



Weekly Booster

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God's Covenant with Moses Fulfilled Through Jesus

The Mosaic (Sinaitic) Covenant

Abraham and his descendants had never been told in any detail when or how the promises to them of land, a great nation, numerous descendants, and being a blessing to the whole earth would be fulfilled.

The children of Israel could have easily surmised that God had forgotten them as they languished in Egypt for about 400 years. But God rescued them in Moses' day and brought them to Mt Sinai. There, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Law (Torah). Because of their disobedience afterward, they had to wander for 40 years in the wilderness, but God eventually brought them under Joshua to the edge of the promised land with a second giving and updating of the Law.

The covenant with Moses was a conditional one, based on a sovereign-vassal treaty form developed in the second millennium BC, which the whole of Deuteronomy closely follows. Deuteronomy 28–29 rehearse in detail the stipulations and the rewards for the Israelites' obedience to the Law and the punishments for their disobedience. Long life, prosperity, safety, and freedom from foreign oppression

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*“Truth does not depend
on a consensus of opinion”*

Reminders

January 21st

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

January 22nd

Youth, Jr/Sr Sunday School
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
HS Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

January 25th

Encountering the New Testament
Study with Pastor David - Noon
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

January 26th

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed
for February**

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



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would flow from keeping the Law. Disasters, tragedies, warfare, exile, and foreign occupation would eventually come after repeated, flagrant disobedience.

To be clear, the Mosaic covenant was about temporal prosperity, not eternal salvation. God had already “saved” his people in the exodus – in the crossing of the Red Sea – and in bringing them to the promised land. However, the law detailed how they were to live out a life of pleasing God now that he had rescued them. Their success and failures are found in the rest of the historical books of the Old Testament which detail the cycles of prosperity and punishment of the Israelite people based on their behavior.

The Coming New Covenant

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the Lord. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” Jeremiah 31:31–34

The prophet Jeremiah’s description of a new covenant demonstrates that the Mosaic covenant was never intended to be everlasting in its original form. The apostle Paul picks up on this as well when he speaks of three purposes of the Law.

1. While it was in effect, it functioned in a custodial fashion acting as a deterrent to sin. (Galatians 3:21-4:7)
2. It also highlighted people’s sinfulness, showing them their need for one who could fully save them. (Romans 7:13–25)

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****Office open next week
Monday-Wednesday, Closed
Thursday, Open Friday
(subject to change)**

"You get a second chance every second"

Volunteers Needed



Church Office Hours

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

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

****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.

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.



Where was Joshua buried?

- a) Timnath-serah
- b) Cave of Machpelah
- c) Mount Hor
- d) Waters of Meribaj

Which city refused to give food to Gideon's army?

- a) Jericho
- b) Succoth
- c) Shechem
- d) Beth-shemesh

Which son of David rebelled against his father?

- a) Nathan
- b) Solomon
- c) Adonijah
- d) Absalom

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



17th – Kris Anderzhon, Claudia McEvoy

18th – Jack Brady, Doris Swank

20th – Dalton Weiss

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

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of who shall I be afraid?

L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after.

P: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

“Spirituality of Fishing”

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Third Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Songs

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies #173

Oceans (screens)

Step by Step #3004

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #2129

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship - 81

Online Worship – 18

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 Jan 15th are a) their yes d) Hegai's custody a) Miriam
Quiz Hints – Q1) Joshua Q2) Judges Q3) 2 Samuel**

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3. For the Christian, the Law is fulfilled in Jesus (Matthew 5:17–20). We understand how the coming of Christ and the teaching of the New Testament have changed the application of each part of the Law. It still functions as a moral guide for believers (Galatians 5:13-6:10).

The New Covenant Fulfilled

The old Mosaic covenant was doomed to failure because of the congenital human inability to fulfill its requirements. But with incalculable mercy and love God resolved this fundamental relational problem by becoming a human being himself, through Jesus Christ, to do for human beings what they could not do for themselves: perfectly fulfill the relational demands of God's covenant by his perfect obedience and pay the steep price for everyone else's disobedience. All who put their faith in this Godman have these immeasurable benefits applied to them. The consequent divine-human relationship is now secure because, in essence, God is on both sides of the relationship—the divine originator of the covenant and the one who fulfills it.

The prophet Jeremiah provides the essential details of the new covenant. He says it will not be like the old covenant in that the law would now be put in the minds and written on the hearts of God's people. Consequently, there will be an intimate, personal knowledge of God shared by every segment of society.

This new relationship with God is made possible because of his forgiveness of sins. The New Testament makes clear that all of these details of the new covenant find their fulfillment in Jesus (Luke 22:20). He makes possible a relationship with God in which believers have the law in their minds and on their hearts through the indwelling Holy Spirit who facilitates intimate fellowship with and personal knowledge of God (compare Romans 8:1–11; John 14:23) all possible because of the self-sacrifice of Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 10:11–18).

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Giving Statements for 2022 was sent by email on Wednesday, January 11th. For those that have their Booster delivered or mailed, your statement is included with this booster. If you have questions about your statement or want a paper copy, please contact the office.



Graveside service for Ethel Isaacson Gentes will be held on Saturday, January 28th starting at 11:00 am at the Summit Cemetery (north of Yorktown). There will be a luncheon following the service at the Yorktown Community Center.



Methodist Minute: A Fire in Epworth

John Wesley was born on June 28, 1703, to Samuel and Susanna Wesley. You may have heard of various ministries, buildings, or churches named Epworth within the Methodist tradition. This was the town in which John grew up.

Samuel, his father, was a priest in the Church of England. At the time in England, there were many conflicts between the protestant Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church. There was instability, chaos, and violence of successive kings or queens who belonged to the opposing branches of the church.

Added to the division between Protestants and Catholics was the dissenting movements such as the Puritans who were rebelling against the Protestants and the monarchy. Both Samuel and Susanna's grandparents were Puritan ministers. But both Samuel and Susanna, in their own time, moved away from the Puritans in support of the monarchy and the Church of England.

In February of 1709, when John Wesley was 5 years old, the rectory, or parsonage, caught on fire in the middle of the night. While there was no evidence to support the claim, Samuel said that it was the work of angry parishioners. As the family managed to escape, they noticed that John was not with them. He was still asleep in the attic. His brother Charles tried to go up the stairs to get him, but the stairs collapsed. John eventually awoke and got himself to the window. Two men, one standing on the shoulders of another, were able to reach John at the window to rescue him.

John would later see himself as "a brand plucked from the burning" (Zechariah 3:2). One who was saved from the fire for a purpose.

Grace and peace,

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