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"Helping"

"But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument . . ." Acts 9:15



Who has given you a helping hand the last few years or last few months? Maybe it was something you needed and they recognized that need and took care of it. Maybe it was a message of encouragement – either in person or in a card or email. Maybe it was by setting an example of how to understand the scripture and follow Jesus. Maybe it was connecting you with someone else who could give you some specialized help. Maybe it was by giving you a small, thoughtful gift that let you know how much they cared about you.

We have all been helped by others throughout our lives. This month the sermons will focus on how God calls us and how He calls others into our lives to help us accomplish that mission. As we apply the scriptures to our lives, I want to encourage each of us to think of people who have crossed our path and given us something that we remember as being very helpful at that time and something that became a part of our life formation. Then offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and for God bringing them into your life. If the person is available, you can thank him or her, but the main point is to recognize others' influence and help in your life and to be thankful for it.

In the four Sundays in May, we will be looking at four different passages in the Bible that show how God calls a person to do a specific ministry. This was almost always unexpected to the person who was being called and almost always the person needs someone special to come into their lives to help them accomplish the goal. God calls another person to do something they didn't expect and brings these two people together. It is an amazing process that still happens today. We just need to be open to listening to the gentle nudging and prodding of the Holy Spirit as we pray and seek God's direction.

Who are you thankful for today?

David Brock

Girls Night Out - May 22

Join us for a delightful evening of fun, food, and friendship! This year's theme is "I've Got A Secret!"

Women are powerful/strong in profound ways. We see women every day at work, in our community, at our church, and in our families – women who show strength, perseverance, and live

Girls Night Out (Continued)

out their faith in God. Who are some of the strong women in your life?

We'll enjoy a pitch-in meal at 6:00 p.m. (drinks and table service provided – you're invited to bring a dish to share – but not required to). Then we'll have some fun games with door prizes.

Bring your friends and family – girls/ladies of all ages! Please see **Sandi Swann** or **Barbara Lacy** if you have questions.

Work Day at Quaker Haven Camp

On Monday, May 13, we will be taking a group up to Quaker Haven Camp in northern Indiana to help the camp get ready for the youth



camping program and their summer programs. There will be a variety of things to do for every skill level. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. If you're interested in going, please sign-up so we have an idea of who and how many are going

(or email **Nancy Wadman** at nwadman@att.net.) We plan to leave at 6:00 a.m. and return about 8:00-8:30 p.m. Quaker Haven will provide lunch for us at no charge. We will stop on the drive home to eat dinner.

Worship Assistants for May

Scripture Readers

May 5 – Linda Ratcliff

May 12 – Ralph Adams

May 19 – Ron Reece

May 26 – Libby Henshaw

Junior Church

May 5 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket

May 12 – Cathy Harris & Brenda Reece

May 19 – Megan Harris & Darlene Darling

May 26 - Cathy Harris & Judy Smith

June 2 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket

Hosts – Lisa Knotts and Betty Moffitt **Children's Messages** – Mike Van Osdol

Coming Soon! "Roar! Life Is Wild – God Is Good!" VBS 2019



Are you ready for some fun? Mark your calendars for June 17-21 so you don't miss out on all the fun! This year's theme is: Roar! Life is Wild – God is Good! VBS will be 6:00-8:30 each evening that week.

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

VBS is for 3-year-olds through those that have completed 5th grade. Registration forms are on the table in the Welcome Center and on our website.

I know what you are thinking –

How can I be a part of this awesome ministry opportunity? Well, there are multiple ways you can help: donations (list of needs in Welcome Center), volunteer to help at "Roar!", and pray for everyone involved. All of these are very important in helping make VBS a success. Please see Carly Griggs if you are interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities.

For more information visit the VBS page on our website – www.spicelandfriends.org.

Hog Roast and Church Picnic (Indoor)

We will have our annual all-church indoor picnic and hog roast on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 23</u>, immediately following worship. The kids will share some of their VBS songs and what they learned at VBS that Sunday during worship, so it will be a fun, exciting day! The pork, drinks, and table service will be provided, and you are invited to either bring a side dish or dessert to share or make a donation to help with the cost of the pork. This would be a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to join us as we enjoy good food and fellowship, and as we discover that Jesus is our anchor to help carry us through life's storms!

Easter Flower Memorials



We would like to thank everyone who donated an Easter flower as a memorial for our Easter Sunday worship service. They were beautiful!

KEN EMERSON,
GOLDIE & KENNETH BOGUE
NANCY & DOUG STRUNK
Given by Wayne & Pat Bogue

MARY JANE & DAVID FRENCH,
REA & WINIFRED RATCLIFF,
THOMAS R. RATCLIFF,
JAMES R. PICKERING
Given by Richard & Linda Ratcliff

HAROLD & LOUISE GOODWIN, EARL & ETHEL PRIGNITZ Given by Irene & Monte Goodwin

DENNIS AND HELEN HOLT
Given by Joan Holt

OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIEND LOREN Given by George & Barbara Lacy

GARY BAUGHAN AND CATHERINE EICHENBURGER Given by Carolyn Lantz, Daughters and Families

DR. & MRS. RALPH McCOY
Given by Carolyn Lantz, Daughters and Families

JAMES PICKERING
Given by Lisa & Rick Little

PAUL JR. & JUANITA REECE,
PAUL SR. & GOLDIE REECE,
FLOYD & ADA HINSHAW
Given by Virginia Newkirk,
Ron & Brenda Reece, Beverly Reece,
Debbie & Glen Denny,
Randy & Bee Bee Reece

DAVID NEWKIRK, BOB & BETTY NEWKIRK Given by Virginia Newkirk & Family

PHILIP THEODORE APPLEGATE &
BETTY LOUISE APPLEGATE
Given by Judy Lee & family,
Marilyn Ingle & family

PHILLIP APPLEGATE & DOROTHY (BLACK)
APPLEGATE, ESTHER APPLEGATE,
EARL D. APPLEGATE
Given by Judy Lee & family
Marilyn Ingle & family

JERRY & JANET KNOTTS Given by Brad & Lisa Knotts

RUEL & LUCILLE BRYSON, EDITH MOFFITT
Given by Betty Moffitt

MAX AND DAVID MOFFITT
Given by Betty Moffitt

Path Finders Sunday School Class

The Path Finders Sunday School class invites you to join them! Their heart's desire (goal in life) is to learn to navigate a modern lifestyle with traditional Christian values. The curriculum will cover a range of topics. The class meets upstairs at the church every Sunday morning at 9:30 and is led by Mike Van Osdol. The class is made up of primarily young adults, but all adults are welcome.

Sermon Topics for May



Cathy Harris will be preaching the first Sunday in May, and David Brock will be preaching the other three Sundays. We will have a baby dedication during worship on May 19.

May 5

Sermon – "Following Jesus" Scripture – John 21:1-19

May 12

Sermon – "Yes, Lord" Scripture – Acts 9:1-20

May 19

Sermon – "Obedience" Scripture – Acts 9:36-43

May 26

Sermon – "Expanding Horizons" Scripture – Acts 10:44-48; Acts 16:9-15

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Amy Upchurch – breast cancer surgery George & Shirley Fort – both having health problems

Barbara Meade - having health problems Don Meade – therapy at Glen Oaks In Our_ Hearts & Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments Prayers Janet Craft – broken shoulder Linda Brock – recovering at home Sandy Alexander – Addison House Charlie Byrket - recovering from broken leg Marcia Byrket – health problems Max Jessup – at Glen Oaks Chris Garner – recovering from back surgery Pete Kiger (Judy Sadler) – serious illness Pat Bogue – eye problem Bobby Thompson – recovering from pneumonia Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems Youth Groups & College Students Unspoken prayer requests

Extended Family and Friends

Ron Bryan (Presiding Clerk of FUM) – critical condition after falling & being seriously injured Family of Norman Fox (Carol & David Fox)

Mary Maley (Kandi Rutledge) – hospital with pneumonia

Margie Black (Vickie Richardson) – badly injured in car accident

Bertie Darling (Gerald & Darlene Darling) – loss of husband and dementia

Lesley Reece (Debbie Denny) – at Glen Oaks; not doing well

Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – cancer has spread Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast cancer

Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer treatments Our country and servicemen and women

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting

Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac & Benny McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw

Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar Mbali, Nikki Holland)

Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody) Shawn & Katrina McConaughey – Kenya Missionaries

Jacob's Clean Water for Kenya Lemonade Stand – July 27 at SFC!

Mark your calendars now for Jacob's Lemonade Stand. It will be held here at the church this year . . . and it's growing! It is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This year's Lemonade Stand features a car show, craft booths, a quilt raffle, homemade baked goods, free games for the kids, lunch (pulled pork, sloppy joes, and hot dogs available for purchase), and of course – lemonade! Coffee, juice, sausage gravy & biscuits, and Jack's donuts will be available to purchase for breakfast.

If you are interested in having a booth (indoors) – please contact **Marilyn Thompson** at 765-987-8807.

The event will be held rain or shine. All proceeds go to Kenya (via Friends United Meeting) to build biosand water filters so that kids and families in Kenya can have clean, safe water to drink. This project also creates jobs for Kenyans. Invite your friends!

Missions Trip (and so much more!) to the Mesquakie Friends Center – August 9-15

We are looking for volunteers to go to Tama, Iowa, for a week in August – a missions trip to the Mesquakie Friends Center! We will leave on Friday and get settled in that evening. On Saturday, we will worship with the folks at the Mesquakie Friends Church and then we will head over to the Mesquakie Native American Indian annual powwow for a couple of hours. We will be volunteering at the Friends Center Sunday through Wednesday. There will be things to do for all skill levels – and indoor and outdoor options. We will also have a time of devotions together each day, and to enjoy God's rest (and I hear ice cream will be involved most evenings!). It's an opportunity for us to help Mac and Berny McDonald (they came to our church last summer and shared about their ministry work there) and the Friends Church and Center, as well as experience a Native American powwow, and to visit with folks from the Mesquakie Indian Reservation and to worship together. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center - if you are interested in going, please sign up. If something comes up and you can't go, you won't be locked into it. Look for more detailed information soon!

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Jack Schiffli** upon his passing on April 2. He was the father of **Carrie Copenhaver** and the grandfather of **Christi Brock**.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Doyle Chandler** upon his passing on April 4.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Gerald** & **Darlene Darling** and family upon the passing of Gerald's father, **Charles Darling**, on April 14.

We extend our sympathy also to **David & Carol Fox** upon the sudden passing of David's brother, **Norman Fox**, on April 28 in Columbus, IN.

Congratulations!

Cassie Van Osdol on the birth of their son, Hudson Hugh Louis Van Osdol, on April 20 and weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. Cohen is delighted to have a little brother. Mike & Linda Van Osdol are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations also to

Scott & Jessica Noteboom on the birth of their son, Emmett James

Noteboom, on April 26 and weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Alister is now a big brother! Mike & Linda Van Osdol are the proud grandparents.

Everyone is doing well!

New Association of Friends Family Camp

On Memorial Day weekend, the New Association will be hosting a family camp at Quaker Haven Camp (on beautiful Dewart Lake in Syracuse, Indiana). The camp will begin <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 25</u>, and go through Monday. Information and registration forms, along with the cost of the camp, are on the information table in the Welcome Center. All ages welcome.

Notes of Thanks

"Thank you for your continued support of The Guest House. We received your contribution of \$200.00. Let the Missions committee know we appreciate their contribution to the men's shelter."

- The Guest House

"Thanks to Spiceland Friends Church for the Cracker Barrel gift card given to me for Administrative Professionals Day. I really appreciated it!"

- Carol Fox

"Thank you for your donation to Spiceland Cares. It will help us make a difference in our community and is greatly appreciated!"

- Spiceland Cares

"On behalf of Westminster Community Center, I wish to thank you for your donation of \$100.00... Thanks so much for your support of Westminster."

- Jeff Kundert, Executive Director

We will once again be having a June-July summer edition of our newsletter. Newsletter articles are due June 4 for this summer issue. We will be printing a "Back to School" issue, and the deadline is August 27.

Stoking the Fire Retreat

Friends United Meeting is offering a spiritual retreat Friday, June 7, through Monday, June 10. It will be held at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, Indiana. A variety of speakers will be leading worship sessions – Kelly Kellum (General Secretary of FUM), Doug Gwyn (Quaker author, pastor), and a group of Friends called "Friends of Jesus Fellowship." There will also be some workshops to select from.

Registration can be done online at www.friendsunitedmeeting.org. You can attend all or part of the conference, and you can stay at the Quaker Hill Conference Center or commute. Cost information is available on the website. See **Cathy Harris** if you have any questions.