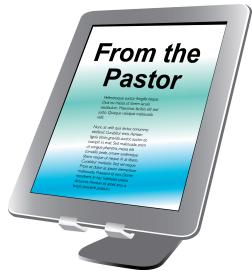




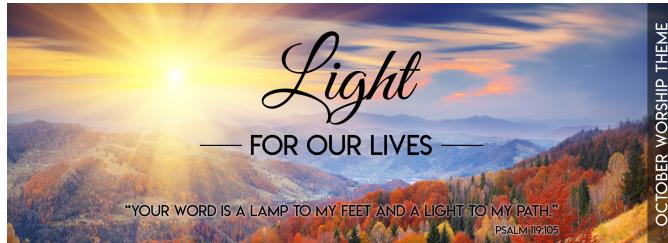
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Light for Our Lives

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105



Many times we struggle with making a decision or deciding which way to go with our lives. The above short verse from the longest chapter in the Bible reminds us that we have a guide to help us readily available. We all have a Bible and many of us have several, but they don't help us unless we read them, meditate on the passages, and ask God to enlighten us.

We don't have a magic guide book in the Bible, but we believe that it is God's word – the writers were inspired by God to write what they did. The Bible contains many books that describe the history of the people of Israel. In reading those ancient stories, we see that God actually works in people's lives and in the history of the world. Realizing that wonderful fact gives us hope and

confidence that God is still working in our lives and in our world today. As we think about and pray about a specific verse or passage, we begin to understand ways that God wants us to apply that passage to our lives and the deeper meaning that it contains.

The four Gospels that begin the New Testament contain the account of Jesus' life, activity, and teachings while he was here on earth. Jesus came to live a human life so he could relate to our lives and so that we can relate to him. **This personal relationship and fellowship with Jesus is what will make his teachings come alive in our own lives.**

Many people benefit from discussing passages of the Bible with other Christians and gaining the insight of others on a passage. That is why we have Sunday School classes and Bible Studies here at the church so that in addition to reading a passage at home, we can gain the insight of others as we discuss it.

We come to church each Sunday to listen to the word of God in song and in the scripture passage for the day. **We ask the Holy Spirit to help each of us to apply those words to our own lives and to provide a "lamp for our feet and a light to our path."** There is nothing more difficult and uncertain than feeling our way along an unknown path in complete darkness. There is nothing more difficult than trying to live our lives on our own and with our own wisdom. **We need the Living Word of God – Jesus – bringing meaning and application from the written Word of God – the Bible.**

Join us each Sunday and the six-week Wednesday night study groups to study and discuss God's word to us. This month I will continue our series on the Book of Psalms.

David Brack

Quaker Beliefs, Part 5

What do YOU believe about Man?

Introduction – In our series of “Early Quaker Beliefs” we have discussed God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and Holy Scripture. 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 Man. Below is the statement from “Faith and Practice” as well as a simple explanation.

Belief Statement from Faith and Practice about Man’s Creation and Fall – It pleased God, in His wisdom and goodness, to create man out of dust of the earth, and to breathe into his nostrils the breath of life, so that man became a living soul; formed after the image and likeness of God, capable of fulfilling the divine law, and of holding communion with his Maker.¹ Being free to obey, or to disobey, he fell into transgression, through unbelief, under the temptation of Satan,² and, thereby, lost that spiritual life of righteousness, in which he was created; and, so, death passed upon him, as the inevitable consequence of his sin.³ As the children of fallen Adam, all mankind bear his image. They partake of his nature and are involved in the consequences of his fall. To every member of every successive generation, the words of the Redeemer are alike applicable, “Ye must be born again.”⁴ But while we hold these views of the lost condition of man in the fall, we rejoice to believe that sin is not imputed to any, until they transgress the divine law, after sufficient capacity has been given to understand it; and that infants, though inheriting this fallen nature, are saved in the infinite mercy of God through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

¹Gen. 2:7;1:26; 27; ²Gen. 3:1-7; ³Rom. 5:12; ⁴John 3:7.

Summary of Belief Statement – Quakers believe that scripture teaches that Man was created by God and in the image of God for the purpose of glorifying God and relating to him and other humans. Upon our creation man was created in a perfect relationship with God but also given “free choice.” We believe man through the temptation of Satan chose wrong thus ending this perfect

relationship for all. With the ending of this perfect relationship, destruction and death also entered the world. It is this destruction and death that we struggle with yet today. Where there is life there is impending death due to our separation from God. God’s provision of a Savior, Jesus Christ, is the only way we have of renewing this separated relationship. We must be born again spiritually through Jesus. If we are not born again, we remain separated from a perfect God. It is also important to note that Quakers believe the Bible teaches that the choice to be born of Christ is at an age or mental ability that allows humans to have the capacity to make this spiritual choice. Until humans are at an age and capacity to make this choice, God in his mercy sees to it that they are saved through the redemption of Christ.

This information is taken from the 2018 Faith and Practice Document.

Eric Bowman

Worship Assistants for October

Scripture Readers

- October 2 – Bob Rust
- October 9 – David Lahr
- October 16 – Barbara Lacy
- October 23 – Debra Weber
- October 30 – Gerald Darling



Children’s Story

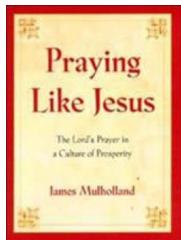
- October 2 – Diana Bowman
- October 9 – Linda Brock
- October 16 – Mike Van Osdol
- October 23 – Janet Putnam
- October 30 – Diana Bowman

Junior Church

- October 2 – Linda Brock
- October 9 – David Lahr
- October 16 – Linda Brock
- October 23 – Claudia Garner
- October 30 – There will be no Jr. Church

Greeters – Ron & Brenda Reece

Wednesday Night Bible Study



Starting October 12 and continuing until November 16, **David Brock** and **Nancy Wadman** will be leading a discussion of James Mulholland's book, *Praying Like Jesus (The Lord's Prayer in a Culture of Prosperity)*. We will start the evening with a meal at 6:00 p.m. and have a discussion from 6:45 to 7:45. The church will provide the main dish, drinks, plates, and silverware. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert.

Dinner and Dialog

Gen Z – Gen X, and more. Come and engage with us! We will continue to pray for and discover what God has for our church and community over the coming decades. Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. as we enjoy a meal, fellowship, prayer, and discussion from October 12 – November 16. We would love to see a huge 6-week commitment and turnout for this short series. If you would like to be a part of this but cannot do Wednesday evenings, please see **Eric Bowman** about starting a second session and time. Childcare can be made available with prior notice. We need people to make plans!

Youth Kick Off

TEENS! You are invited to join us and bring a friend to our 6-week youth kick-off. We will be enjoying some food, friends, and a video for discussion. We will be asking the question, "Who is Jesus?" Join us from 6:00-7:30 each Wednesday evening from October 12 – November 16. All are welcome! Your parents can drop you off and attend one of our adult studies that will also be meeting on these evenings. Contact **Bob Rust** or **Eric Bowman** for information.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes will be available in the Welcome Center by October 16 and will be due back November 13.

Thursday Bible Study

Our group will continue to read Max Lucado's book, *You Are Never Alone*. We will finish this book on December 8 and then take a short break until January 5, 2023. We have extra books and extra chairs. We start at 11:00 a.m. and then go out to eat when we finish around noon. Please feel free to join us. Please see **Nancy Wadman** if you have questions.

65 and Older Chew and Chat

On Sunday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m. we will be hosting a meal at SFC for those 65 and over. No senior discount is needed. We just want you to enjoy an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. The menu will be homemade beef stew and cornbread. You are welcome to bring a salad, dessert, or side. Come ready to share stories of the past and possibilities for the future.

Chili Champions and Chocolate

Bring your best chili and your favorite chair to our all-church bonfire and chili cook-off. Bring your family and friends as we vote for the best chili and enjoy some hot chocolate and fellowship around a bonfire on Sunday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars – Holiday Bazaar – November 12

Vendors have signed up!
The Quilt is made and is hanging in the Family Center

An Afghan was crocheted by Spiceland Friends Crochet Group!

Tickets are available for both!
Sign-up sheets will be out in the coming weeks!
Start gathering items for Attic Treasures!
See Nancy Wadman if you have questions!



Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

David Brock – recovering from fall
Monica, Dylan & Lorelai Altman – premature birth
David Baker – shoulder surgery
Sandy White – multiple eye injections
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

Tammy (Vickie Richardson's sister) – heart surgery
Roger Mogg (Debra Weber) – knee 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
Debra Weber's mother – recovering from surgery
Pansy Pyle (Pyles) – recovering from COVID
Jamie (daughter of Peggy MacFarlane) – Crohn's
disease
Franka Dick (Tom Pyle's sister) - COVID
Bonnie Knopp (neighbor of Vickie Richardson) – back
and thyroid surgery
Angela (Priscilla James' sister) – COVID
Mother of Debra Weber – carotid surgery
Aaron King & wife (great nephew of Doris Hoover) –
both ill
Ed (brother of Debi Zimmerman) – pancreatic cancer
Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney
failure
Fran Brock (Brocks) – extreme back pain
Carmelle Jordan (Darlings) – stroke
Rick (Linda Wittmayer) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's
Joyce & David Holden (Richard Ratcliff) – David fell
3 times
Naomi Wagner (David Baker's sister) – lung cancer
Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson's mother) –
severe back pain
Step-mom of Teresa Batt – broken hip
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
Rita Beaver (Garners) – bladder cancer
Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain
tumor
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

Sermon Topics for October

David Brock will be preaching the Sundays
in October.

October 2

Sermon – "Prayer in Trying Times"
Scripture – Psalm 143

October 9

Sermon – "Fear or Faith"
Scripture – Psalm 3 & 4

October 16

Sermon – "The Word of God"
Scripture – Psalm 119

October 23

Sermon – "The Word of God – Part 2"
Scripture – Psalm 119

October 30

Sermon – "Waiting for God"
Scripture – Psalm 130 & 131

Don't Miss Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is being
planned for Monday, October
31, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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.

