

- Announcements -

Floor Construction: Thanks for your patience and understanding during our ongoing floor project in the Social Hall, Kitchen and Sunday School Wing. THANKS to the volunteers who have been helping! By FAITH we will have the project completed by the end of August! :)

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns;
Unending love, Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures. He will my shield and
portion be, As long as life endures.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Joi Hasz**, as she recovers from an angiogram this past week, during the procedure they found a blockage and were able to place a stent.

***Oliver Hollinsworth**, (infant son of Kylee & Tyler) as he continues to be a patient at the Sanford Children's Hospital.

***Danny Hauger**, (Amy Fischer's Uncle) as he recently fell off a ladder, and suffered multiple injuries.

*We pray for all of our **Care Center Residents and Assisted Living Residents** as well as the **Staff** who work so hard in caring for them.

***Betty Hoff**, ***Lee Guthmiller**, ***Marjorie Sayler**, ***Jean Reiners**, ***Bill Headley**, ***David Walloch**, ***Jessica Schaeffer**, ***Nancy McCoy**, ***Glenda Walker**, ***Lee/Pat Pommerville**, ***Les Mehlhaff**, ***Delmar/Betty Janke**, ***Robert Gramkow**, as these individuals are in various stages in their battle against cancer and/or other health struggles. We praise the Lord for His Power that is mightily at work within each one, giving them strength day by day!

***Travis Gramkow** (U.S. Navy - Virginia), ***Aaron Helgerson** (U.S. Navy - Florida), ***Katie (Schultz) Paulsen** (U.S. Air Force - Brussels, Belgium), ***Troy Heckenlaible**, **Derek Fischer**, **Dan Wonnemberg**, **Katie Huber**, **Trevor Bertsch**, **Dustin Gall**, **John Neth**, **Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), ***Lee Heckenlaible**, **Carmen Taylor**, **Jennifer Masterson**, **Brett Andersen**, **Evan Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), ***Corbin Auch**, ***Travis Brandt**, **Tyler J. Brandt**, ***Jayme Schaaf**, ***Jake Haider** (U.S. Army), ***Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy), - we pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!

"ABRAHAM - FRIEND OF GOD"

TEXT: Hebrews 11:8-16

- A. ABEL shows us how to ENTER the Life of Faith.**
- B. ENOCH shows us how to LIVE the Life of Faith.**
- C. NOAH shows us the WORK of the Life of Faith.**
- D. ABRAHAM shows us How To Be a FRIEND of God through Faith.**

NOTE: 3x's in Scripture Abraham is referred to as a FRIEND of God." (See II Chron. 20:7; Is. 41:8; James 2:23)

IN CHRIST, we are His FRIEND! (John 15:15)

ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF A LIFE OF FAITH:

1. The JOURNEY of Faith!
Hebr. 11:8

NOTE: We're talking approx.4,000 yrs. ago, and approx. 500 yrs. after the Flood of Noah.

God's Calling:

Gen. 12:1 - "The LORD said to Abram, ' LEAVE your country, your people and your father's household'

Gen. 12:4 - "So Abram LEFT, as the LORD had told him;"

NOTE: Abram set out from Ur of Chaldeans (present day IRAQ) and went to Haran (northern SYRIA), a journey of at least 600 miles!

NOTE: How Strong was Abraham's Faith?

Hebr. 11:8 - "He obeyed and WENT , . . ."

Acts 7:2 - God said, "Leave your country, so he LEFT . . ."

A. What Does Jesus Say to You? Luke 9:23 -

II. The PATIENCE of Faith! Hebr. 11:9,10

NOTE: Abraham is living in the Promised Land as a Stranger/Alien. It would be at least 600 yrs. before Joshua would lead Israel across the JORDAN River! (see Acts 7:2-6)

"Through FAITH and PATIENCE we inherit what has been promised."
Hebrews 6:12