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**“God Is for Us”**



While praying and studying scripture for our fall study, I was struck by the completeness of Paul’s message in Romans 8. God uses Paul to tell us much in this one single chapter. Romans 8 takes us from our struggle with self and walks us through turning to Christ, living in Christ, being co-heirs with Christ, suffering with Christ, the purpose of our lives in Christ, being conquerors through Christ, and never being separated from the love of Christ. In short, this sometimes difficult to understand chapter of the Bible, explains our walk with Christ. **The chapter begins with “no condemnation” and ends with “no separation.”** Friends, that’s an offer we can’t afford to pass up! Pause in your reading for a moment and think about what it means to not be condemned for the things you’ve done, or not done to damage your relationship with God or fellow man. Really! Just pause and don’t read on yet. Now pause and consider NEVER being

separated from God’s love. Wow! What would the opposite be like? What if you were condemned eternally? What if you were separated from his love?

Friends, God has made a way! The negative and critical culture that we live in leads us to believe God is our enemy. We can easily view God as the gatekeeper in the sky who has created impossible hoops for us to jump through. We see him in a negative light as the cause of disease, calamity, and death. However, this is a completely backwards view of God. We learn in Romans 8 that God, because of his great love for us, made a way for us to overcome condemnation and separation. He made a way that even death itself cannot separate us from him. God knew we would face the miseries of a fallen, broken, sinful world. God knew we would face eternity separated from his love. So, in his great love God made a way. **Friends, GOD IS FOR US!**

We serve a God who beckons us day by day into a closer relationship with himself. It is the prayer of our staff that as we welcome the new season of fall that you will invest time in your relationship with God. He is daily seeking a deeper and deeper relationship with you. Let’s encourage one another in our fall theme. **“GOD IS FOR US”**

***“What, then, shall we in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31 (NIV)***

*Eric Bowman*

## Mark Your Calendar for October Events

Mondays and Wednesdays – 10:00 a.m. – Walkers  
Wednesdays – 6:00 p.m. – Wed. Night Bible Study  
Thursdays – 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Crochet Group  
Oct. 4 – 6:30 p.m. – Ministry & Oversight Meeting  
Oct. 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting  
Oct. 8 – 4:00 p.m. – Putnam/Heindl Rehearsal  
Oct. 9 – 4:30 p.m. – Putnam/Heindl Wedding  
Oct. 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Seasonal Choir Rehearsal  
Oct. 11 – 3:00-4:30 p.m. – Second Harvest Food Drive  
Oct. 14 – 5:15 p.m. – Nominating Committee  
Oct. 24 – 6:30 p.m. – Seasonal Choir Rehearsal  
Oct. 25 – 9:00 a.m. – Deadline for newsletter articles  
Oct. 28 – 9:30 a.m. – Fold newsletters  
Oct. 30 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Trunk or Treat

## Worship Assistants for October

### Scripture Readers

Oct. 3 – Barbara Lacy  
Oct. 10 – Sandi Swann  
Oct. 17 – Eric Bowman  
Oct. 24 – Priscilla James  
Oct. 31 – Dale Albertson

### Children's Story

Oct. 3 – Diana Bowman  
Oct. 10 – Linda Brock  
Oct. 17 – Mike Van Osdol  
Oct. 24 – Janet Putnam  
Oct. 31 – Diana Bowman

### Junior Church

Oct. 3 – Linda Brock  
Oct. 10 – David Lahr  
Oct. 17 – Linda Brock  
Oct. 24 – Claudia Garner  
Oct. 31 – No Junior Church

**Greeters for October** – Jim & Janet Putnam



## Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins



Starting October 6 and continuing until November 10, we will have a Wednesday Night Bible Study! We will start each Wednesday with a meal at 6:00 p.m. with the church providing the main dish, drinks, and eating utensils. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert. The discussion of If God Is for Us by Trillia J. Newbell will start at 6:45. We will also be live on Facebook for those who are more comfortable viewing from home.

## Thursday Bible Study Group

The Thursday Bible Study Group has decided to take a hiatus during the months of October, November, and December due to Wednesday Night Bible Study and the holidays. We will have a Christmas gathering sometime in December. Our study of Revelation has been challenging and very interesting. We will be studying Philippians when we start up again in January 2022!

– Nancy Wadman

## Come and Join the Choir!

We had a fantastic start at our first Seasonal Choir practice! With about 15 in attendance the excitement continues to build. Everyone who enjoys singing each Sunday is encouraged to join us as we prepare for our Christmas Eve celebration. If you have considered it for even just a moment, then you should just come to a practice and give it a try. Even if you feel you're not a singer but really love singing, give it a try. Many will be blessed through your willingness, your smile, and maybe even your voice. Here is the tentative schedule: October 10 and 24; November 7, 14, and 21; December 5, 12, and 19, all from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Our performance will be Christmas Eve at 9:00 p.m. Come and join as we have fun encouraging others in song.

– Eric Bowman

## Opportunities to Be Jesus' Hands and Feet Abound in the Next Three Months

1. The Missions Committee will have shoeboxes available by October 17, and they will need to be returned by Sunday, November 14, 2021. If you have questions, please see **Nancy Wadman**.
2. Second Harvest Food Bank will be distributing food here at the church on October 11 and November 15. They will be here from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please let **Nancy** know if you will be interested in helping those days.
3. Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 13, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please get the word out and put the flyer from the newsletter in a place where lots of people will see it. I know there is still great concern about COVID-19, but we don't know what November will bring, and we are going to go ahead and plan for the Bazaar. Please see **Nancy** if you have questions or would like to volunteer.
4. Don't forget to join our Seasonal Choir! (See Eric's article).
5. Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, Oct. 30.
6. Check out the November newsletter for more great opportunities in December.

## Don't Miss Trunk or Treat!



Trunk or Treat is being planned for Saturday, October 30, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot for a traditional Trunk or Treat. The church will not be open during this event. If you would like to pass out candy, please arrive by 5:45 p.m. Candy donations can be dropped off anytime in the Welcome Center.

– **Jessica Noteboom**

## Sermon Topics for October

**Eric Bowman** will be preaching the first Sunday in October, **Nancy Wadman** will be preaching the third Sunday, and **David Brock** will be preaching the other three Sundays in October.

### October 3

Sermon – “God Is for Us”  
Scripture – Romans 8:31-32

### October 10

Sermon – “It Is Not My Place to Judge”  
(Rediscovering Truth About Judgment)

### October 17

Sermon – “Who Do You See in the Mirror?”  
Scripture – James 1:19-27

### October 24

Sermon – “This World Has Nothing for Me”  
(Rediscovering Truth About the World)

### October 31

Sermon – “God Is Good All the Time –  
All the Time God is Good”  
(Rediscovering Truth About God's Goodness”

## Welcome to Our New Members

**Duane & Beverly Elliott** were recently accepted into the membership of Spiceland Friends Church. Welcome to our church family!

## Nominating Committee Is Meeting Soon

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in mid-October. There are several openings on the committee to fill. If anyone has an interest in being on the committee or trying something new, please contact **Lisa Knotts**, **Doris Hoover**, or **Beth Carr**.

– **Lisa Knotts**

## Change of Address

**Don Painter**  
1107 Extraordinary Trail  
Greenfield, IN 46140

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Church Family

Nancy Wadman – sinus surgery  
David Brock – recovering from cellulitis  
Teresa Batt – cataract surgery  
Lin Sadler – fell  
Judy Stevens – recovering from shoulder surgery  
Kandi Rutledge – recovering from back procedure  
Kenny Miers – sepsis and pneumonia; at home  
Beverly Reece – ear issues  
Debi Zimmerman – recovering from stroke  
Libby Henshaw – recovering from broken hip  
Pat Bogue – recovering from back surgery; eye infection  
Wayne Bogue – accident; concussion  
Rick Little – in need of prayer  
George Lacy – lung cancer; chemo  
George Fort – recovering from back surgery  
Judy Smith – health problems  
Steve Stevens – health concerns  
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

Bill Upchurch, Sr. – gallbladder surgery  
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer  
Daniel Sears (Kristen Davis) – stomach cancer  
Family of Rick Orr  
Family of Charles Magee  
Geoff Ostler (Nancy Wadman) – liver cancer  
Rhonda Brown – recovering at home from COVID-19  
Jennifer & mother (Lisa Little's niece) – COVID-19  
Father of Carly Griggs' friend – triple bypass surgery  
Wayne Schatzle (Bob Rust) – COVID-19  
Par Sung (Bob Rust) – kidney problems  
Amie Thornburg – kidney stones  
Jamie, Daughter of Peggy MacFarlane – in critical condition  
Jaxsun Moffitt – failure to gain weight  
Larry & Peggy MacFarlane – Larry at home  
Jayna Womack (Virginia Newkirk) – health



problems

Abeba Darling (Darlings' granddaughter) – in need of prayer  
Tivon Lee (grandson of Sadlers) – health issues  
Carolyn Lantz – health problems  
Abby (God daughter of Bob & Helen Rust)  
Richard Biehl (Marilyn Biehl) – heart issues  
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – health issues  
Franka Dick (Pyles) – health issues  
Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer  
Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain tumor  
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

## You Are Invited

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.

## Note of Thanks

"Your love, friendship, and generosity mean so much to me. Thank you for the recognition, reception, and my beautiful musical bag. Music has always been an important part of my life, and Spiceland Friends will remain forever in my heart."

–Libby Henshaw

