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Ministers: All Members /
Pastor: Randy Thomas
7th Sunday of Easter – White
May 16, 2021



ASCENSION
of
JESUS

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

May 16, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amazing Grace # 378

PRAYER

HYMN

What A Friend We Have in Jesus # 526

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

HYMN

Hymn of Promise # 707

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:10-16

MESSAGE

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED

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.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED

Acts 9:10-16 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." ¹³ Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

I. WE NEED TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. PSOB Commentary: "God loves and cares for His people; therefore, He often places individuals in our lives who encourage and assist us during difficult times (Ec. 4:8-12). Most people know what it is to have *fair-weather friends*: people who are near in life's good times, but nowhere to be found when problems arise. True friends are quite the opposite; they stay the course through all of life's valleys no matter what the situation. When trouble confronts us, it is then that we find out who our true friends are!"

II. I HAVE LEARNED TROUBLES WILL COME

1 Peter 4:12-13 (ESV)

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

III. I HAVE LEARNED TO GET BACK TO BASICS

Jim Elliot: "It makes me boil when I think of the power we profess and the utter impotency of our action. Believers who know one-tenth as much as we do are doing one-hundred times more for God, with His blessing and our criticism. Oh if I could write it, preach it, say it, paint it, anything at all, if only God's power would become known among us."

Acts 6:4 (NLT2)

Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word."

1. We need to know we are children of God.

Galatians 3:26 (NLT2)

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

2. We are seated with Him in Heavenly places. We are overcomers. He has given us authority to overcome the Devil.

Romans 8:37-39 (NLT2)

³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Someone has pointed out: it doesn't say well done good and successful servant but well done good and faithful servant.

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 make studying the Word of God a priority in my life.

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 8:37 (NLT2)

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Make A Note!

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:
Eli Schoenfeldt May 27th
Joyce Card May 27th

- ⇒ Retirement **CELEBRATION** for Pastor Randy Thomas
Sunday May 23rd after service.

- ⇒ We will partake Holy Communion for Pentecost, May 23rd.

- ⇒ Basic Lay Servant Training June 12th

- ⇒ Special Upcoming Online Training
 - ◆ May 24 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #3
- 4:00 pm
 - ◆ June 7 - Church Finances for Missional Leaders #4
- 4:00 pm

- ⇒ 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.....\$3,350.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....22
Online Views (as of Thursday).....5

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

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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 is progressing
and treatment are succeeding.
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.
Brett Magee recovering from
knee surgery.
Frank Granado.
Olga Rivera recovering from
gallbladder surgery.

