion
Rick Little – good test results
George Lacy – lung cancer; chemo
George Fort – recovering from back surgery
Judy Smith – health problems
Darlene Darling – at home
Marilyn Thompson – Bell’s palsy
Don & Barbara Meade – health problems
Irene Goodwin – health problems
Janet Craft – health problems

Extended Family and Friends

Ron Derrickson (Pam Pyle) – COVID-19; on vent
Daughters of Janice Radcliff – COVID-19
Jamie, Daughter of Peggy MacFarlane – in critical condition
Jaxsun Moffitt – failure to gain weight
(Continued on back)

Please Remember in Prayer *(Continued)*

Larry & Peggy MacFarlane – Larry at home
Jayna Womack (Virginia Newkirk) – health issues
Nancy Adkins (sister of Marilyn Biehl) – COVID-19
and pneumonia
Abeba Darling (Darlings' granddaughter) – in need
of prayer
Tivon Lee (grandson of Sadlers) – health issues
Bob Carroll (Priscilla James) – heart surgery
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Abby (God daughter of Bob & Helen Rust)
Richard Biehl (Marilyn Biehl) – heart issues
Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – health
issues
Franka Dick (Pyles) – health issues
Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain
tumor
Jan Hurst (Sister of Judy Stevens) – health issues
Jill Stansberry (Claudia Garner) – mass removed
from spine
Sue Engle (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – cancer has returned
Charlene Haugh (Claudia Garner) – recovering from
bad stroke
Parents of Teresa Batt
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners
Long-term care facilities staff and residents dealing
with COVID-19
New Orleans and those affected by Hurricane Ida

Seasonal Choir Practice Is Beginning Soon!



Eric Bowman will be starting up a choir in preparation for our annual Christmas Eve Service. ALL are invited to come and give it a “go.” The only requirement is that you love making a “joyful noise.” You need not be an experienced singer or be able to read music. Commitment will be minimal. The performance will be on Friday, December 24, at our Christmas Eve Service. We will practice a few times each month leading up to the event. The first practice will be Sunday, September 26, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It will be fun! See Eric if you're interested.

You Are Invited

80th Birthday Celebration for Richard Ratcliff on Saturday, September 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Center at Spiceland Friends Church. Everyone is invited to come and wish Dick well as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

Join our families in celebrating the marriage of **Rachel Lillian Putnam** and **Joseph Terry Heindl** on Saturday, October 9, at 4:30 p.m. at Spiceland Friends Church.



Notes of Thanks

“Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. My mother loved you all – I know it was difficult for her when she physically was not able to attend the services. Thank you all so much for your help with the refreshments and food for my mother's memorial service. I so appreciate your kindness.”

– **Patti Crim, Daughter of Elaine Wilson**

“Elijah and Layla would like to thank the ladies Quilting group for our beautiful quilts. A big appreciation from our Grandparents, Joe & Priscilla James, and Dad Michael!”

“Thank you so much for the prayers, food, and cards during my recuperation of my shoulder surgery. We're also thankful for your continued prayers for Steve. He's received two good reports lately, for which we are grateful. We know prayers work, and we're thankful to be part of a praying church.”

– **Judy & Steve Stevens**

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