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7th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 19, 2020



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

2 CHRONICLES 15:1 - 8

HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent..... Eduardo Rivera

Today's pianist.....Melba Ward

Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith

Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte

Children's Service Leader.....

Nursery Attendant..... Antonia Terrazas

Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

July 19, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

He Touched Me #367

PRAYER

HYMN

My Hope Is Built #368

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD

MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Heart of Worship & Here Is Love

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 15:1-8

MESSAGE

AMERICA'S HOPE

By Pastor Randy Thomas

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN

THE CHURCH

Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can. Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you bulletin, and place it in the offering.

AMERICA'S HOPE

2 Chronicles 15:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. ² And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you." ³ For a long time Israel *has been* without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; ⁴ but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.

⁵ And in those times *there was* no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil *was* on all the inhabitants of the lands. ⁶ So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity. ⁷ But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!" ⁸ And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the LORD that *was* before the vestibule of the LORD.

What is a revival?

*Stephen Olford: *"the sovereign act of God, in which He restores His own backsliding people to repentance, faith and obedience."*

*J. Edwin Orr: *"times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."* (Acts 3:19)

*Charles Finney: *"the return of the Church from her backslidings, and the conversion of sinners."*

RENEWAL: When God touches the heart of a single individual

REVIVAL: When God touches a community of faith

AWAKENING: When the wider society is impacted

Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones. "He gives the hope for our nation even today. I know of nothing in my own experience, that has been more exhilarating and helpful, and that acted more frequently as a tonic to me, than the history of Revivals.... Church history, and especially he history of Revivals, is one of the best antidotes to [a believer's discouragement and depression in the time we are living in]."

Psalm 85:5-6 (NLT2)

⁵ Will you be angry with us always? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations? ⁶ Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you?

I. CHARACTERISTICS OF REVIVAL

1. Revivals occur in a time when there's deep moral darkness and national depression. 2 Chron 15:3
2. Revivals begin in the heart of an individual, the servant of God who was used by God to lead the nation back to obedience to Him. 2 Chron 15:1-2
3. Each revival rested on the Word of God. In verses 1 and 2, the prophet of God spoke the Word of God and prayer also always accompanies revival.
4. Revival resulted in return to worshiping the one true God.
5. Revival resulted in the destruction of the idols they had worshiped.
6. Revival led to a separation from sin.
7. Revival led the people to offer up to God the blood sacrifices.
8. Revival brought people to the place of a renewed joy.
9. Revival was followed by great national prosperity.

2 Chronicles 15:8-15 (NLT2)

⁸ When Asa heard this message from Azariah the prophet, he took courage and removed all the detestable idols from the land of Judah and Benjamin and in the towns he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim (destroy idols). And he repaired the altar of the LORD which stood in front of the entry room of the LORD's Temple (return to worship of God). ⁹ Then Asa called together all the people of Judah and Benjamin, along with the people of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who had settled among them. For many from Israel had moved to Judah during Asa's reign when they saw that the LORD his God was

LORD which stood in front of the entry room of the LORD's Temple (return to worship of God).⁹ Then Asa called together all the people of Judah and Benjamin, along with the people of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who had settled among them. For many from Israel had moved to Judah during Asa's reign when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.¹⁰ The people gathered at Jerusalem in late spring, during the fifteenth year of Asa's reign.¹¹ On that day they sacrificed to the LORD 700 cattle and 7,000 sheep and goats from the plunder they had taken in the battle (returned to offering up sacrifices).¹² Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul (separation from sin).¹³ They agreed that anyone who refused to seek the LORD, the God of Israel, would be put to death—whether young or old, man or woman.¹⁴ They shouted out their oath of loyalty to the LORD with trumpets blaring and rams' horns sounding.¹⁵ All in Judah were happy about this covenant, for they had entered into it with all their heart (joy and gladness). They earnestly sought after God, and they found him. And the LORD gave them rest from their enemies on every side (great national prosperity).

II. THE REVIVAL THAT SAVED ENGLAND

Hosea 10:12 (NLT2)

¹² I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'

*Fetter Lane Watch Night Prayer Meeting

*George Whitefield

*John Wesley

III. THE GREAT AWAKENING

Alexis De Toqueville would say the following: "I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Notes:

***Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

☐ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

☐ I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.

☐ I will pray for revival in my life and church.

☐ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering.

Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to *any* people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Happy July Birthday's:
 - Staci Schoenfeldt July 19th
 - Bryson Isaiah Chard July 21st
 - Addilyn Ryan July 23rd
 - Nancy Hammond July 24th
 - Kay Griffith July 25th
- ⇒ Children's Ministry will resume in September
- ⇒ School will begin August 3rd. We would like to make care packages for children in need. Donations of basic school supplies are appreciated.
- ⇒ SPRC meeting Sunday August 16th after service.
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
- ⇒ Office hours are the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays through Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:...Tithes & Offerings.....\$860.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....17

YouTube Views (as of Wednesday).....17

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth & Emily Neyland have
continuing health issues,

Johnnie & Olga Rivera.

Kay Magee.

Denna Sadler.

Rosie Hopkins & Susie

Vestal, her mom.

Sara Borden.

Melba Ward.

Sylvia Thomas.

Eva Gail Abington.

Terri Klutts Young, Jim &

Beth Ivy's friend, who

fought cancer ten years

ago, and it has returned.

Kate Finley, Jessica

McGuire Harral's niece.

Tara Bowman, whose
husband Graham, passed
away recently.

Kelli Neeb Kemp.

Mark Walker, Cheryl

Neeb's brother, who is in
critical condition.

Rex Whitfield, having
severe unknown pain.

John Hoffman, recently had
heart transplant.

GOD BLESS

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK