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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The book of Deuteronomy serves as a sermon Moses delivered to the generation who would enter the land of promise. This generation was born in the desert and needed a fresh reminder of the law of God as this new chapter of the history of redemption began. Knowing the people's inclination to be unfaithful, and realizing the power of song in worship and in memory, the Lord commands Moses to write a song that would serve as a testimony in future days. So Moses' sermon is followed by a hymn of response.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Moses begins: "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth" (Deuteronomy 32:1). Thus he calls on heaven and earth as witnesses at the end of this remarkable covenant renewal ceremony. This prelude of his song continues, "May my teaching drop as rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!" (32:2, 3).

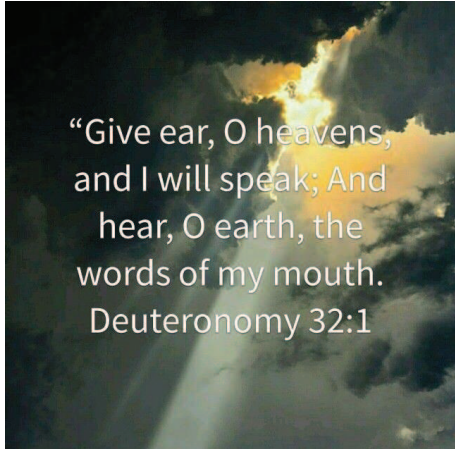
Brothers and sisters, this song continues to witness to the Lord, to his goodness, and to his saving work for his people. We continue to sing this song even today. We sing not only to "tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done (Psalm 74:4), but also "that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!" (67:2, 3).

Joining a heavenly and earthly chorus, and based on Deuteronomy 32:1, the theme of our Missions Conference this year is, "Let the Earth Hear His Voice." It will not surprise you that our chosen conference hymn is Fanny Crosby's "To God Be the Glory." It is a privilege to participate in God's mission to bring those from every nation, tongue and people into his everlasting kingdom. And what a joy it is to sing about it.

Remember that as we hear from the missionaries we support and as we pledge, based on our faith in the promises of God, to continue and perhaps even to expand our support for them, we do so because we long for the earth to "be filled with the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" Habakkuk (2:14). And how thrilling it is to know that as God's word goes forth from his mouth and falls like rain upon the earth, he says, "It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I send it" (Isaiah 55:11).

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

In His Grace,
Pastor Josh



"Give ear, O heavens,
and I will speak; And
hear, O earth, the
words of my mouth.
Deuteronomy 32:1

FEBRUARY 2022



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		1 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30 am <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 6:30 pm <u>B-day:</u> Logan Griffith	2 <u>Wed. Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study:</u> 6pm	3	4	5 <u>B-day:</u> Kip McClure <u>B-day:</u> Price McClure
6 <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	7 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am <u>Women's Ministry</u> <u>Council Meeting:</u> 3pm <u>B-day:</u> Phil Huizinga	8 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30 am <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 6:30 pm	9 <u>Wed. Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study:</u> 6pm	10 <u>B-day:</u> Kelly McNutt	11	12
13 <u>Deacon Meeting</u> <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Communion</u>	14 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	15 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30 am <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 6:30 pm	16 <u>Wed. Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study:</u> 6pm <u>Session Meeting:</u> 7pm <u>B-day:</u> Hallie Jane Basinger	17 <u>B-day:</u> Joyce Huizinga	18	19
20 <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	21 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	22 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30 am <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 6:30 pm	23 <u>Wed. Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study:</u> 6pm	24 <u>B-day:</u> Ezran Resto	25	26 <u>Missions Conference</u> <u>Men's Breakfast:</u> 8am <u>Ladies' Luncheon:</u> 11:30am <u>BBQ Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Missions Presenta-</u> <u>tion:</u> 6:30pm <u>Refreshments/</u> <u>Fellowship:</u> 8pm
27 <u>Sunday School:</u> 9:30am <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Missions Conference</u> <u>Fellowship Potluck</u>	28 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am <u>B-day:</u> Mike Cork	27 <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 9:30 am <u>WM Hinged Study:</u> 6:30 pm	28 <u>Wed. Dinner:</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study:</u> 6pm			

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: David Coddington and Ray Evans

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Eloise Harris

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Ministry Hinged (Ephesians) Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or at 6:30 pm.
- Dinner/Bible Study, Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall; dinner is at 5:30 pm and the Bible study is at 6:00 pm. The study is called “The Holy Spirit and Prayer,” and it will show us how the prophets, apostles, and early Christians relied on the Holy Spirit as they prayed so that with His help, we will pray too. Join us at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings.

<u>2021</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,012.00	\$ 98,454.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,039.38	\$ 73,856.15
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,972.62	\$ 24,597.85
<u>2020</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,385.00	\$ 98,465.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,143.62	\$ 85,261.02
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 241.38	\$ 13,204.84

DECEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

DEACONS CLASS OF 2025: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 7: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 3:00 pm

February 13:

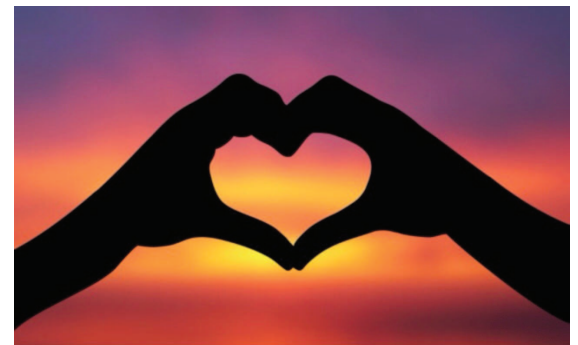
- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.

February 16:

- Session Meeting, 7pm (immediately following the Wednesday Bible Study.)

February 26-27: FPC 35th Annual Missions Conference. See page 4 for more detailed information.

NOTE: The monthly Hooked on Prayer (HOP) meeting will be cancelled in February, but will resume in March.



And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
Colossians 3:15

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Symon Family on the birth of Abigail Grace Symon, born on January 12, 2022. Parents are Nick and Lindsay Symon, and grandparents are Billy and Ruth Symon.

35TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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Theme: “Let The Earth Hear His Voice”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:1 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.”

Hymn: “To God be the Glory”

Missionary Speakers: Doug McNutt and Jimmy Dukes

Mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27, for our 35th Annual Missions Conference. This event will be a weekend full of missions programs to include a men’s breakfast, women’s luncheon, and evening BBQ dinner on Saturday. Sunday’s worship service and our monthly fellowship luncheon potluck will conclude the Missions Conference events. Also, please be in prayer for all of our Faith Promise missionaries as we seek to continue supporting their ministries.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, February 26

8:00 am — Men’s Breakfast

11:30 am — Ladies’ Luncheon

5:30 pm — BBQ Dinner

6:30 pm — Missions Presentation

8:00 pm — Refreshments and Fellowship

Sunday, February 27

9:30 am — Regular Sunday School

11:00 am — Worship with Missions

12:00 pm — Fellowship Luncheon Potluck

***PRAISE THE LORD!
PRAISE THE LORD!
LET THE EARTH HEAR
HIS VOICE!***

FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENT

Your Faith Promise gift is used directly for our church supported missionaries. **Our church giving toward these missionaries is determined entirely upon your pledges.**

Your pledge will be submitted anonymously; it is not a promise to support these missionaries that is made to the Church, the Session or the Missions Committee... it is faith commitment between God and YOU.

The Faith Promise Pledge campaign will run through March 27, 2022. Please pray how you can support these missionaries doing God’s work throughout Demopolis, the State of Alabama, the United States and throughout the world.

FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENT

April 2022– March 2023

I am praying and trusting that God will enable me to be more involved in the work of missionaries, locally and throughout the world. I pledge my gift during the upcoming missions year:

\$ _____ yearly gift,

\$ _____ monthly gift for the next 12 months, or

\$ _____ a one time gift.

This gift is over and above my regular tithe to the church.

Faith Promise Supported Missionaries

The Women’s Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center, Demopolis
Clete Hux — Apologetics Resource Center, Birmingham, AL
Palmer Home for Children, Hernando, MS
Doug McNutt — Trinity Center For World Missions, Central Africa
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes — Reformed Evangelical Fellowship, Peru
Chaplain Ministries — Mission to North America, U.S. Military
Aaron & Leticia Zapata — Mission to North America, Mexico
Robert & Lisa Stewart — Mission to the World, Japan
Andy & Bev Warren — Mission to the World, Ethiopia
Jonah & Jennifer — Frontiers, at undisclosed Muslim country
Joy Ayabe — Wycliffe Bible Translators, Papua New Guinea
Beth Acton — Wycliffe Bible Translators, Papua New Guinea

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

FEBRUARY 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Beth Acton	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Hoggle, Judy
Allinder, Kate	Hooks, Chesnee
Bazuin, Caiden	Huizenga, Fran
Beale, Amy	Hux, Karen
Beard, Ken	Ivy, Kendall
Beard, Ronnie	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beeler, Peggy	Kelly, Dale
Belcher, Samuel	Lane, Barbara
Brantley, Maggie	Lawson, Connie
Brooker, Chrissy	Lewis, Kathy
Brooker, Jan	Ligon, Brandon
Busby, Rhae	Mackin, Jimmy
Bynum, Linda	McIntier, Jodie
Cannon, Mary	Mize, Bethany
Chastang, Kristy	Morgan, Laura
Coker, Jean	Mutisya, Cecilia
Craig, Noah	Parr, Higley
Curry, Walter	Plummer, Kaegan
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sall, Terry
Dyer, Doug	Sharp, Chris
Emerson, Sandra	Sims, Anna Katherine
Espy, Emily	Sims, Sarah
Finley, Betty	Thornton, Alaina
Foshee, Barbara	Tipton, Carolyn
Griffith, Michelle	VanderMolen, Popko
Hall, Jimmy	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Womble, Caleb
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Zimmerman, Steve
Hayes, Betsy	
Hocker, Jeannie	

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin
Rick Wilson
Kendall Ivy
Jimmy Hall
Kristy Chastang
Bethany Mize

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Linda Dunning

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison
Abigayle Kircharr

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
Sam Brasfield
Steven Mackin
Victor Resto
Joseph Wilson
Josh Tyson
Blake Ivy

Pregnancies:

Katie Gill (due 6/22)