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5th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 5, 2020

JESUS
FOLLOWING

MATTHEW 11:25-30

HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent..... Eduardo Rivera
Today's pianist..... Victor Gene Robbins
Technical Support..... Alexis Duarte & Ray Griffith
Secretary / Bookkeeper..... Christina Duarte
Children's Service Leader.....
Nursery Attendant..... Antonia Terrazas
Custodian..... Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

July 5, 2020

PRESERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

There's Something About That Name #171

When We All Get to Heaven #701

WELCOME

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD

JOYS & CONCERNS/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

My Chains Are Gone

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

MESSAGE

BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART

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.

BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART

Matthew 11:25-30 (NKJV)

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

Romans 1:17 (GW)

¹⁷ God's approval is revealed in this Good News. This approval begins and ends with faith as Scripture says, "The person who has God's approval will live by faith."

I. BELIEVE UPON JESUS BECAUSE OF HIS WORKS

Matthew 11:2-5 (NLT2)

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, ³ "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" ⁴ Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— ⁵ the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor."

John 1:28-30 (NLT2)

This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'"

II. BELIEVE UPON HIM BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 11:7-10 (NLT2)

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? ⁸ Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. ⁹ Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. ¹⁰ John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'"

Malachi 3:1 (NLT2)

"Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

John 5:39 (AMP)

You search *and* investigate *and* pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose *and* trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me!

Abraham Lincoln: "In regard to the great Book, I have only to say it is the best gift which God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this Book. But for that Book, we could not know right from wrong. All

those things desirable to man are contained in it. I return you sincere thanks for this very elegant copy of this great Book of God which you present.”

III. BELIEVE UPON HIM BECAUSE OF HIS OWN TESTIMONY

John 8:14 (NLT2)

¹⁴ Jesus told them, “These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don’t know this about me.

Matthew 11:28-30 (AMP)

²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden *and* overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

³⁰ For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light *and* easy to be borne. Douglas O’Donnell: “So take him up on it. I’m serious. Come on, how heavy is all that junk you are carrying on your back? Has sexual immorality brought you rest? Has partying every weekend brought you rest? Has that perfect girl or guy brought you rest? Has your education brought you rest? Has climbing the corporate ladder brought you rest? Has any of that stuff you keep buying—the house, the car, the vintage sports car, the vacation home, the home entertainment center, the hot tub, the box of Twinkies—brought you rest? Has any of that really brought you rest?”

Following Christ is the hardest thing you will ever do. There’s a yoke—you must follow his rules. And there’s a burden—this stuff you must carry (persecutions, trials, testings). But I tell you, it works. This Jesus is right. He brings the rest every human being longs for, the rest that comes only by being in the right relationship (with Him). So get rid of the pride, come to the Son, and find that rest you’ve been longing for—both now and in the life to come.”

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 commit to follow Jesus whatever the cost.

___ 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

Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Happy July Birthday's:
 - Paul Ward & Wallace Vazquez on July 1st
 - Blain Ward on July 2nd
 - Orlando Blanco (Angel Tree) on July 4th
 - Paul Yeager today, July 5th
 - Kate Trent on July 6th
 - Bradyn Ryan and Jasper Schoenfeldt on July 7th
- ⇒ 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.....\$2,410.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....14

YouTube Views (as of Thursday).....4

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

The Neyland's: David who is undergoing chemo and recently had surgery, Ruth who has continuing health issues, and Emily who is currently living at the nursing home.

Johnnie & Olga Rivera.

Kay Magee.

Blaine Ward.

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.

Graham & Tara Bowman.

Kelli Neeb Kemp.

Mark Walker, Cheryl

Neeb's brother, who is in critical condition.

Rex Whitfield, who is having severe unknown pain.

THANKS FOR JOINING US

GOD BLESS