



January 13-14, 2018

Pastor Notes:

Abram – the Church- and Spiritual Maturity

What you live for and what you'd die for says a lot about you. Maybe even more importantly who you live for and who you would die for. It tells of what is important to you, who is most important to you, what you're passionate about, whom and what you value, what is most precious to you, what you hold most dear, what means the most to you.

Abram (most of us know him as Abraham) needed to sort something out with Lot his nephew. Both men were very wealthy but they needed to split up. Abram, the older, told Lot to pick, "If you go right I'll go left. If you go east I'll go west." The first thing Abram did in his new location was set up an altar to worship God. Lot picked what was easier and also better for the bottom line and settled close to Sodom. Sodom promptly got invaded, lost the war, and Lot and family ended up as captives, plundered of their wealth. As soon as Abram heard of it he organized a force to go and rescue Lot and the other captured people. After the battle Abram encountered Melchizedek the priest of God and made an offering, he gave a tenth (tithe) of all the spoils to him. The king of Sodom asked Abram to just give him his people back and told him to keep all their retrieved possessions. But Abram refused he wanted no part of the stuff of the people of Sodom; he knew it came with strings attached. (If you want the details, read Genesis 13-14). Now what does this tell us about Abram, who and what he was living for and who and what he was willing to die for?

- He didn't live for stuff; he wasn't greedy. He was willing to settle for less, was generous, and didn't want other folks' things.
- He cared about peace and was willing to humble himself for it, sacrifice what was easy for it, take the shorter end of the stick for it.
- Seeking and worshipping God came first, even in a new place.
- He loved family; he was willing to die in the effort to rescue Lot.
- Honoring God with his wealth was important to him; the blessing of God was important to him.
- He valued his freedom; He didn't want to be beholden to anyone but God.

So what does Abram have to do with the church? He illustrates that true men and women of God live for and are willing die for certain things, they chose to live by different values, by things that are important to God. Few things are as important to Jesus as his church; he died for it, "... **Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her**" Ephesians 5:25 (NLT). Jesus considers the church his bride - family, no wonder he was willing to lay down his life for her. Growing in our relationship with God, maturing in our faith in Christ means that, like Abram/Abraham, we increasingly love what Jesus loves, we more and more live for what is important to God, we order our lives around what God values.

Join a sound church today. Love you, Pastor Hans





Lord Hear Our Prayers

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: Sandra Perry 484-2022 or e-mail BATTprayer@yahoo.com Or Claudette Siebert 852-0105

PRAYER REQUEST

*Helen & Forest settling in The Hampshire,
Health & recovery: Olivia Hankemeier, Erma Jordan,
Debbie Fuller*

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Mike Sharland, Justin Mebus,
John Michael Chavez,
Joseph Kopp, Dylan Werner,
Michael Thomasson,
Thomas Hoffman,
Chris Kelly, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown,
Jonathan Grinols, Austin Kroeker
Rebekah Wilhelmy

SALVATION

Nick,
Susan Watts brother
Greg, Phillip, Luke,
Skip, Farney,
John Boykin, Peter,
Mariah Ellis, Josiah,
Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner,
Dan

PRAY FOR:

families but our enemies. Teach us how to ask for more according to your will. Teach us how to pray in power and faith.

Lord, we want to be pleasing to you. So please, show us where and with what we are not accountable, where we are putting our own interests before yours, where we are uncommitted to that which you want us to commit to, where we are unconcerned where your heart breaks, where we are proud instead of humble, where we are selective in the application of your word, and where we resist and grieve the Holy Spirit.

Lord, you challenged us to be childlike in our faith, to be harmless and wise at the same time, to care about sinners, peace, justice, mercy, the lost, the displaced, the outcasts, those not like us, even the very least of humanity. Give us the heart, the will, long-term obedience to engage ourselves, to get dirty, to be worn out, poured out, and used for your glory and kingdom.

Lord, you told us to deny ourselves, to pick up our cross and follow you, to love you more than father and mother, children, friends, and country, to be radical in dealing with our sin and be patient with the sins of others, to go into and live in this world, in Don Pedro, Greely Hill, Coulterville, and La Grange like you did Jesus, and there to make disciples. We again commit ourselves to all of these, asking you for the strength, the power, and perseverance they require.

Lord Jesus, we love you, we love belonging to you, being led by you, and being your church, together here in this place. You alone are worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing, honor, power, and glory.

Amen

2018 Church Members' Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

Son of God, Creator, Sustainer, Savior, High Priest forever, Lamb of God slain for the sins of the world, Redeemer, friend of sinners, head of the church, your very body and bride.

We, as a local representation of your body, your flock, your fellowship, your family, your church lift up your name, worship you, and give thanks for you to God the Father, for who you are, what you are, and what you have done.

We thank you for loving us when we were unlovable, enemies of God, dead in our trespasses and sins, without hope, without merit, lost and condemned.

We stand amazed that you would seek for us, come to us, offer us your very life; extend to us mercy and grace, forgiveness and reconciliation, salvation and eternal life.

We marvel that you would pour out the Holy Spirit on us, entrust the Gospel to us, and consider and call us to be your body, your representation, your presence in this world in our time.

Lord, today, as the Lake Don Pedro Baptist church we pray for your harvest here where you have placed us. We are struggling to bring it in. Show us what we are missing, where we are lacking. Multiply the harvest workers. Forgive us where we have been slack, lazy, preoccupied, and unwilling.

Lord, this year teach us about prayer. Prayer that is larger than our daily needs, deeper than our concerns for health, safety, comfort and good times. Teach us about prayer that enters the battle against temptation, the unmovable, the demonic, evil and the evil one. Teach us to love and pray for more than our friends and

January Announcements

Christmas Shoeboxes

Irene and I took 132 shoeboxes to Modesto Gospel Mission, and they really appreciated the gifts. We want to say, "Thank You" for your generosity in helping us make this happen. I'm sure the families and the children loved it.

Thanks again,
Linda Bettencourt



Upcoming Events

Good Friday - March 30th
Easter Sunrise Service - April 1st

**Please do not rush off after the service.
Pastor would like us all to gather out
front, with our signs for a picture.**

Giving & Attendance

January 7, 2017

Offering:
\$4,899.29

Facilities:
\$100.00

Lottie Moon:
\$370.00

Attendance:
109

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:
9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service:
10:30 A.M.

1st Tuesday – Food Ministry
9:00 A.M.— 11:00 A.M.

3rd Tuesday - Food Ministry
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Wednesday – Woman’s Bible Study
10:00 A.M

Wednesday - Bible Study/Small Group
For all ages @7:00 P.M.

Thursday - Dominos-Chicken Foot
10:00 A.M.

Thursday - Crafts, Hobbies &
Fellowship 1:00 P.M-4:00 P.M.

Saturday - Bible Study/Small group
5:45 P.M.

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Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God’s Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.

Ready?

TO GIVE

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ACCOUNT



January 15th - January 21st

DAY 1 - Gen 21-22
(Proverbs 16)

DAY 4 - Gen 27-28
(Proverbs 19)

DAY 2 - Gen 23-24
(Proverbs 17)

DAY 5 - Gen 29-30
(Proverbs 20)

DAY 3 - Gen 25-26
(Proverbs 18)

DAY 6 - Proverbs 21
DAY 7 - Proverbs 22

“Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.”

Romans 14:12