



Weekly Booster

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What is the Abrahamic Covenant?

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people, and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you.

*"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."*

– [Genesis 12:1-3](#)

God's covenantal relationship with his family marks a distinct turning point in history with the introduction of God's covenant with Abraham. In the first eleven chapters of Genesis, humanity is depicted in a continual back spiral toward sin. Then in Genesis 12:1-3 the introduction of God's plan for a path toward redemption is unveiled.

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“A half-truth is a whole lie.”

“We would worry less about what others think of us if we realized how seldom they do.”

Reminders

October 29th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

October 30th

No Sunday School for PK-6th & Jr/HS
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
HS Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

October 31st

Halloween

November 2nd

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

November 3rd

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

November 5th

Fall Back One Hour

November 6th

Communion Sunday

****Worship Assistants are needed
for November 20th & 27th**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**



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The Abrahamic Covenant

The Abrahamic covenant comes in a series of three covenantal interactions between God and Abraham, which build upon each other ([Genesis 12:1–3](#); [Genesis 15:1–21](#); and [Genesis 17:1–27](#)). Through these interactions, three overarching promises are made by God:

- 1 – Abraham would be given land ([12:1](#))
- 2 – From him would come to a great nation – even though he and his wife had not been able to have children at the time the promise was made ([12:2](#); [15:2](#))
- 3 – Through God's blessing of Abraham and his descendants the whole earth would be blessed ([12:3](#))

Key aspects of this covenant are its unconditional elements, its universal benefit, and its everlasting nature.

An Unconditional Promise

The promises that God gave to Abraham ([Genesis 12:1–3](#)) do not require any righteous actions on Abraham's part and are unconditional in nature. In the exchange in chapter 15, God bears the responsibility of covenant fulfillment by participating in a self-maledictory covenantal ceremony stipulating symbolically that he himself will bear the consequences should the covenant be broken by either party. God does, however, call Abraham to live in loyalty and faithfulness with him in response to divine grace ([Genesis 17:1](#), [10–14](#)).

For All People

From the very outset, this covenant was not solely focused on the blessing of Abraham and his descendants, but rather the entire world was seen as the ultimate beneficiary of this covenant— it is universal.

For All Eternity

This covenant also finds significance as it is established as an “everlasting covenant” ([Genesis 17:7–8](#)).

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“Learn from the mistakes of others. You’ll never live long enough to make them all yourself.”

Volunteers Needed



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School** 10:15
Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Chancel Choir –**
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Wednesday
 CLOSED

Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Who fell out of a window while Paul was preaching?

- a) Demas
- b) Timothy
- c) Philemon
- d) Eutychus

Who threw and cursed King David?

- a) Shimei
- b) Absalom
- c) Ahithophel
- d) Abishai

For how many days did King Ahasuerus show the riches, splendor, & pomp of his kingdom?

- a) 30 days
- b) 40 days
- c) 100 days
- d) 180 days

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 30th – Jodi Anderzhon, Gary Milstead
- 1st – Tom & Sue Spears
- 2nd – Jourdan Perkins
- 5th – Amelia McIntosh

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our Youtube
channel only. <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: **Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope

People: We wish to see Jesus

L: With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

P: We wish to see Jesus

L: With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace

P: We wish to see Jesus.

“Changing Course”

Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:-4, 11-12

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Songs

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #110

Beautiful Things (Screens)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #340

I Surrender All #354

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 81

Online Worship – 12

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

Answers for Oct 23rd are a) Ezra a) honey and milk d) Saul

Quiz Hints – Q1 Acts Q2 2Samuel Q3 Esther

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The people of Israel across their history hold onto the promises of this covenant and appeal to them ([Exodus 32:13](#)) and Yahweh himself remembers these promises and acts accordingly ([Leviticus 26:42](#)). In the New Testament, Mary and Zechariah saw Christ's birth in terms of God's covenant with Abraham ([Luke 1:72-75](#)).

The ultimate fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant comes in Jesus Christ, the true "offspring" of Abraham ([Galatians 3:16](#)). Those who are in Christ are now also considered "Abraham's offspring" and heirs of the covenant promises through the new covenant. ([Galatians 3:29](#)).

Article from content in the [NIV Study Bible, Fully Revised Edition](#).



A reminder that each Sunday evening, unless notified otherwise, there will be confirmation beginning at 6:00 pm followed by Youth Group at 7:00 pm with Pastor Clark.

Over twenty-eight years ago, concerned citizens in the Shenandoah community had a dream of all community families having a happy and healthy holiday and formed the **Adopt-A-Family** project. Our church will provide a local family-in-need with a brighter holiday with gifts appropriate for their age or need. No adult information will be given, this way we can help the children in more families. The Quester's Sunday School Class is undertaking this project for the church. This year we will be able to ask for contributions of money in the Mission Cans as we have done before. The mission Cans are placed on top of the wooden offering boxes and just inside the middle set of the sanctuary doors. As soon as I receive the information from the **Adopt-A-Family** committee regarding the size of the family and items on their wish list, I will put the information in the Booster. Thanks for your ongoing support for this important community project. *Edi Norris*



Yes, it is that time of the year! Next week, November 6th it will be time to set your clocks back one hour. Mark your calendar for next Saturday and set all your clocks back one hour before going to bed.



F.Y.I. in the next couple of weeks we will begin taking orders for poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The cost this year will be \$15.00 per poinsettia. An order form and envelope will be provided and then drop it in the wooden offering boxes when completed. You are encouraged to order early.