



"...But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you"
- John 15:15b

I just shared an unexpected dinner meal with three couples who were visiting the Island together and attended our Sunday morning service, feeling moved by our sense of connectedness and hospitality. They had developed close friendships over many years and have traveled extensively as a group. I was impressed by the high degree of trust and comradery between them. At the conclusion of our meal, they directed me to the living room where they laid hands on me in prayer, speaking blessings over me and the Lighthouse Community. Priceless.

One of the group described their Sunday experience as something like "putting on a warm coat". I almost teared up as, after 18 years here, they were affirming all we have been working toward in focusing on healthy, honest, supportive relationships with God and one another. Friendships. Where mistakes can be made, where sorrows are shared, where celebrations can happen, where we can encounter Christ's Presence in the most surprising places. I am grateful to the continual "God encounters" Jesus has strewn across my life path, or, "God winks" as one at our table described. *God winks*. Love that.

Your Friend in Jesus,
Scott ❤️
Isaiah 43:19

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Let the SOUP SUPPERS begin!** Join us with your favorite soup at Gerry & Shirley Hollister's house (517-425-2836; 39082 Scammon Beach Rd. , D.I.) on Friday night, **Sept. 19th, @ 6 pm**. And invite a friend!
- We will restart our **Wednesday morning online Bible Study** on

October 1st, 10-11 am. We'll be discussing Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. As usual, no Bible experience is necessary! Our focus is on practical application and supporting one another in the Process. If interested, just email the Church:

(LighthouseChurch906@gmail.com)

- **Join us** Tuesday mornings for lively discussion on how God is working in the midst of our personal challenges.
- **Thursday gatherings** take a break in Sept. and restart on **Oct. 2**, where we begin a journey through the amazing book of Isaiah! *Watch our website for details of time & place!*



Our **Third Quarter Mission's giving** focuses on **local outreach** to families, individuals, and organizations. We've assisted countless individuals and

groups by demonstrating the generous love of Christ through prayerful financial support. You can be a part of this Good News through your own giving on a Sunday morning or online at www.lighthousechurchdrummondisland.com. Collection will be **Sunday, Sept. 28**.

ONGOING REMINDER:

The November Shoebox Gathering is drawing near so anyone who would like to buy items for Shoe Boxes can drop them off at Lighthouse Church, Tuesdays/Thursday 9:30-1 or on Sunday before 1. Check out restrictions and recommendations on the website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/wh-at-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> Thanks. Questions? Contact Sue Tyler (906-493-6283) or Kerry Deal (906-430-7486).



Pearls Of Wisdom. "Who I Am In Christ" I am still that I may know God deeply. See: Psalm 46:10 - Ruth Wise

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Good friends are one of God's greatest gifts. Not one of us is meant to go through life alone and without help. God longs to use you as his



hands and feet to those he has placed in your midst. He longs to make you a friend as he is a friend to us, in order to bless others and extend the reach of his kingdom.

1 Samuel 18:1-3 tells of the powerful friendship of David and Jonathan. Scripture says, *"As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul."*

Jonathan was an incredible example of God's heart for friendship. Jonathan was the rightful heir to the throne of Israel. Behind Saul's pursuit of killing David was his desire to make Jonathan king. But instead of seeking earthly success, Jonathan humbled himself before David and served him, thereby serving his heavenly Father as well. Jonathan chose friendship over worldly power. As a result, David became Israel's greatest king and ushered in the lineage of Christ.

Proverbs 17:17 says, *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."* God longs to transform you into a friend who loves others unconditionally. It's in the hard times that we most need our friends. Yet in the hard times, many friends abandon us for relationships that require less of them. The heart of God is to stick with us through trials, sin, and bad decisions. He never leaves us or forsakes us, and he longs to make us like him. He longs to make us friends that will love through every season of life. He longs to empower us to love, serve, honor, and bless those he has intentionally given us.

God is calling you to love your friends "at all times." He is calling you to a lifestyle of service and grace. What friend of yours needs your help right now? Who can you choose to serve over yourself? What friend is God calling you to love with the love he has shown you today?

1 Corinthians 13:7 says, *"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* May you exhibit the heart of your heavenly Father to your friends by loving them as he has loved you.

(Excerpted from <https://www.first15.org/devotionals/loving-friends-2024/>)

September Birthdays

- 6. Ann Method-Green
- 14. Julie Klop
- 12. Lynn Flannigan

September Anniversaries

- 11. Eldon & Vivienne Seaman

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, PLEASE let us know!)

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