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to be a multiethnic family of faith,
united by God's grace,
remaining faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ,
growing in obedience to God's Word, and
sharing the Gospel with a
distinctive witness in word and deed.

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John 14:16 "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever."

In our recent study on the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings, we observed how Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit after His return to the Heavenly Father. In John 14-16, He calls the Holy Spirit our *Paraclete*. It is translated above as "Helper." However, there is no single English word that fully conveys its meaning. This is reflected by how our English versions use a variety of terms to translate *Paraclete*. My favorite English translation of John 14:16 is the Amplified Bible Translation, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor-Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever." Apparently, the translators decided, "Why choose one word? Let's include every relevant word!"

The term *Paraclete* reveals just how vital and central the ministry of the Holy Spirit is and how His continuous presence is precisely what we need to live this life with a strong faith in Christ Jesus. Yet, sadly, while we may know that this is true, we often do not give the person of the Holy Spirit and his ongoing work in our lives as much attention as we should. I pray that will change.

On September 13th, at 6:30, we will begin a new Bible study on Wednesday night based on J.I. Packer's book "Keep in Step with the Spirit." The title of this book comes from Galatians 5:25, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." In this book, Packer explores the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual believer and in the church community. It is a theologically strong and biblically sound analysis on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit." This is not just one of my favorite books on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, but it is one of my favorite Christian books overall. I hope you will join us for this new study.

In Him

Pastor Jason

Deacons on Call

September 3rd
Dan Crawford

September 10th
Don Jordan

September 17th
Jim Hartis

September 24th
Dan Crawford

Birthdays for September

September 5
Sean Smith

September 27
Jim Hartis



Calendar of Events Weekly Schedule

Sunday
9:30 am
Sunday School

11:00 am
Morning Worship

Wednesday
6:30 pm
Adult Bible Study

1st and 3rd Saturday
H.F
(Hope for Families-
clothes & food)

Bible Study

Wednesday, September 13th
6:30 PM

Please re-read the last paragraph of the pastor's article on the upcoming Bible study beginning on the 13th. This was the most interested topic for our Wednesday evening class. Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend with you.

Homecoming News

During our planning luncheon and meeting on August 20th our 2023 Homecoming will be held on Sunday, October 22nd. The delay was mainly due to the installation of the new lights in the main sanctuary. It will be exciting to have former members to return and see what a difference the new lights make. Pastor Jason is also working on a special speaker for that Sunday. Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends.

JOY Painting Class

What a wonderful fellowship we had and what fun it was to learn (well for some anyway) how to paint. We had 29 to join in on all the fun and there were some excellent paintings. Thank you, Jim and Wanda for showing us the first steps of painting and Diane and Thane for the BBQ luncheon. Don't feel you missed a great time (even though it was a great time) because we are hoping to do this again before Christmas and do winter scenes. Watch the Contact for future dates and events for the JOY group. You will be surprised at what you can do!

