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Ministers: All Members /

Pastor: Randy Thomas

20th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

October 18, 2020

UNITY
in
GRACE

ONE CROSS, ONE SAVIOR, ONE BODY

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

October 18, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

His Name Is Wonderful #174

PRAYER

HYMN

I Love To Tell The Story #756

Oh How I Love Jesus #170

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Higher Ground

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Ancient Words

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

MESSAGE

ONE BLOOD

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.

ONE BLOOD

Acts 17:22-31 (NKJV)

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." .

Galatians 3:28 (NLT2)

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

I. ONE RACE

*Darwin and Racism

Stephen J Gould: "Biological arguments for racism may have been common before 1859, but they increased by orders of magnitude following the acceptance of evolutionary theory."

*What is a race?

Revelation 5:9 (NLT2)

⁹ And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

II. THE BIBLE SHOWS THERE IS ONE RACE

1. All humans are descended from Adam and Eve.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NLT2)

The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit.

2. We have all descended from Noah and his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 9:18-19 (NLT2)

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who came out of the boat with their father were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham is the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ From these three sons of Noah came all the people who now populate the earth.

3. God scattered the people at the Tower of Babel because of their united rebellion against Him.

Genesis 11:8-9 (NLT2)

⁸ In that way, the LORD scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

III. SCIENCE SHOWS THERE'S ONE RACE

*Skin pigment called melanin which comes through our genetics determines skin color, eye color, and hair color.

Ken Ham: "We all have the same skin color, just different shades of it.

1 John 4:7 (GW)

⁷ Dear friends, we must love each other because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born from God and knows God.

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 help our church look more like our community.

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

Acts 17:26 (NKJV)

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings....



⇒ Happy Birthday:
James Schoenfeldt October 20th
Carla Vazquez October 23rd
Zachary Munoz (AT) October 23rd
Beth Ivy October 29th
Zabrina Blanco (AT) November 1st
Randy Thomas November 7th
Happy Anniversary
Chel & Viola Duarte October 28th

- ⇒ If you would like to submit your “Upper Room” type devotionals for distribution to our members in December, please do so before October 28th.
- ⇒ The annual church conference is tomorrow, Monday, October 19th at noon. All members are invited to attend.
- ⇒ Join us Monday 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.....\$450.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....20

Online Views (as of Thursday).....20

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth & Emily Neyland who
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.
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil George.
Shawn Bealls who has
melanoma behind an eye.
Arcillia Garza is seeing a
specialist in Dallas for an
unknown mass.
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.
Sondra Bynum who has a
tumor in her thyroid.
Kendra Armstrong who has
cancer in the uterus.
Brett Magee has upcoming
knee surgery.

GOD BLESS!

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!