

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “Great Is the Lord”... *p. 12*.....Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Genesis 15:1-6*.....Reggie Jackson

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.”² 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?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴ 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.”⁵ 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.”⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

HYMN ... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 54

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Forgive us, and bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”333

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ...*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*..... Molly Abbott

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he

stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

ANTHEM ... “We Live by Faith”.....Choir

SERMON ..*Kingdom Faith*Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”...*vs.1, 2 and 4*.....538

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

6:30 p.m. Recreation

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Swimming at the Park

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting at the Dunn’s

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

SATURDAY

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cookout and Swimming at the Park

NEXT SUNDAY

6:00 p.m. A Community Service of Hope and Renewal ... EMHS Auditorium

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY The Robinsons

NEXT SUNDAY Amy Friery and Laya Smith

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunder’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco’s Team

PRAYER LIST

<p>Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Rachel McCaskill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington, Karen Dailey, Bob Morgan, Dave Buckland, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Tina Cripps</p> <p>At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner</p> <p>Friends and Relatives of: Molly/Wayne Abbott</p>			<p>Paul/Thelma Hussey Janie Rumbly sister Meryl Johnson sister-in-law Mildred Hunsucker friend Harold Johnson brother Reggie Jackson Marian Jackson mother Mary James Benny McBride friend Bob & Sue Moore niece/ husband Pam Morgan niece Butch/Nancy Jenkins Sylvia Long friend Amy Wilson friend John Moore Nancy's father Candy Loflin Cristie Thomas friend Beth Holt friend Misty Morgan friend Mabel Ann Luther Wanda Pierce daughter Max/Jane Luquire Iris Luquire sister-in-law Jo Brooks friend Barbara Lynthacum J.D. Thompson nephew Melissa Green daughter Jean Maness Helen Mabe aunt Carol Luther friend Janet Maness Polly King friend Sylvia McAlister Tammy Parker friend Rachel McCaskill Marsha Norris grand-daughter Kay Rush daughter Pat/Bob Morgan Jesse Wallace friend Roy and Carol Myers John Myers son Jeff Robinson June Spears friend Nancy Ruppert Marie Spoon sister</p>		
<p>Monnie Jenkins friend Juanita King friend Tony Lawson friend Toni Atcheson sister Cassie Jenkins granddaughter Martha Garner sister Tammy Laprade sister Audrey Grace Bryan...friend Junior Reynolds brother Pat Jones brother-in-law Retha Brooks Sue Ann's mother Faye sister Pete Thomas brother-in-law Lee Kasik grandson-in-law Lee Hurley cousin Wes Key uncle Shelly Hawthorne friend Todd Reece friend Scott Reece friend Lynn Saunders cousin Judy and Estella daughters Mary Chunn grandmother Tom Nelson brother-in-law</p>	<p>Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart</p>				

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 13 Cookout and Swimming at Biscoe Pool
 August 14 Community Service of Hope and Renewal at EMHS Auditorium
 August 17 Youth Meeting at the Dunn's
 August 25 Lunch with Arnold Jacob
 August 27 Back to School Bash at Cam and Carolyn Brown's