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Pastor: Randy Thomas
2nd Sunday in Lent— Purple
February 28, 2021

ABRAHAM,
THE FATHER OF A MULTITUDE

GENESIS 17:1-8

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
Custodians.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 28, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Am Thine # 419

PRAYER

HYMN

What A Friend We Have In Jesus # 526

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

This Is The Day

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy Ground

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17:1-8

MESSAGE

ABRAHAM, THE FATHER OF A MULTITUDE

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.

ABRAHAM, FATHER OF A MULTITUDE

Genesis 17:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴ "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸ Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

I. GOD CALLED ABRAHAM

Genesis 12:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*God commanded Abraham to leave his home and go to a place he would show him.

*We are all sent ones in the sense of where God has placed us.

II. GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

Genesis 15:5-7 (NLT2)

⁵ Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" ⁶ And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith. ⁷ Then the LORD told him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

*God promises Abraham he will have descendants which will be Israel who He will give the Promised Land.

*The Messiah and Savior will come through Abraham and the nation.

*God allowed Abraham to go through trials to grow him.

Romans 4:3 (NLT2)

For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

III. ABRAHAM'S CALVARY

*His son Isaac was born

*God tested Abraham's faith and obedience by commanding him to sacrifice his son: "My son God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen 22:8).

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NLT2)

¹⁷ It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, ¹⁸ even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

*Biblical typology: Abraham as the Father who offered his only Son. Jesus as the Son of God willingly offering Himself. Mount Moriah the site of the Crucifixion.

*God changes his name from Abram (exalted father) to Abraham (father of a multitude)

Galatians 3:6-7 (NLT2)

⁶ In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." ⁷ The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in 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 seek to know what God's plan for my life is.

___ 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

Romans 4:3 (NLT2)

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Announcements

⇒ Happy Birthday:

Kati Harral Rodgers March 1st

Jake Harral March 3rd

Arnie Haro March 7th

Ray Griffith March 12th

Demby Ivy March 13th

Cody Schoenfeldt March 14th

Kyle Card March 27th

⇒ Special Upcoming Online Training

- ♦ March 27, 2021 at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - See All the People, leadership training with David Teel, Discipleship Ministries

- ♦ April 24, 2021 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Sustained Accountable Structure (One Board) Training, David Teel, Discipleship Ministries

⇒ The Church office is open Monday and Thursday from 9-12 and 1-3. 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.

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

⇒ 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.

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,700.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....24

Online Views (as of Thursday).....12

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
Steve Genette has been diag-
nosed with kidney cancer
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GOD BLESS

Have a fantastic week.