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“Rejoice in the Lord”

“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!” Habakkuk 3:18 (NLT)

(Note – This article is a reprint of my Newsletter article from June 2022.)

The verse printed above is the concluding prayer of the prophet Habakkuk as he concludes his short book. After questioning God about the circumstances of his world and why God is letting that happen, Habakkuk comes to this conclusion: “Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord.” He had questioned God about why there is so much violence; why is there so much greed; why is there so much immorality; why are there so many atrocities; and why is there so much rejection of God’s ways? He had begged God to intervene. He kept asking God how long he was waiting to fix the problems. God gave Habakkuk several answers, but the most important one was that “the just (or righteous) shall live by faith.”

The questions and the answers in this ancient book are not just for the nation of Israel in 600 BC. They are questions that we ask today – over and over again. The answer is the same for us. We come to the conclusion that God is in

control and that he really is acting in our time and that he is working things out according to his purposes. The command to us is also to live by faith that God has worked in our lives and in the world in the past. We take the time to recount how God has crossed paths with us and how he has guided certain circumstances in our lives. We read the Bible and see how God has worked in history in miraculous and amazing ways. As we review the past, we gain confidence that we can walk by faith – live our lives believing that God loves us and is walking with us in our journey of life.

We come to worship each Sunday to lay our questions and concerns before God, to be reminded of his word to us in the Bible, and to marvel at his majesty. This will allow him to refresh us and to empower us to truly “be joyful in the God of our salvation.” Despite everything going on in our lives and in the world today, worship allows us to see that God is working and he has not forgotten us,

See you Sunday!

David Brock

Membership

We would love to have you join Spiceland Friends! Official membership is a simple way of saying that you desire to join arms with Spiceland Friends as a way to walk out your Christian Faith in the encouragement of one another as we share Jesus with our community. Let David Brock, Eric Bowman, Nancy Wadman, or Ron Reece know if you have an interest or have questions.

Beyond Belief to an Apprenticeship

As we continue to move through the Gospel of Mark, we are becoming increasingly aware of the priority Christ Followers should have. Mark simply shows us the acts of Jesus and invites you and me to be his apprentice.

As Christ Followers the church isn't just a place we go; it's who we are. As the body of Christ, we're called to live out His heart daily through four essential priorities: bringing others to Christ, growing through discipleship, encouraging the hurting, and serving with love.

Bringing others to Christ is our first calling. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Every soul matters to God. Sharing the gospel is about offering the same grace and freedom we've received. "How will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14). Evangelism isn't pressure, it's an invitation to hope.

Discipleship is how we grow. Jesus didn't just call believers, He called followers (apprentices) (Luke 9:23). Discipleship means learning to live like Him, in community, through Scripture study, prayer, and accountability. "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). A disciplined church is a strong church.

Encouragement during hardship reflects Christ's compassion. Life brings grief, illness, and doubt. The church is called to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) and to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). In a world full of noise and pain, encouragement is a quiet force of grace.

Serving others is love in action. Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45). We reflect His heart when we feed the hungry, care for the lonely, and meet needs with humility. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:17).

When you and I, our meeting, and the whole church body lives out these four priorities, it becomes a beacon of light, hope, and healing to our world. This is not just our mission, it's our identity. And every apprentice of Christ has a part to play.

Eric Bowman

Sermon Topics for June



David Brock will be preaching throughout June.

June 1

Sermon – "Teaching as Jesus Taught"

Scripture – Mark 4

June 8

Sermon – "Jesus Has Power Over Nature and Forces of Evil"

Scripture – Mark 5

June 15

Sermon – "Jesus Has Power Over Sickness and Death"

Scripture – Mark 5

June 22

Sermon – "Jesus Commissions His Disciples"

Scripture – Mark 6

June 29

Sermon – "True Motives"

Scripture – Mark 7

Tea Time

We will be meeting at a different time and place for our June meeting. **Barb Meade** has



graciously offered to fix lunch for us at her home.

We will plan on being there at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9. If you would like a ride or to follow us from the church, please let me know. Barb will need a headcount by June 4. Please let me know if you plan on attending. Tea time is for any woman in the church whose husband has passed away. We normally meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the church at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, a treat, and great discussion. You are always welcome to join us!

Nancy Wadman,
Ministry Coordinator

Mark Your Calendar

Vacation Bible School – June 23-27, 6:00-8:30 p.m. True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. VBS is for ages 3 through those who have finished 6th grade.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Pat Bogue – stroke
George Fort – fall; broken nose
Cindy Mitchell – cancer
Jenny McDaniel – eye surgery
Marilyn Biehl – upcoming surgery
Don Painter – health issues
Correna Thompson – infection in leg
Gerald Darling – recovering from heart surgery
Joyce Rossman – serious injuries from accident
Irene Goodwin – back pain
Libby Henshaw – at Glen Oaks
Judy Smith – at Stonebrooke
Sarah Reiblein – cancer



Extended Family and Friends

Dylan Altman's mom, Janet Herron – surgery for brain tumor
Neighbor of Barbara Meade – accident with horse and cart
Tom Coffman – infection and low blood pressure
Pete Carrera (Grandpa to Dylan & Derek Carrera) – stroke
Abby (God-daughter of Bob & Helen Rust) – severe burns
Rutledge Family – Don's brother passed away
Elizabeth Burroughs – health issues
Pansy Pyle (Tom Pyle's mother) – in hospice
Great-nephew of Sue McDonough – upcoming surgery
Marge (sister of Claudia Garner's friend) – tonsil cancer
Mike Clapp (Janet Putnam) – liver disease
Belinda Jones (Tasha Crandall) – cancer
Hogan (Carly Griggs) – cancer
Danny Williams (Rust family) – stage 4 cancer
Andy Denny (Debbie Denny) – Hodgkins Lymphoma
Craig (cousin of Judy Stevens) – in need of prayer
Timmy Vanmatre (Cindy Mitchell's grandson) – MS in brain
Sherry Matney (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer
Carolyn Lantz – health problems

Worship Assistants for June

Worship Leaders

June 1 – Sandra Swann
June 8 – Bob Rust
June 15 – Sandra Swann
June 22 – Bob Rust
June 29 – Nancy Wadman



Song Leaders

June 1, 8, 15 – Tasha Crandall
June 22 – Hayley Painter
June 29 – Debra Weber

Children's Story

June 1 – Janet Putnam
June 8 – Halle Chandler
June 15 – Amanda Judge
June 22 – Mike Van Osdol
June 29 – Janet Putnam

Scripture Readers

June 1 – Amanda Judge
June 8 – Diana Bowman
June 15 – Gerald Darling
June 22 – Nancy Wadman
June 29 – Barbara Lacy

Junior Church Leaders

Preschool and Kindergarten:

June 1 – Kristin Davis & Julia Bouslog
June 8 – Kristin & Karleigh Davis
June 15 – Josie & Kevin Weber
June 22 – Diana Bowman
June 29 – Remain in worship

Elementary:

June 8 – Jessica Noteboom
June 22 – Carly Griggs

Greeters for June – The Disciples Sunday School Class

Open House for Hank Chandler

Saturday, **June 7**, 4:00-8:00 p.m., 7600 E US 40, Cambridge City (Nona Edwards' Party Barn). Come and celebrate with us!