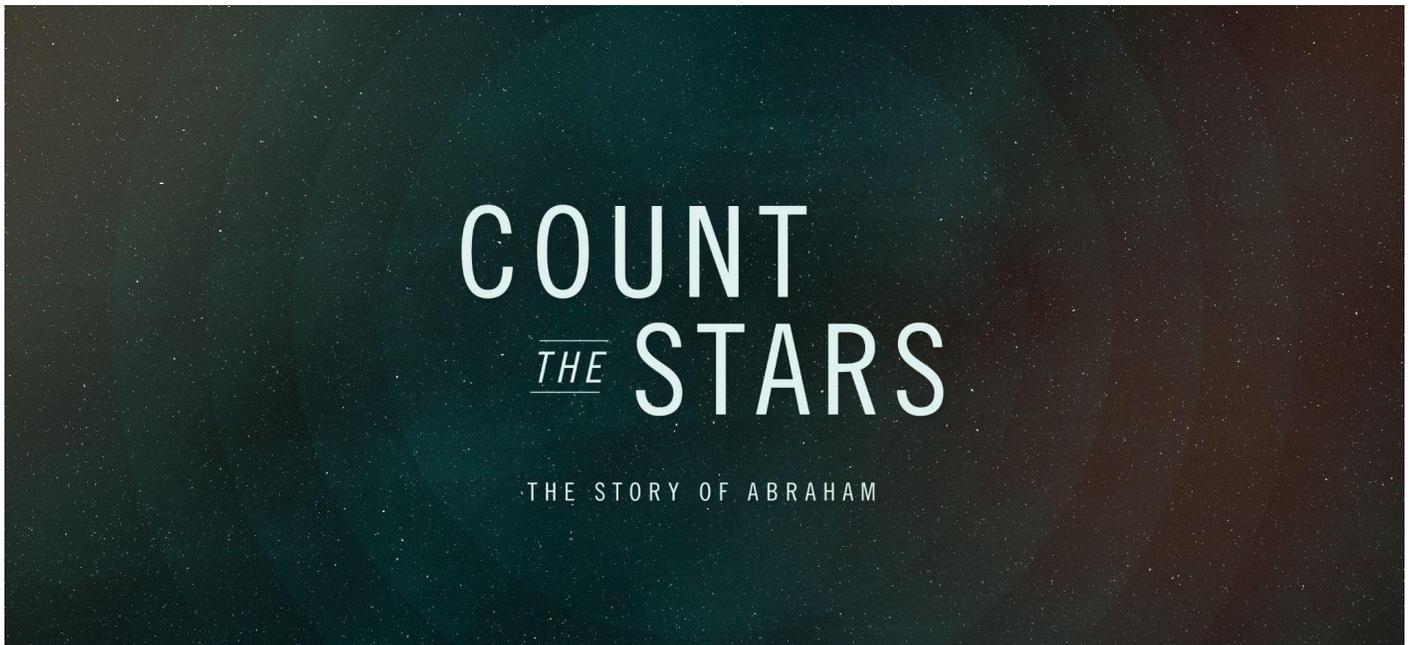


October 17, 2021

Laughing at the Promises of God



This Sunday, Pastor Jonathan is giving part 4 of *Count the Stars*, a series on the story of Abraham.

In Genesis 17, 18, and 21, there is a motif of laughter.

- “Then Abraham fell on his face and *laughed* and said to himself, ‘Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?’” (Gen. 17:17).
- “So Sarah *laughed* to herself, saying, ‘After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?’” (Gen. 18:12).
- “And Sarah said, ‘God has made *laughter* for me; everyone who hears will *laugh* over me’” (Gen. 21:6).

When God promises Abraham and Sarah that they will have a son, they both laugh. Their laughter is a laughter of doubt, but eventually their laughter turns to a laughter of amazement.

God has also given us some incredible promises. **We can laugh at God’s promises either with a laughter of doubt or a laughter of amazement.**

Sunday Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Singing

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Praise

Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 2:1-10

Prayer of Confession

1 John 1:8, 10
Silent Confession
1 John 1:9

Singing

Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)
There Is a Fountain

Prayer of Intercession

Psalm 34:15, 18
Prayer (Michael Samillano)

Singing

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-8 (Ruth Moquin)

Sermon

Laughing at the Promises of God (Gen. 17:1-27)

Singing

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Commission

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements

After-Worship Picnic: Weather permitting this Sunday (and it looks like we're getting rain), we will have a church picnic after our Worship Service. Bring your own food!

Nursery: We are now offering childcare during every Worship Service for children up to age 3. If you would like to volunteer to serve in our nursery, please speak to Marsha McLeod.

Operation Christmas Child: We have some OCC boxes available to be filled. For more information, you can visit [Samaritan's Purse's website](#).

Women's Bible Study: Our Women's Bible Study began last week. They're meeting again this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to purchase a study guide, please let Angela MacDonald know.

Pastor's Thursday Live Video: Pastor Jonathan is on Facebook on Thursday evenings at 6:30. (These videos can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) if you miss them live.)

Happy Birthday: Chantal Cote (Oct. 18).

RightNow Media: We have given everyone in our church free access to RightNow Media! It's called the Netflix of Bible studies. It also has tons of kid's episodes and movies. To sign up, visit [this link](#).

Last Week's Giving: Offering for August 15 was \$4,975.33 (\$1,305.33 by e-Transfer, \$3,670.00 by regular giving). According to our 2021 budget, we need an offering of \$1,860.00 per week.

This week:

Day	Time	Event
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Monday	10:00 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pastor's Live Video on Facebook Worship Practice
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service

Ministry Schedule:

Ministry	This Sunday	Oct. 10
Sunday School	Rebecca MacDonald Angela MacDonald	John Couch Stephanie Couch
Nursery	Dorothy Sangster Tara Morand	Lisa Baker Lynnette MacDonald
Junior Church	Stephanie Couch	Rocel Samillano
Tellers	Ken Couch Barbara Flick	Bobbi Cote Barbara Flick

Newsletter Sign-Up: If you would like to receive our church newsletter each week by email, you can sign up for that on the [Newsletter page](#) of our website.

What Is the Gospel?

A good way to summarize the gospel is to biblically un-pack the words God, Man, Christ, and Response.

God	God is the creator of all things (Gen. 1:1). He is perfectly holy, worthy of all worship, and will punish sin (1 John 1:5; Rev. 4:11; Rom. 2:5-8).
Man	All people, though created good, have become sinful by nature (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 3:23). From birth, all people are alienated from God, hostile to God, and subject to the wrath of God (Eph. 2:1-3).
Christ	Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life, died on the cross to bear God's wrath in the place of all who would believe in him, and rose from the grave in order to give his people eternal life (John 1:1; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:26; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:20-22).
Response	God calls everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and trust in Christ in order to be saved (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Rom. 10:9-10).

Church Membership

If you have been regularly attending FHFBC, we'd like you to become a member of our church. Membership demonstrates one's commitment to a local church and enables greater participation in the life of that church.

The Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. • Agreement with our church's statement of faith and covenant. • Believer's baptism by immersion.
The Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell one of our elders you're interested in membership. • Fill out a Membership Application Form. • Read a short book about church membership: I Am a Church Member by Thom Rainer. • Meet with the elders to talk about your conversion, baptism, understanding of the gospel, and expectations of members. 

Church Info

FHBC is a member of the [Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada](#), and we also belong to the Fellowship's [Atlantic Region](#). Our mission is to help people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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