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"Be Thankful Every Day"

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15 (NIV)



It is November and it is time to start the holiday season. Seems like the year just began and now we are coming to the end. November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. Everyone has their own way of celebrating this holiday, but in general it involves gathering with friends or family, eating, watching football, visiting, and having a good time. For some the holiday weekend involves shopping for Christmas presents and taking advantage of the sale prices they find. Some families have a time for sharing what they are thankful for and some look back over the year and realize how much they have come through and they are overwhelmed with thankfulness to God.

I am suggesting that this November we emphasize being thankful each day in November.
Note the scripture above from Colossians. Paul

reminds us that being thankful regularly is a key part of letting the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Instead of focusing just on what we need, focus on what we have already received. **The Message puts it this way: "Cultivate thankfulness."** That implies that thankfulness is something that we must work to develop. That is why I am suggesting that every day of November we work to develop an attitude of thankfulness. It might be through prayer – thanking God specifically for blessings he has given you. It might be through journaling – writing some things down each day. It might be through talking with your spouse or a good friend about what you are thankful for. There are many ways to cultivate thankfulness.

In Chapter 2 of Colossians, Paul put it this way: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." These two verses (verses 6 & 7) show us that thankfulness is a key part of our spiritual growth and drawing closer to God. **Living our lives rooted in Christ Jesus includes being thankful for God's presence in our lives and developing eyes to see the many blessings that have been given to us.**

Being thankful for a gift that you have been given does not take away from your empathy for others you know that were not given that gift. Perhaps you have recovered from a serious disease or injury, but you know someone who died of the same disease or injury or they have been unable to fully recover. We need to cultivate empathy with those individuals and families. We can be an instrument of God's love, healing, and peace to them. That is a part of being thankful for the gift we have been given.

David Brock

Quaker Beliefs, Part 6

What do YOU believe about salvation?

Introduction – In our series of “Early Quaker Beliefs” we have discussed God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Scripture, and fallen man’s state of need. If you haven’t caught these topics, you can see the articles in previous newsletters or on our website at spicelandfriends.org. The topic this month is what we believe about salvation. Below is the statement from “Faith and Practice” as well as a simple explanation.

Belief Statement from Faith and Practice about our Salvation – *“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (KJV)*

We believe that salvation is God’s free grace, through which, upon repentance and faith, He pardons our sins, and imparts to us new life. It is received, not for any works of righteousness that we have done, but in the unmerited mercy of God in Christ Jesus. Through faith in Him, and the shedding of His precious blood, the guilt of sin is taken away, and we stand reconciled to God in a restored personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Summary of Belief Statement – We often forget that God asks us to have “childlike” faith. Our eternal salvation is a very simple process that we often make complicated. We believe that God’s creation, His Word, and even human history each provide enough evidence that God exists and that his son Jesus Christ is who He says He is. God offers each of us his free gift of salvation. We accept this free gift by **believing in Him**. This (belief) means believing in His grace, his mercy, and his way, not just that He existed. The Bible teaches that our salvation also includes a **repentant heart**. That is acknowledging that we are sinners, confessing our sins before God, changing our mindset, and walking a path pleasing to God as His Word, and His Holy Spirit guides our heart and mind. Although our faith is between us and God, the Bible also calls us to share our new walk with others both in word and service. This is how God is enabled to love the world through us. Recognize your need, believe His way is the TRUTH, confess that you are a sinner

to God, and walk in His Way. If you ever have questions or need to discuss your salvation with someone, please reach out to a mature Christian friend who can help guide you and answer your questions.

Eric Bowman

53rd Annual Bazaar is November 12

Vendors are booked! Menu is ready! The quilt is on display! The handmade crocheted afghan is almost finished! All we need are volunteers to work and donations for the Sweet Shop/Deli, Attic Treasures, and the kitchen to be delivered. We are getting excited about our annual Holiday Bazaar! Sign-up sheets for workers and donations are on a table in the Welcome Center. Please help wherever you can. Please bring items for Attic Treasures the week of November 7-11. There will be someone here each day in the morning. If you have questions about vendors, please contact **Marilyn Thompson**. If you have questions about anything else, please see **Nancy Wadman**.

Addition to Children’s Programming

Christian Education will begin a new program for children from the ages of 3 through 1st grade that will encourage our little ones in their walk with Jesus. This is a fun, Bible-based program that will be headed by **Diana Bowman**. It will begin at 9:30 and run through the end of our worship service. Kids can either participate in the entire program or part of the program during the worship service. We encourage parents to be involved in our adult Sunday School class while their children are also in Sunday school. Included each Sunday will be lesson-based learning centers including, scripture memorization, music, movement, stories, sports, worship service participation, snacks, and much more. If anyone is interested in helping once or twice a month, let Diana know. Watch for more details coming soon. We hope to kick it off on Sunday, November 13.



– Jessica Noteboom

Wednesday Night Bible Study

We are only half way through our six sessions! Please feel free to join us anytime! We have two adult classes and one Jr-Sr High age class. **Bob Rust** is leading the Jr-Sr High School class with a discussion on Who is Jesus? **Eric Bowman** has a group that is talking about Distractions and Helping the Church Grow Young. **David Brock** and **Nancy Wadman** are leading a discussion on the book, *Praying Like Jesus*, by James Mulholland. All three groups would love for new people to join them. Supper starts at 6:00 with the main dish provided by the church. Feel free to bring a salad or a dessert, or contribute to the cost of the main dish, or don't worry about it and just come! The studies are from 6:45-7:45. See Nancy or Eric if you have any questions.

– Nancy Wadman

A Meeting Evening

We had such a great time of fellowship last month that we want to plan another family and fun event. Join us on Saturday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. for a fall family and friends pitch-in, music celebration, and hay ride. Bring your favorite dish. We will eat and enjoy an evening of live music and singing. There will be a small hayride and activities for children and brave adults. This is an event designed for you to invite your family and friends to something relaxed and fun at our church.

Join the Christmas Eve Choir!

Come and join the fun! The Christmas Eve Choir will begin practicing on Sunday, November 20. We will be sharing two songs during our annual Christmas

Eve Service on Saturday, December 24, at 9:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on November 20 and December 4, 11, and 18. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a group and invite a friend who likes to sing. Music reading and a perfect voice are not necessary.

Sermon Topics for November

David Brock will be preaching all four Sundays in November.

November 6

Sermon – “Security in the Storm”
Scripture – Psalm 46

November 13

Sermon – “When Death Doesn’t Get Through The Door”
Scripture – Psalm 116

November 20

Sermon – “A Good Reason to Be Thankful”
Scripture – Psalm 136

November 27

Sermon – “God’s Mercy Endures Forever”
Scripture – Psalm 118

Worship Assistants for November

Scripture Readers

November 6 – Diana Bowman
November 13 – Debra Weber
November 20 – Bob Rust
November 27 – Teresa Batt

Children’s Story

November 6 – Linda Brock
November 13 – Mike Van Osdol
November 20 – Janet Putnam
November 27 – Diana Bowman

Junior Church

November 6 – Linda Brock
November 13 – David Lahr
November 20 – Linda Brock
November 27 – Claudia Garner

Greeter – Don Painter

Daylight Saving Time Ends!
Remember to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night,
November 5!



Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Monica, Dylan & Lorelai Altman – premature birth
Sandy White – multiple eye injections
Gary Stegner – upcoming medical tests
Sarah Reiblein – cancer
Bowman family – auto accident
Tom Weber – Addison's House #133
Irene Goodwin – health problems
Steve Neal – liver cancer



Extended Family and Friends

Family of Joyce Hutchison
Niece of Shirley Fort – surgery
David Jones (Brother of Brenda Reece) – bladder surgery
Sherry Butler (Tasha Crandall) – kidney transplant
Family member of Barbara Meade
Great grandson of Cindy Mitchell – respiratory issues
Tammy (Vickie Richardson's sister) – heart surgery
Todd Reece (Beverly Reece) – stroke
Hunter Smolek (Garners) – tree fell on truck; paralyzed
David Butler (Helen Rust's brother-in-law) – in need of prayer
Nancy Jordan – heart issues
Pansy Pyle (Pyles) – recovering from COVID
Franka Dick (Tom Pyle's sister) - COVID
Ed Cole (Debi Zimmerman) – pancreatic cancer
Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney failure
Carmelle Jordan (Darlings) – stroke
Rick (Linda Wittmayer) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's
Naomi Wagner (David Baker's sister) – lung cancer
Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson's mother) – severe back pain
Kelly Bush (Claudia Garner) – colon cancer
Eric Roth (Darlings) – recovering from COVID
Vickie Vaccaro (Helen Rust) – cancer
Jackie Clendenin (Pat Bogue) – swallowing issues
Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer
Daniel Sears (Kristen Davis) – stomach cancer
Par Sung (Bob Rust) – kidney problems
Tivon Lee (grandson of Sadlers) – health issues
Carolyn Lantz – health problems
Abby (God daughter of Bob & Helen Rust)
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – health issues
Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain tumor

Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer
Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer
Byron Hanes (Relative of Pam Reno) – radiation
People in Ukraine
Students, teachers, and school administrators
Our country and servicemen and women
Prison Staff and Prisoners



Tea Time for Ladies

We have a wonderful small group of ladies who meet once a month to discuss life after losing their husbands. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. for tea, coffee, treats, laughter, and tears. In November we are going to have lunch at Lakeview Restaurant. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m.

Coming Events in December – Mark Your Calendars Now!

Dec. 4, 11, 18 – Choir Practice, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7 – Family Advent Night Caroling at Glen Oaks and Raintree Square, then return to SFC for soup, dessert, and fellowship. Meet at Glen Oaks by 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 – Christmas Dinner after worship service
Dec. 14 – Family Advent Night – family friendly activities with pitch-in meal with church providing main dish. Meal starts at 6:00.
Dec. 21 – Longest Night Service (more information in December newsletter)
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Church, 10:30; no Sunday School
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve – games, food, and fellowship

Food Bank Distribution at SFC

Second Harvest Food Bank will be giving away food here at the church on Monday, November 21, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please see **Nancy Wadman** if you are interested in helping that day. Also, PLEASE spread the word about the food drive. We know there are more people in Spiceland who really could use the help.