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Pastor: Randy Thomas
3rd Sunday of Easter – White
April 18, 2021

The 10 Most Important People In HIStory

*JOHN,
THE BAPTIST*

MATTHEW 11:7-11

HERE TO SERVE

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 18, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

When We All Get To Heaven # 701

PRAYER

HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed # 714

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand # 724

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:7-11

MESSAGE

JOHN, THE BAPTIST

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.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 11:7-11 (NKJV)

⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"

⁸ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. ⁹ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ For this is *he* of whom it is written: '*Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.*' ¹¹ "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Isaiah 40:3-4 (NKJV)

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth...."

I. JOHN'S MIRACULOUS BIRTH

Luke 1:11-13 (NLT2)

¹¹ While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. ¹² Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. ¹³ But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John.

Luke 1:68-69 (NLT2)

⁶⁸ "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. ⁶⁹ He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David.

II. JOHN BAPTIZING AT THE JORDAN RIVER

Matthew 3:5-11 (NLT2)

⁵ People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. ⁶ And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. "You brood of snakes!" he exclaimed. "Who warned you to flee God's coming wrath?" ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. ⁹ Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ¹⁰ Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

John 1:29-34 (NLT2)

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.’³¹ I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.’³² Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him.³³ I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”

III. THE GREATNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John 3:30 (NLT2)

He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

.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

John 3:30 (NLT2)

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Announcements

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:
 - Ella Ward April 19th
 - Tanner Ward May 2nd
 - David Neyland May 7th
 - Vic Ivy May 13th

- ⇒ Basic Lay Servant Training June 12th

- ⇒ Special Upcoming Online Training
 - ◆ April 24, 2021 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Sustained Accountable Structure (One Board) Training, David Teel, Discipleship Ministries
 - ◆ April 24 - Advanced Lay Servant Training - Rev. Vernon Baker - 10:00 am
 - ◆ April 26 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #1 - 4:00 pm
 - ◆ May 10 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #2 - 4:00 pm
 - ◆ May 24 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #3 - 4:00 pm
 - ◆ June 7 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #4 - 4:00 pm

- ⇒ The Church office will be *closed* this Monday and will be open on Thursday from 9-12 and 1-3.

- ⇒ 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.

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$2,450.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....22
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
melanoma behind an eye.
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.
Brett Magee recovering from
knee surgery.
Frank Granado
Steve Genette.

GOD BLESS

Have a fantastic week.