



# Yucca Breeze

THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS SOUTH DAKOTA SPRINGS

## Pastor's Pulpit:

*The born-again, Spirit-filled Bible believer constantly wrestles between life in this world and knowing the Lord. As we witness the rapid decline in nearly every aspect of society across the globe, it's crucial not to fall into depression or, God forbid, assimilation.*

*Even though we know that evil may have a temporary victory in this world, we must remember that we are the salt of the earth. Salt not only adds flavor but also slows decay. While it cannot prevent the inevitable, it can delay it.*

*We, who were once in darkness, have become the light of the world. Though we were once sinful and dead in our sins, we are now the ones who give flavor and slow the decay of this world.*

*(Amir Tsarfati — Behold Israel)*

*“Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)*

Salt + Light

Matthew 5:13-16

July is a glorious month! The final days of Winter/Spring have been nailed shut. Summer is upon us! Seasons do change. Yet, our task as believers never really does. We are indeed the “light” and the “salt” that Christ said we would be. Inasmuch, we are called to a continuous life of shining in darkness and adding flavor to a hungry world. We are Christ's proof of the new life, the changed life that Christ has not only wrought in our hearts, but as the supreme example of what He is willing and wanting to do in the lives of others. My grandparents used to have a small placard up on their living room wall that stated,

**Only one life will soon be past  
Only what's done for Christ will last...**

He loves folks and wants them to come to Him as their hope of salvation and their assurance of heaven. Our privilege then is simply to walk with Him, living out His life and His offer before others. It's pretty much that simple. I can only encourage you to consider every change of season that we all experience and renew once again the high calling of being His.

**Blessings,**  
Pastor David

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**UPDATE ON THE:**  
**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS — 8:30 AM**  
**IN THE FIRESIDE**  
**A SURVEY OF CHURCH HISTORY**  
**PART 4, AD 1600-1800**  
**WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JULY 6TH.**

**If you missed the first 3 parts of this study, you can still take Part 4!**

### **ABOUT THIS SERIES**

*Many Christians know little about the history of the church. As a result, they're missing a testament of God's steadfastness over the centuries. In this monumental study series, Dr. W. Robert Godfrey sheds crucial light on church history, demonstrating God's promise to build and preserve His church so that "the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).*



Dr. W. Robert Godfrey is a Ligonier Ministries teaching fellow and chairman of Ligonier Ministries. He is president emeritus and professor emeritus of church history at Westminster Seminary California. He is the featured teacher for many Ligonier teaching series, including the six-part series *A Survey of Church History*.

- A Christian nation ...
- **Is that what we are? ...**
- Our Founding Fathers believed so . . . *“I believe there is only one living and true God.”* (Roger Sherman, Signer of the Declaration of Independence). *“I entreat you to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is no salvation in any other.”* (John Witherspoon, Signer of the Declaration of Independence) ...
- **Past presidents agreed: “This is a Christian Nation”** Harry Truman, 33<sup>rd</sup> President); *“The Bible is the one supreme source of revelation of the meaning of life.”* (Woodrow Wilson, 28<sup>th</sup> President) ...
- Because of Founding Fathers stance, they suffered ...
- **Homes burned ... crops destroyed ... imprisonment ... even death ...**
- Let not the sacrifices of our Founding Fathers be in vain ...
- **They recognized Who created this great land ...**
- They knew that that “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness” came from knowing God ...
- **Let us not forget ...**
- **That our country ... was meant to be . . .**



*One Nation Under God*



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES



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*If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church office: by email: [uc@gwtc.net](mailto:uc@gwtc.net) or call 745-5640.*

## THIS AND THAT

### UNITED WOMEN:

The United Women not be meeting in July and August. They will begin meeting again in September. Watch for more details!

### BASIC NEEDS & BEARLY USED BOUTIQUES CHANGE OF DATE!!!

**Our Bearly Used Boutique will be open on Saturday, July 12th from 10:00 to Noon. Pass the word!!!!**

### SERMON SERIES:

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| Sunday, July 6:  | "Royalty"        | 1 Peter 2:8b-10 |
| Sunday, July 13: | "Hour"           | 1 Peter 2:11-17 |
| Sunday, July 20: | "Master Server"  | 1 Peter 2:18-25 |
| Sunday, July 27: | "Marriage Feast" | 1 Peter 3:1-7   |

### MARY/MARTHA BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. Coffee and goodies at 10:00 am with Bible Study at 10:30 am.



*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

Matthew 28:19-20

# *July Mission Emphasis / Ethnos 360*

## *Walter & Cheryl Spicer*

Ethnos360 is a missionary organization that supports many missionaries working in various capacities. The United Churches' support of **Ethnos 360** goes specifically to **Walter and Cheryl Spicer**, who serve in the **Republic of the Philippines**.

The Spicer's have been missionaries with Ethnos360 (formerly called New Tribes Mission) for 32 years, teaching MK's (Missionary Kids) in the Philippines. They serve at Faith Academy (FA) where Cheryl is a school nurse and Walter has had several different ministries, including math teacher, NILD therapist (teaching children with learning differences), middle school counselor, vice-principal, and middle school principal. Their ministry is a vital part in advancing God's Kingdom in Southeast Asia. It is fantastic that we support Walter & Cheryl Spicer in their work on the mission field. Walter is the nephew of Pearl Risinger who was a member of the United Churches and who passed away several years ago.

***Our Loose Change Offering for July will be received on Mission Emphasis Sunday (July 14th) and will be designated for this mission. If using one of our giving envelopes, please write ETHNOS 360 on the line designated for missions.***

### *A Note from Walter & Cheryl Spicer ...*

One of the hardest realities of being a missionary is living away from friends and family, so it is exciting when one comes and lives with you on the mission field. We had mentioned that Abby and Wade visited last March. They were not thinking of missions when they came, but God worked in their hearts. Wade comes from a Christian family that is engaged in their home church and missions. After he saw the tremendous needs and the open door for missions, he wanted to experience it for more than just a few weeks. They want to come for a year, working at Faith Academy. To expedite the process, they will not go through a mission agency; instead, they will be sent directly from their home church. Faith Academy will process their visas. Since there is not much time for partnership development and support raising, they will simply live with us to save on funds—that was Wade's idea. We are thrilled that Wade, Abby, and Eleanor are not only coming to the Philippines, but they will also be living with us and working with us at Faith Academy. Of course, this comes with a cost, so they are writing friends and family to see who God will direct to support them financially and in prayer. If you are interested or have any questions, please email them directly at

[wade.smith@faith.edu.ph](mailto:wade.smith@faith.edu.ph)

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## *A Note from Walter & Cheryl Spicer (Continued) ...*

May was a busy month with all of the closing events and parties at Faith Academy. The senior class was special to Walter as he taught them in middle school. Please pray for them as they transition to their next chapter in life, plus pray for all the staff and other families that are transitioning to home assignment or away from Faith Academy.

Please continue to pray for additional staffing needs at Faith Academy. We are still short a nurse and a middle school math teacher. We mention these two as these positions affect us: Cheryl might be running the health office with fewer hands, and they have asked Walter to teach math until God brings a math teacher.

As we mentioned in our last letter, Cheryl flew to the US to spend time with our two newest grandchildren and Cheryl's parents. It is a joy to see Cheryl holding them. Walter is the Officer in Charge at Faith Academy. We are thankful that all of the summer facilities projects are going well.

The changeover in the administration of the Butterfly Home is going well, but it is still hard. The new administration is swamped with paperwork, so they do not have the capacity to do all that Walter hoped to do with them. But Walter is thankful for the activities that we get to do.

The summer is quickly going by. We are still on track for our goal of 550 students, and Walter has enjoyed interviewing the new families.

Pray that Cheryl's time in the US will continue to go well, and she will have a safe flight back to the Philippines. Pray for Wade and Abby as they prepare to come to the Philippines. Pray that their house will sell before they leave. They arrive in the Philippines the day after Cheryl.

Thank you for your prayers,  
**Walter and Cheryl Spicer**



**WADE, ABBY AND ELLE  
VISITED THE  
PHILIPPINES**