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if you are able to count them.”
Then he said to Abram,
“So shall your descendants be.”*

*And he believed the Lord;
and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.*

Our Worship of God

September 18, 2016
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9:15

Abraham and Sarah: Stories of Faith and Failure

“I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore.”

Genesis 22:17

Opening Our Hearts through Song
You

I Will Trust in

Scripture Reading
Bills

Anne Marie

Genesis 15:1-17

God’s Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land...”

Song of Response to God’s Word

We

Believe

Song of God’s Word

Stars

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Offertory

You Are I

Am

Message

The Promise

Carol

McEntyre

Song of Response

Trust In

You

Invitation to Pass the Peace of Christ**Announcements** – What’s Going On in the Life of the Church**Benediction**

Carol

McEntyre

God’s promises endure from generation to generation.
May the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the God who sent Jesus to redeem us,
the God whose covenant is eternal,
bless you and make you fruitful.

Dismissal*Thank you for joining us for Worship today!*

Worship Notes

I Will Trust In You by Jeremy Camp (106659)

We Believe by Newsboys (6367165)

Song of God's Power - Stars by Skillet (7060494)

You Are I Am by MercyMe (6293930)

Trust In You by Lauren Daigle (7025522)

Today’s Scripture reader is Anne Marie Bills

Notes:

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 18

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

6-8 pm College/Young Adult Bonfire

The McEntyres' House

Wednesday, September 21

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Thursday, September 22

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 23

5:00 pm SAFE dinner

Fellowship Hall

6-8 pm SAFE Seminar

Fellowship Hall

5-7 pm UMC Choral Concert

Sanctuary

Saturday, September 24

10 am – 12:30 pm SAFE Seminar

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 25

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

Announcements

It's a Celebration! To honor Colleen's 25 years as our organist, please plan to attend the recital on Saturday, October 8th at 1 p.m. followed by a tea; and the catered lunch following Traditional Worship on Sunday Oct. 9th. Full details are in the latest Spire and on posters around the church.

The Serving Team meets this Tuesday, September 20, from 5:30-7:30 in the conference room.

Fall Bible Study Opportunity: What does Scripture tell us about how God sees humanity and the relationship we share? Understanding our relationships with other people is difficult. How can we understand our relationship with God? Over 6-7 weeks, we will explore what selected Scriptures reveal about God's original intent for humanity, starting with creation narratives, going through the Law and the Prophets as well as what Jesus and Paul tell us. Classes will be on Mondays, starting tomorrow at 2:00 in the parlor. David Gifford will be teaching.

Sign up today for the SAFE Seminar: Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment takes place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24. Full details are in the latest Spire and on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby.

Embracing the gift of intimacy and creating safe spaces for children: On Sunday September 25, Le Ann Gardner, who is a licensed clinical social worker and an ordained minister, will be preaching in both worship services. She will be talking about the theology behind what she is teaching in SAFE; what it means to embrace God's gift of intimacy and sex; and how we can create safe spaces for all of God's children.

College and Young Adult Ministry: Join us tonight at from 6-8 p.m. for a bonfire at the McEntyre's house.

New day and time for The Calling, our weekly youth Bible Study, is Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15 p.m., beginning Sept 14th. Come and learn about our new interactive experience for 6-12th graders, Studio 1B, which is designed to engage discipleship in a creative way.

The Odyssey Chamber Music Series and First Baptist Church present
Chanticleer in Concert!

With its seamless blend of twelve male voices, Chanticleer is world-renowned as “an orchestra of voices,” and for its original interpretations of music from Renaissance to jazz and from gospel to venturesome new music.

Plan now to attend!

Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased in the office
or on line at www.odysseymissouri.org.



9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15

while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten, may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv.

Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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