



PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

*From the
Pastor*



Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Wow, whenever I read that calling from God, I get the chills. This is kind of like a triple value meal: burger, fries, and a coke. God is promising Abram three things in his "to go" bag: a great name, a great nation, and the blessing of God. God also promises that he will curse those who curse him, and all the families of the earth will be blessed. This is similar to a drive through with no cars and a car wash at the end! It seems like God will give Abram a path where the way would be paved, and that he will not experience adversaries along the way.

However, this promise had one caveat. Abram had to leave his current situation. He had to leave his country, his father's house, and to follow God to some land that God will eventually show him. God is offering an adventure of a lifetime! So Abram obeys the Lord and takes his whole family into this promised land.

Abram sets up a home in Canaan where God promises the land to his offspring. Abram also sets up a couple of places to honor the Lord. Then the very next line in Genesis 12:10 describes something shocking, "Now there was a famine in the land." How could this be? Famine in the promise land? Does this mean no more triple value meals? No more drive through with no cars?

The famine in Canaan was so difficult, Abram had to leave to Egypt. Can you imagine what he must have felt or what his prayers were like? "Lord, I have been obedient to you and left my father's house to this place where I am starving. What happened to the blessing? How am I going to be a blessing to others when I am here removed from land you told me to reside?"

The lesson for us here is that even though God says he is going to use us and bless us, it does not mean there will NOT be difficulties along the way. Who would have ever thought of a famine in the promised land? Yet, God in his sovereignty, knew exactly what Abram needed to encounter along the way. In order for God to fulfill his promises, Abram had to face the period of the "famine in the land."

As we leave the circumstances of 2020 and step into a new year, we adventure out into unknown territory with our families to what promises to be better year than last year. 2021 will not be a drive through without any cars. It will be filled with situations where we will be challenged and asked to step up in our faith to believe God will get us through the "famine" times.

Blessings to you as we traverse this pandemic together.
Pastor Eric

Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.



- 2/01 Ruth Clum
- 2/06 Dave Beshear
- 2/08 Jonas Durham
- 2/08 Betty Norment
- 2/11 Rana Donahoo
- 2/11 Cynthia Simmons
- 2/13 Allen Jenner
- 2/13 Tess Floyd
- 2/16 Nathaniel Hoey
- 2/17 Suzi Chisholm
- 2/17 Bitsy Horton
- 2/17 Susan Thomas
- 2/18 Timothy Hoey
- 2/25 Al Kloet
- 2/26 Bettye Bates
- 2/26 Jane Berdine

Henderson Christian Community Outreach

We will be collecting shampoo and conditioner for HCCO during the month of February.

We collected 47 toothbrushes and 35 tubes of toothpaste during the month of January!

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!



“What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus” is a new sermon series and online Bible discussion through the book of Mark.

There is also an online discussion on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Please join us as we follow Jesus through the book of Mark. Zoom Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403, Passcode: 500727



**American
Red Cross**
Blood Drive

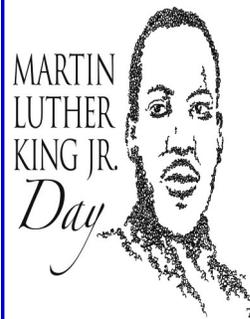
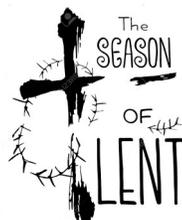
The American Red Cross will be hosting a Blood Drive here at the church on Monday, February 8th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is February 17th.

We will have devotional books available for the Lenten season this year. More information will be available soon!



The Henderson – Henderson County Human Rights Commission held a Day of Celebration service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 18th at noon.

The service can be viewed on YouTube at www.YouTube.com/HendersonFirstUMC



AND SO DO WE!! Please help our church care for the little ones in our **Nursery** or help with the elementary kids in **Children's Church**.

If you are willing to do this periodically on a rotational basis, or have questions, please contact the church



We have weekly Sunday School class opportunities to learn and grow available for all ages. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am. Please join us!



The Adult Sunday School Class uses "The Wired Word" to look at current issues in our world and draw biblical application from scripture. The in person class is led by Tom Mioduszowski. This class is also available via Zoom (Meeting ID: 959 5801 9748, Passcode: 144400). If you have any questions about the Zoom Meeting please contact Pastor Eric.

The Youth (Middle/High School) are viewing and discussing the movie, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" from the Chronicles of Narnia. This class is led by Walt Dickinson.



The Children have a fun and interactive class. They are currently learning about God through the animals in the Bible. This class is led by Helen Posey.



Marsha's Place has an immediate need for nursing and mentoring volunteers.

They are currently opening a second center location on Letcher Street in Henderson and possibly a new location in Union County in the near future.

If there are men or women in the church who would like to serve to help Marsha's Place please contact them at 270-826-9674.

*"The three most important
things to have are
Faith, Love and Hope.
But the greatest of them is*

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13



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