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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Do You Have the Faith of Abraham"
Genesis 15:6

PM: Brian Mitchell
"The Word (Pt. 1)"
John 1:1-3

Do You Have the Faith of Abraham?

The Father of the Faithful, that is who Abraham is. Not because Abraham always did the right thing but because he trusted enough in God to leave everything else behind and follow Him. Abraham was truly one of the most remarkable men in the history of mankind in general, but especially so in the history of religion.

Three of the world's main religions actually trace their heritage back to the Patriarch Abraham. The Muslims trace their spiritual heritage back to Abraham through his son Ishmael and his descendants. The Jews trace their spiritual heritage back to Abraham through Isaac and his descendants, as do Christians.

To Christians Abraham is referred to in the Bible as the father of all the faithful. "11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised (Rom.4:11-12).

It is here that the Jews have lost their connection to God because the sons of Abraham are no longer those who share a connection to him through blood. Rather those who share a connection to him through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, for those who believe in and obey Jesus, Abraham is their spiritual father. He was and still is a truly remarkable man.

So as our father in the faith what lessons can we learn from Abraham. Without doubt the most remarkable characteristic of Abraham which is worthy of our emulation was his great faith in God. Paul says of Abraham, "Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (Rom.4:3). "Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all of the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all" (Rom.4:16). "So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham" (Gal.3:9).

James later would use Abraham as an example of saving faith." 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only (Jm.1:21-24).

Here is a great example of what it actually means to believe in God. It is more than just words it involves actions. Thus, Abraham was a man of great faith, because of what he did in relation to God. What about Abraham's faith made it so pleasing to God? What lessons can we learn from Abraham about faith that can help us to have the same kind of faith? It is to these questions that our attention will be directed today.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 100
Sunday AM: 163
Sunday PM: 74
Wednesday PM: 89
Contribution: NC
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 4:16

Celebrating This Week...

Birthday

Kenny Simmons: 05.15
Asa Campbell: 05.16
Newt Gilliland: 05.16
Kathy Green: 05.16

Anniversaries

Todd & Jenny Newman: 05.16
Jeff & Ashlee Garland: 05.20

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Ridenour

Ushers: Shawn Myers/Leonard Fulbright

A/V: Dylan Seabaugh

Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland

Head Lord's Table: Steve Simmons

Scripture: Sid Naramore

Prayers

AM: Gary Ridenour/Greg Dowdy

PM: Nate Crowden/Gary Miller

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland

Devo: Nick Brown

Prayer: Brian Mitchell

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Dan Silvers

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Daily Bible Reading

May 15: Ezra 7-10

May 16: Nehemiah 1-3

May 17: Nehemiah 4-6

May 18: Nehemiah 7-9

May 19: Nehemiah 10-13

May 20: Esther 1-3

May 21: Esther 4-6

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Tony Boyd

Thelma Brown

Frances Byers

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Newt & Kay Gilliland

Wayne Graham

Allen Hedge

Tim Hosey

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

David McDowell

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Lena Schweain

Susan Seabaugh

Steve Simmons

Sarah Singleton

Ethan Spraggs

Mike Turnbow

Lucky Vander

Chris Weaver

Betty Welshans



Celebrate With Us!

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go Graduation Party for **Taylor Fehr, Christopher Newman, Emma Spraggs,** and **Lili Watson** on **Saturday, May 21** beginning at noon at Cape County Park North Pavilion #4. Hamburgers & hot dogs and fixins will be served beginning at noon. Please let one of the moms know if you expect to attend so they can plan for food.

Remember in Prayer

- **Troy Bryan** is recovering well from his back surgery and was with us for worship on Sunday!
- **Cheral McLain** had surgery on Wednesday and is doing well. She expected to go home on Thursday.
- **Susan Seabaugh** is scheduled to have an injection in her neck on Thursday to hopefully help with the pain she has continued to experience.
- **Bill Dillman** was able to return home on Monday and is doing well so far. He will continue in-home therapy.
- Remember Kim Spraggs' sister, **Julie Kelso**, as her cancer has returned.
- Dan Silvers' older brother was scheduled for a heart procedure on Friday.
- Margaret Dowdy's brother-in-law, **Jerry Tesreau**, is having health issues and covets our prayers.
- Randy and Emma Seabaugh have requested prayers for their friend, **Mark Blaylock**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. He will begin chemo treatments soon.

Sympathy

We offer our love and sympathy to David & Inger Selvig and their family in the sudden unexpected loss of David's step father, **Randy Manum**, who passed away on Monday evening from a heart attack. Arrangements were incomplete at time of printing, but we ask that you keep the entire family, including David's mother, Mary, in your prayers as they grieve.

News & Notes

- **Mike Turnbow** is in need of help with some yardwork. If you are available to help, please give him a call to make arrangements.
- All ladies are invited to a wedding shower to honor Dallas Naramore's fiancé, **Sarah Adams** this **Sunday, May 15 at 2pm** in the fellowship room. Dallas and Sarah will be married on July 9 and they are registered at Target and Crate & Barrel.
- Join us as we celebrate all our graduates at a potluck lunch on **Sunday, May 22** following morning services. The following high school seniors will be honored: **Taylor Fehr** (Jackson), **Destiny Meyer** (Advance), **Christopher Newman** (Jackson), **Jasmine Pfeiffer** (Jackson), **Emma Spraggs** (Jackson), **Landyn Walls** (Homeschool), **Lili Watson** (Jackson). **We will also be honoring our recent COLLEGE graduates: Katelyn Fehr (Harding) and Dylan Seabaugh [SEMO (December)].** Gift bags are available on the table outside the office to drop cards or small gifts to be given at the potluck.
- The truck from Paragould Children's Homes will be here on **Monday, May 23** to pick up. Please have all donations at the building by May 22.
- The annual **SEMO Children's Homes Fish Fry** will be hosted by the Dexter church of Christ on **Monday, June 6**. All are welcome to attend and meet some of the home's staff and children.
- We have scheduled our VBS this year as a one-day VBS "**Saturday Extravaganza**" on **June 18**. The theme will be "**Passport Through the Parables**". Please watch for details and sign-ups to help.
- All ladies are invited to a "**Crafternoon**" on **Saturday, June 25**. There will be a devotional time as well as fingerfoods and crafts! Watch for more details and see Jennifer Huskey with questions.
- There are still a few spots open for the **Branson Trip** scheduled for **June 24-26**. See Larry Dowdy for more information.