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Ministers: All Members /

Pastor: Randy Thomas

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

September 13, 2020



Better

Because normal isn't working.

HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent..... Eduardo Rivera
Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins
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

September 13, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Great Thou Art #77

PRAYER

HYMN

Victory in Jesus #370

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

I'll Fly Away

God Is Good All The Time

Word of God Speak

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

MESSAGE

BECOMING A MASTERPIECE

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.

BECOMING A MASTERPIECE

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NKJV)

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Isaiah 14:12-15 (NLT2)

¹² “How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. ¹³ For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. ¹⁴ I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT2)

¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

I. UNDERSTAND WE LIVE IN A MESSY WORLD

Romans 5:12-13 (MSG)

¹² You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we’re in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. ¹³ That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses.

*First, God sent His Son into the world through Him might be saved.

*Second, God would take a people out of all nations to be His church.

II. KNOW THAT GOD IS NEVER FAR FROM US

Acts 17:26-27 (NLT2)

²⁶ From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. ²⁷ “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. “Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You’d walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there

was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you; Never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

III. THROW A PARTY IN THE PIT

*Joseph in a pit

Acts 16:23-26 (NLT2)

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

IV. TURN TRAGEDIES INTO TRIUMPHS

*Self-limiting beliefs

1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV)

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Romans 8:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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 take the steps above to become who God wants me to be.

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

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT2)

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UPDATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:
 - Trell Herrera September 14th
 - DA Herral September 23rd
 - Olga Rivera October 1st
 - Justice Marie Chard October 1st
 - Chel Duarte October 2nd
 - Jim Ivy October 5th
 - Mason May October 7th
 - Cato May October 9th

- ⇒ The annual charge conference will be Monday, October 19th at noon. The following committees will meet as follow to prepare:
 - ◇ Lay Leadership: Today after service
 - ◇ SPRC: Sunday, September 20th
 - ◇ Finance: Sunday, October 4th
 - ◇ Administrative Board: Sunday October 11th

- ⇒ Join us Monday September 14th for a Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the parlor.

- ⇒ Needed: A temporary volunteer to prepare children's story/lesson (on paper) for use during services.

- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.

- ⇒ 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.....\$1,800.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....25
YouTube Views (as of Thursday).....21

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.

Kate Finley, Jessica
McGuire Harral's niece.
Adrienne & Jim Horton and
family , who lost their
daughter unexpectedly.
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil George.
Shawn Bealls, melanoma
behind eye.

