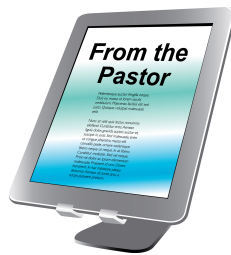




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"The Power of Love in Our Lives Is the Same as the Power That Raised Jesus from the Dead"

"That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 1:19b & 20 (NIV)

"The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, offering us a new way of living if we are willing to step into it. When we do, people can see it in the way we treat others and respond to everyday situations, as we are attentive to the needs of those around us and we show kindness and patience, even when it's challenging. So when you are confronted with impatience or angst from others, remember that it is the spirit of this world you are encountering. Don't take the bait. Instead, choose to respond differently, and go with your second instinct – the one led by the power of God's Spirit." (*Catching Whimsey* by Bob Goff, page 135)

Two weeks ago, we had a wonderful celebration of Easter. We marveled at the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead. We saw how Jesus is alive in the world today and that same power that raised him from the dead is available

for each of us. The scripture above and the quote from Bob Goff above remind us that all we have to do is step into this power and allow it to change how we live our lives and how we deal with other people. Our actions will show that Jesus has changed us and allows us to act with love even in difficult situations.

We might give this some thought and prepare in advance to ask Jesus to help us act in such a way that people would recognize that we have been with Jesus and his power is working in our lives. For instance, we might decide to work on patience in our lives or decide to work on being more available to others. Whatever you decide to work on, write it down and pray in advance that Jesus will help you live out that trait with the people around you. This transformative power is available to each of us if we will only believe it and believe God's promises are true.

This Sunday, I begin a new series of messages on the gospel of Mark. Studying Jesus' life as revealed in Mark will give us some good examples of how we should be living our lives so that our lives will be more like Jesus lived.

David Brock

Let's Celebrate!

Ruth Knotts will celebrate her **100th Birthday** on Saturday, May 24, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of her daughter, **Janice Radcliff**, at 4606 W Co. Rd. 825S, Knightstown. It is requested that gifts be omitted – just come and help Ruth celebrate this milestone birthday!

Trusting God's Presence Through Our Worry

It seems like every corner I step around, I look into the eyes of worried people. I want to continue to encourage us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Stand firm in Him! Walk with Him! Talk with Him! He is always reaching out to us to be in a deeper relationship with Him through quiet, through His Word, through prayer, and with other Christ Followers. Draw to Him as He draws to you. Seek His presence!



When the world feels unstable — when wars rage, economies falter, and personal trials mount—trusting God becomes not just a spiritual exercise but a lifeline. During chaos, *Psalm 46:1-2* reminds us: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.” Even when everything around us seems to collapse, God remains unshaken. Trusting Him doesn't mean ignoring reality; it means anchoring ourselves to a deeper truth. *Proverbs 3:5-6* urges, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” When the path forward is unclear, submission to His wisdom brings clarity and peace.

Jesus Himself offers comfort in *John 16:33*: “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Our hope is not instable circumstances but in a victorious Savior. To trust God is to believe that His power, love, and sovereignty are greater than any instability we face. He is the rock beneath our feet when everything else shakes. Stand firm in Him.

Eric Bowman



Honoring Our High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, May 18, we will recognize and honor our 2025 High School and College Graduates during our worship service.



If you have not turned your graduate information in to me yet, please do so as soon as possible. I will need some information to share with the congregation. There are information sheets on the table in the Wel-come Center to fill out with the following information: where he/she went to school, what activities they were in, what their future plans are, the names of parents and grandparents, and any other information they would like to share with the congregation.

– **Nancy Wadman**,
Ministry Coordinator

Baby/Child Dedication Opportunity

We will have a baby/child dedication during our worship service on Mother's Day, May 11. Please let **Eric Bowman** know if you would like to have your new baby or young child dedicated during this time. Spiceland Friends would like to be a part of the village it takes to raise your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle at Spiceland Friends Church

Saturday, May 17

Doors open at 4:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
and Raffle Drawing at 6:30 p.m.

All money donated goes toward building repairs and maintenance of the church.

2 FREE Tickets at the Door; \$1 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.

Raffle items include, but not limited to: Sourdough Baked Goods, Auto Detailing Gift Card, Mary Kay Basket, Family Fun Night Basket, Warm Glow Basket, Outside Fun Kid's Basket, Fishing Basket, Hoover Hall Rental, Cat Lover's Basket, Tea & Coffee Basket, and Many more!

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Cindy Mitchell – cancer
Jenny McDaniel – eye surgery
Marilyn Biehl – upcoming surgery
Don Painter – health issues
Ed Bryson – fractured vertebrae
Randy Reece – recovering from stroke
Correna Thompson – broken leg; PT at The Willows
Gerald Darling – recovering from heart surgery
Joyce Rossman – serious injuries from accident
Betty Moffitt
Irene Goodwin – back pain
Libby Henshaw – at Glen Oaks
Judy Smith – at Stonebrooke
Sarah Reiblein – cancer



Extended Family and Friends

D. J. Shumaker (nephew of Eric & Diana Bowman) – brain aneurysm
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

Quaker Haven Kids and Youth Camps

Parents, grandparents, and friends of children and teens! Quaker Haven Summer Camps are currently filling up. There are great camp programs for kids from ages 5-18. If you know of a young person whose faith you would like to encourage, this is a fantastic opportunity to do just that. More information can be found at quakerhaven.com. Do this soon! Some camp scholarships are available at Spiceland Friends. See Eric Bowman if you have an interest.

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!

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

PHILIP THEODORE & BETTY (RENFRO) APPEGATE,
PHILLIP & DOROTHY (BLACK) APPEGATE,
ESTHER APPEGATE, EARL APPEGATE,
WALTER & MARY (APPEGATE) CLAY
Given by Marilyn (Applegate) Ingle & family
Judy (Applegate) Lee & family

PAUL, JR. & JUANITA REECE,
FLOYD & ADA HINSHAW,
PAUL, SR. & GOLDIE REECE
Given by the Reece Family

MAX MOFFITT, DAVID MOFFITT
Given by Betty Moffitt and Lisa Knotts

GEORGE LACY
Given by Barbara Lacy & family

BILLY R. SMITH, AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,
O. B. & VIRGINIA SMITH, LEIGH KOGER,
BETTY GATEWOOD, MARIAN COFFMAN,
BRENDA PFENNINGER CATRON,
SCOTT & RHONDA PFENNINGER,
& OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
Given by Cathy Smith

DR. & MRS. RALPH McCOY,
DON McCOY
Given by Carolyn Lantz and Family

GARY BAUGHAN, CATHERINE EICHENBERGER
Given by Carolyn Lantz and Family

AL & ARLENE CHAMBERLIN,
HOMER & LIDA CRANDALL,
BILL SMITH, OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Given by Don & Cindy Crandall,
Jeff & Margie Crandall & family
Kevin & Tasha Crandall & Hunter

Easter Flower Memorials *(Continued)*

Kevin & Tasha Crandall & Hunter
HOMER & NELL DENNY, RALPH DENNY,
MIKE BLESSINGER & SHANNON BLESSINGER,
MELVIN & PHYLLIS AUSTIN,
KEITH DALTON

Given by Glen & Debbie Denny

Sermon Topics for May

David Brock will be preaching each week in May.



May 4

Sermon – “The Beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God”

Scripture – Mark 1

May 11

Sermon – “Follow Me”

Scripture – Mark 1

May 18

Sermon – “Be with Jesus”

Scripture – Mark 3

May 25

Sermon – “Be Like Jesus”

Scripture – Mark 4

With Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of **Tammy Cook** upon her passing on April 8. She was the grandmother of **Tasha Crandall** and sister of **Donna Hall**.

We also extend our sympathy to **Nancy Strong** and family upon the recent passing of her mother, **Ellen Hickman**.

Worship Assistants for May



Worship Leaders

May 4 – Sandra Swann

May 11 – Bob Rust

May 18 – Sandra Swann

May 25 – Bob Rust

Song Leaders

May 4 – Hayley Painter

May 11 – Tasha Crandall

May 18 – Tasha Crandall

May 25 – Tasha Crandall

Scripture Readers

May 4 – Josie Weber

May 11 – Nancy Strong

May 18 – Ceci Houchins

May 25 – Barb Lacy

Children's Story

May 4 – Janet Putnam

May 11 – Diana Bowman

May 18 – Amanda Judge

May 25 – Mike Van Osdol

Junior Church Leaders

May 4 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom

May 11 – Kristin Davis; Jessica Noteboom

May 18 – Josie Weber; Jessica Noteboom

May 25 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom

Greeter for May – Donita Barnes

A Sign of Honor

Even he who died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought – the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight to heaven.

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Notes of Thanks

"Thank you everyone that came to Butch's belated 80th Birthday Celebration. You really helped make it special and he really enjoyed it."

–**Linda, Bill & Terry Rutherford**

"I am deeply grateful for your unwavering support throughout my recording journey. Your prayers, encouragement, and presence have been a source of strength and inspiration every step of the way. From words of wisdom to quiet acts of kindness, you have reflected Christ's love and helped shape my calling. This milestone is not mine alone – it is ours, a testimony to the Spirit's work among us. Thank you for walking beside me, believing in me, and faithfully investing in God's ministry. I look forward to serving with you in His name with a heart full of joy. You have been a true answer to prayer in a lifetime of pursuing my call to shepherd others for His Kingdom."

– **Eric Bowman**

"Thank you for your prayers, love, and support during my grandmother's recent illness and passing! Thank you for the hugs, cards, texts, and general outpouring of love! The funeral dinner was wonderful and greatly appreciated. We are thankful for our church family!"

– **Kevin, Tasha & Hunter Crandall**

Congratulations

Congratulations to **David & Linda Brock** and **Duane & Beverly Elliott** upon becoming great-grand-parents. **Wren Bidwell Elliott** was born on April 9 to **Ethan Elliott** and **Arianna Bidwell**. The proud grandparents are **Dwight & Lori Elliott**.



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 us 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**, or **Nancy Wadman** know if you are interested or have questions about becoming a member.

Harvest Food Bank

The Harvest Food Bank will be distributing food for local people on Monday, May 19, in the church parking lot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Nancy Wadman**. If you have the volunteer shirts that they gave us, please wear them that afternoon.

Joys of Motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" – and a sticky kiss.