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Pastor: Randy Thomas
4th Sunday after Epiphany – Gold
January 31, 2021

FIRST
THINGS FIRST

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 31, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Standing On The Promise # 374

PRAYER

HYMN

Break Thou The Bread Of Life # 599

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Come Thou Fount

How Great Is Our God

Word Of God Speak

Ancient Words

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17

MESSAGE

STUDYING THE BIBLE

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.

STUDYING THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,
¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*Amazing Prophecy of Tyre in Ezekiel 26:7-14

Dr. H.L. Willmington points out about this prophecy:

*Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, was to capture the city.

*Other nations would later participate in Tyre's destruction.

*The city was to be scrapped and made flat, like the top of a rock.

*It was to become a place for the spreading of nets.

*Its stones and timber were to be laid in the sea (Zech 9:3-4)

*The city was never to be rebuilt.

*Ezekiel wrote about 590 B.C. In 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar surrounded the city of Tyre. The siege lasted thirteen years and the coastal city was destroyed in 573 B.C. But Tyre consisted of a coastal and island city. In 332 B.C. Alexander the Great arrived on the scene. He built a bridge from the coast to the island by throwing the debris of the old city into the water and literally scraped the coastline clean. He destroyed the island city and from that time it has been used by local fishermen. Tyre has never been rebuilt just as prophesied. So over a period of two and a half centuries this prophecy was amazingly fulfilled.

I. WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

First, in II Timothy 3:14-17 Paul **says** the Bible is true, teaches the way of salvation, for doctrine, correction, and prepares us to serve God.

Second, it's through the Bible that we grow spiritually. Do you have a daily Bible reading plan?

Matthew 4:4 (NLT2)

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Third, we must see the Bible as the very breath or words of God to us.

Psalms 19:7-8 (NLT2)

The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living.

*What is the final word of authority in our Lives? Accept the Bible as our authority.

II. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF BIBLE STUDY?

*Transformation. Change us from baby Christians to becoming fully grown in Jesus Christ.

D.L. Moody said, "The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives."

1 Timothy 4:7 (NLT2)

⁷ Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.

III. READ THE BIBLE

*Which translation: New King James Version & New Living Translation

Psalm 119:18 (NLT2)

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.

IV. MEDITATE ON IT

Psalm 1:1-2 (NLT2)

¹ Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ² But they delight in the law of the LORD, **meditating on it day and night.**

1. Imagine being there. Imagine being with Moses at the Red Sea and crossing the sea. What did you see, hear, smell, think?
2. Repeat the passage. Read through a verse several times each time emphasizing a different word in the passage.
3. Personalize the Bible. Put your name in the passage making it more personal.
4. Turn the Bible verse into a prayer. Philippians 2:14 states Do everything without complaining and arguing. So pray like this: Lord help me do all things without complaining. Give me self-control to do what you want me to do without arguing. When I speak today, please help me do it without any complaining or arguing.

V. LIVE IT

Information + Application = Transformation

Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

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 put into practice one or more of the challenges above.

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

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⇒ Happy Birthday:

Carolyn Sadler February 11th

Harold Snyder February 12th

Alex Guitierrez (Angel Tree) February 12th

Alexis Duarte February 14th

Christina Duarte February 15th

Glynetta Card February 21st

Ruth Neyland February 24th

⇒ LAY SERVANT TRAINING

◆ Upcoming Training Schedule

◇ Basic Lay Servant, Rev. Tina Cross, Facilitator

Saturday, February 6, 2021, 9:00 am MT

◇ Advanced Lay Servant – Leading Public Prayer, Rev. Layloni Drake, Facilitator

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 9:00 am MT

◆ Contact the church office for more information

⇒ The Church office is open Monday and Thursday from 9-12 and 1-3. All calls and emails will be answered throughout the week between 8-5.

⇒ 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 open Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5. Donations can be dropped off at any time.

⇒ Our Food Bank is in need of donations of dry and canned goods, and is available during scheduled office hours.

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,620.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....21
Online Views (as of Thursday).....16

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth & Emily Neyland who
have continuing health issues.
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.
Kay Magee.
Denna Sadler.
Sara Borden.
Melba Ward.
Sylvia Thomas.
Eva Gail Abington.

Shawn Beeles who has mela-
noma behind an eye.
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.
Brett Magee recovering from
knee surgery.
Frank Granado who is recover-
ing from pneumonia
Steve Genette has been diag-
nosed with kidney cancer

