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“Facing Life’s Difficulties”

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Judge: “Has the jury reached a verdict?”

Jury: “Yes, your Honor. We find the Defendant guilty on all three counts of Murder.”

Judge: “Do you have a sentencing recommendation?”

Jury: “Yes, your Honor. We recommend the Death Penalty.”

Ray Hinton found himself being quickly escorted out of the room and back to his cell to wait for his transfer to Death Row where he would spend almost 30 years trying to prove his innocence. He was unable to give his Mom or friends a hug before he was whisked away by armed guards.

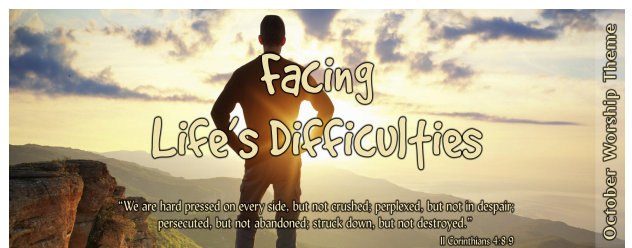
He would also spend 30 years trying to figure out why God would let this happen to him. He was a Christian, his Mom was a Christian, she taught him the Bible, and she kept assuring him that God would take care of him and the truth would come out. It did eventually, but it took a big chunk of Ray’s life away from him.

We will study more about the themes of forgiveness, trust, attitude, race, and many others in the book, *The Sun Does Shine*, by Ray Hinton that we will be studying on Wednesday evenings beginning October 3.

Ray’s story can teach us all how to better apply the scriptural principles to our life and to our problems that seem to weigh us down. The above scripture verses from 2 Corinthians remind us that because of the power and presence of the risen Jesus Christ in our lives, we can face our difficulties with an attitude of love and forgiveness. Jesus continues to mold our lives and to use circumstances to shape us into the person he wants us to be. We have choices of how we respond to the life we have been handed. The Bible promises us that the power of God is available to help us if we will allow it.

I hope you can join us for both Sundays and Wednesdays during October. We are going to search the scriptures for principles and guidance on how we can live our lives according to God’s direction.

David Brock



Breakfast with Friends – Pancake Breakfast

The Christian Education Committee will be cooking breakfast on Sunday morning, October 7!



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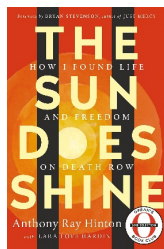
This delicious homemade meal includes: mouth-watering pancakes, Jack's donuts, home-made muffins, sausage links, fruit salad, chocolate and white milk, orange juice, and piping hot

The breakfast is free, but freewill donations are welcome. We want to celebrate the beginning of the new "church year"! We will start serving breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, visit with friends, and stay for Sunday school and check out one of our classes!

Fall Book Study Set to Begin Oct. 3

Our fall book study will be for four Wednesdays – October 3-24, with a pitch-in meal at 6:00 p.m. and class from 6:45-7:45 pm.

The class will be led by **David Brock**, and we will be studying the book, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, by Anthony Ray Hinton. The reading assignment for the first week (if you have time) is pages 1-66.



Anthony Ray Hinton spent nearly 30 years on death row for crimes he didn't commit. He shares an amazing, heartwarming story of how he emerged from his incarceration with a profound capacity to forgive. Released in April 2015, Hinton now speaks widely on prison reform and the power of faith and forgiveness. He lives in Alabama.

Books will be available for sale starting Sunday, September 16, and the cost is \$15 each. Take a book now and pay later, if you'd like. Make checks payable to Spiceland Friends Church. Books are also available at no cost if needed – see Cathy. A Kindle version is available on Amazon.

If you plan to participate and need child care, please contact **Cathy**, and we will be happy to arrange child care.



Get Ready for the Holiday Bazaar!

Saturday, November 10 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The booths have been rented, items are being gathered for the Attic Treasurers area, and plans are being made for the lunch. Please mark your calendars and set aside that day to help us in any way you can.

Marilyn Thompson is in charge of booth space again this year, and we appreciate her willingness to take on this project. This is something that takes place months before the bazaar and often times throughout the year. There are some changes to the booths this year as far as vendors and as soon as we have the final list we will be printing some flyers to hand out.

The lunch menu will be the same as last year with vegetable soup, chili, and sandwiches, plus desserts, chips, veggies, and drinks being served until 1:30. The morning will start with Jack's donuts and orange juice.

Please plan to join us and contribute items to be sold and purchase some of the many things that will be available. This money is used for many projects throughout the year with a focus on serving funeral dinners and contributing to local community needs. We purchased new highchairs and booster seats this year which were very much needed.

Sign-up sheets will be put out the middle of October for donations for the kitchen, workers for the kitchen, and donations for the deli.

Our quilting group has made another quilt that will be donated and raffled so you won't want to miss the opportunity to purchase your ticket for that. The quilts the ladies make are beautiful and quite the hit at the bazaar.

– **Linda Ratcliff**

Choir Practice Begins November 6

Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Service will begin on Tuesday, November 6. We will meet each week from 6:30-7:30 p.m. – TUESDAYS this year. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us – adults and/or teens – so please consider joining us. Please let **Cathy** know if you need child care. We are happy to provide free child care, but must know in advance if it is needed so we can make arrangements.

Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat) Is Coming Soon!

We've got a great evening planned for our annual Fall Festival! There will be several fun games and activities in the gym – with prizes! We'll also have folks passing out candy for your trick-or-treaters!

In the church Family Center, we'll be serving up some delicious refreshments – hot dogs, cookies, apple cider, and hot chocolate. While you're enjoying your snacks, you can sit and relax and watch the movie, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" and visit with friends.

It's October 31st from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! It's all FREE! And it's all indoors! So invite your friends and bring your trick-or-treaters and join in the fun!

Candy and Cookie Donations Needed for Fall Festival

It's that time of year again! We need lots of candy donations for our annual Fall Festival. A donation box will be in the Welcome Center. Please make sure candy is individually wrapped. Candy donations accepted through October 31 at 5:30 p.m.



Donations of cookies are needed, too. We serve refreshments in the Family Center during the Fall Festival and like to have a variety of cookies for folks. The cookies can be homemade or store bought. Please bring cookies to church by 5:30 p.m. on October 31.



Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival

Each year we have about 700 folks from the community come to our Fall Festival. This is a ministry that the community appreciates and highly values. In order to do this, we need lots of helping hands – and it's fun! It's easy! Volunteers are needed to

1. Prepare and serve food in the kitchen.
2. Help run some of the games in the gym.
3. Sit in the bleachers (or bring a lawn chair) and pass out candy.

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Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center to sign up to work in the kitchen and to help run games in the gym. **You don't have to sign up to hand out candy – just come!** See **Chris** or **Cathy** for details or questions. Adults are welcome to dress up in costume too, but it's not required.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Doris Hoover – cancer treatments
Family of Esther Applegate
Bill Upchurch – sepsis infection;
surgery
Brian Thomas – surgery
Janet Craft – fell; has broken rib
Pat Bogue – eye problem
L. J. Murray – lung cancer treatments
Linda Brock – chemo treatments
Sandy Alexander – leg wounds
Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments
Bobby Thompson – health problems
Phil Alexander – dialysis complications
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Youth Groups & College Students
Unspoken prayer requests



Extended Family and Friends

Mike & Nancy Peyton (Nancy Wadman's cousins) – death of a son
Mike & Melinda Gerrish (Cathy Harris) car accident injuries
Billie Pierce – heart attack; kidney problems
McKenzie Clark (Debbie Denny) – Tri teen who suffered stroke
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – advancing Parkinson's disease
Our country and servicemen and women

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting Native American Friends Centers –
Mesquakie, Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine
Dale Graves – cancer treatments
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

Sermon Topics for October

David Brock will be preaching three Sundays in October, and **Cathy Harris** will be preaching on October 28.

October 7

Sermon – “God Speaks to Us”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 4; Mark 10

October 14

Sermon – “God Strengthens Us”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 4; Mark 10

October 21

Sermon – “God Renews Us”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 4; Mark 10

October 28

Cathy Harris will be preaching.

Worship Assistants for October

Scripture Readers

October 7 – Judy Sadler
October 14 – Sandi Swann
October 21 – Jason Ash
October 28 – Linda Brock

Junior Church

October 7 – Chris Harris
October 14 – Linda Brock
October 21 – Megan Harris
October 28 – Amanda Huss

Hosts – Jim & Janet Putnam

Children’s Messages – Mike Van Osdol

SFC Friend to Friend and Prayer Chain Emails

We occasionally send out emails to the whole church about upcoming events, weather closings, and urgent information about friends in our congregation. We also have a very active prayer chain and send separate emails that go out to our prayer chain. We usually send the prayer chain emails out once a week, with additional emails going out as prayer requests are made.

If you would like to be added to either of these lists – or both – please contact **Cathy Harris** at cathy.spicelandfriends@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 6 – Choir Practice Begins! 6:30 p.m. weekly – TUESDAYS
- Nov. 8 – Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Seminar, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 – Holiday Bazaar – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11 – Recognize Veterans
- Dec. 2 – Practice for Children/Youth Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 5 – Family & Friends Advent Evening – Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 9 – Children/Youth Christmas Program during worship
- Dec. 9 – All-church Christmas Dinner after worship
- Dec. 12 – Family & Friends Advent evening – Dinner and Caroling, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – “The Longest Night” Worship Service, 6:00 p.m. with dinner following
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 9:00 p.m.

Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Know someone who is? When you’re grieving a loved one’s death, the holiday season can be especially painful or difficult. We are offering a one-night seminar on Thursday, November 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., that will talk about dealing with our emotions throughout the holidays, offer helpful tips for surviving social events as well as ideas of what to do about holiday traditions, and how to find hope for the future.



This one-night seminar is open to anyone (open to the public) who has lost a loved one – whether the loss was recently or long ago. The seminar is free, and will be led by **Janet Putnam** and **Cathy Harris**. Each participant will receive a pamphlet on Surviving the Holidays. If you have questions, please talk with Janet or Cathy. Invite a friend or family member who might benefit from this seminar – and help them by coming with them.

Youth Group News

(By Chris Harris)

Elementary Youth Group Activities (Grades 1-5)

Oct. 7 – Lunch after church and Jacob’s Orchard,
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 – Youth Group Meeting, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Activities (Grades 6-12)

Oct. 6 – Tuttle’s Orchard & Wiener Roast at Sim’s
Lake, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Oct. 21 – Youth Group Meeting, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Oct. 28 – Youth Group Halloween Party, 5:00-7:00.

Oct. 31 – Youth Group helps with Fall Festival in
gym, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 2-4 – Quaker Haven Camp Fall Impact Retreat

Elementary Youth Orchard Trip

The Elementary Youth Group will head to Jacob’s Family Orchard on Sunday, October 7, for a fun-filled outing! We will eat lunch in the Family Center at church and then head to the orchard to pick out a pumpkin and eat the orchard’s famous donuts! Then we’ll head back to church and carve our pumpkins. Parents and siblings are welcome to go, and we will need some drivers. Please RSVP to **Chris** at 317-498-9058 or harriscst@umail.iu.edu. There is no cost.



Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Orchard Trip and Wiener Roast

On Saturday, October 6, The Jr./Sr. High Youth Group will head to Tuttle’s Orchard (north-west of Greenfield) to pick out a pumpkin and enjoy an apple cider slushy! Then we’ll head to Sims Lake for a wiener roast and s’mores. We’ll also carve our pumpkins and play some games. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and return to SFC at 8:00 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Trip to Fall Impact Retreat at Quaker Haven Camp

A fall retreat – “Fall Impact” – will be held at Quaker Haven Camp for youth in grades 6-12. This retreat focuses on service – giving back to the



camp by helping the camp prepare for the winter season. There will also be a lot of fun activities and great food! We will leave SFC Friday afternoon, November 2, sometime after school, and will return to SFC Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The church will pay for students’ way for the weekend. You can register online at <http://qhc youth programming .com/> – click “register.” See **Chris** for more details. Transportation will be provided – let Chris know if you signed up to go and if you need transportation.

Youth Trip to Guyer Opera House

On September 23 both Youth Groups traveled to the Guyer Opera House to see four of our own (Halle Chandler, Gus Upchurch, Jacob Specht, and Harper Chandler) star in “Snow White.” The Guyer Opera House is a charming old building with an atmosphere that was perfect for the play. The play was a great performance.

It was neat for the kids from SFC attending to see a different side of their peers who were in the play. All of the work that goes into a play builds character, as we talked about on the way home.

We are looking forward to going back in the future to see our talented youth perform again. And on behalf of the Youth Group, I would like to send out a special thanks to **Bobby Chandler** for the popcorn.



With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to . . .

Family of **Esther Applegate**, who faithfully and lovingly oversaw the children in the nursery for 57 years. Esther passed away on September 15.

Family of **Phyllis Austin** (sister-in-law of Debbie & Glen Denny).

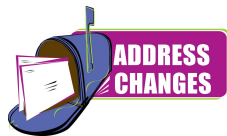
Family of **J. R. Derrickson** (father-in-law to Gretchen Derrickson, who is Pam Pyle and Steve Stevens' sister).

Susan Waymire's Family on the death of her brother's mother-in-law.

Change of Address

Travis & Cassie Van Osdol
9745 W U.S. Highway 40
Knightstown, IN 46148

Bill & Amy Upchurch
Ch: **Max & Gus**
34 Midway Drive
New Castle, IN 47362



Notes of Thanks

“Thank you so much for all the love and prayers as we welcomed Nolan into this world. We are also so thankful for the very beautiful baby quilt! He will cherish that always. We feel so blessed to bring Nolan up at SFC!

– **Wyatt, Lacey & Nolan Thompson**

“We are so thankful for you and your most recent gift. Know that your gift will uplift us and the ministry here at Mesquakie Friends. What a blessed time we had together. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.”

– **Mac & Berny, M.F.C.**

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Available

The Missions Committee has put together shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Christmas giving project they're sponsoring again this fall. Brochures and shoeboxes will be available on the Missions display table in the Family Center. These brochures also contain an information form to let them know whether the gift is for a boy or girl (or either) and which age is appropriate.



Please take as many boxes as you are interested in filling. Then fill the box(es), indicate the age/gender, include a check for \$9 made out to Samaritan's Purse to help with the cost of shipping, and return the boxes to the Family Center by November 18.

Please note:

- Cost to ship a box is \$9.00.
- Items that are not allowed: No candy/snacks/food, chewing gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.
- Gift Suggestions can be found in the brochures or online at www.samaritan's-purse.org

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach ministry supported, managed, and sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, which is run by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. They have one of the best/highest ratings for a charitable organization.

You Are Invited

An Open House in celebration of the 90th birthday of **Betty Raines** will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Family Center at Spiceland Friends Church. Betty was the former Betty Cooley and resided on Pearl Street in Spiceland. Her family is hosting the celebration and invites anyone who knew her to attend.

49th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Spiceland Friends Church

401 W. Main Street



Saturday, November 10, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Booths

- Velvet and Quilted Santas
- Dips to taste
- Jellies and Jams
- Quilted Bags and Billfolds
- Stuffed Toys, Miscellaneous Sewing
- Soft Items, Dolls, Scrubbies
- Handcrafted Wooden Items
- Soaps and Chapsticks
- Handmade Baskets
- Handmade Jewelry for Adults & Kids
- Watkins, Rawleigh, Cutlery & Stanley Products
- Machine Embroidery
- Glassware
- Food Heat Pads
- Hand-painted Glassware
- Wool Mittens
- Barbie Doll Clothes
- Dried Flowers
- Baby Items
- Birdhouses
- Ceramics

Lunch Menu

(Lunch served until 1:30 p.m.)

- Chili
- Vegetable Soup
- Sloppy Joes
- Coney
- Hot Dogs
- Pulled Pork
- Relish Tray
- Desserts
- Beverages



Church Booths

- Deli Items
- Attic Treasures
- Crocheted Hats, Scarves, Dishcloths
(made by the Spiceland Crochet Group)

Tickets will be available for the quilt made by the ladies of the church.
They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.