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December 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Dec 1, Sun

Psalm 104:1 "Bless the LORD, O my soul! ... You are very great!"

[Readings for coming week: Theme "Unlikely Women"]

Dec 2, Mon

Gen 38: 1-15

Is there something about your family, that is a secret?

A marriage that is a violation (marrying a Canaanite), the death of a son (vs 7), **Tamar** pretending as a prostitute, etc. This all is part of biblical history and Jesus' lineage!

Dec 3, Tues

Gen 38: 16-30

... something about your life, that is an embarrassment?

Judah seeking a 'prostitute' and having a sexual relationship with his daughter-in-law, Tamar! Twins are born, named Perez and Zerah (cf. Matthew 1:3)

Dec 4, Wed

Joshua 2: 1-7

God overcomes shame and guilt by forgiveness and grace!

In the process of spying Jericho, the spies stay in the home of Rahab, a prostitute - that's scandalous enough! When nearly caught Rahab lies.

Dec 5, Thur

Joshua 2: 8-15

There aren't perfect families! God uses the broken ...

How does a foreigner, a prostitute, know what God is doing and have the fear of God? (vs 8-11, Heb 11: 31, James 2:25)? Thanks to Rahab, the spies escape. Rahab marries Salmon, they have a son, Boaz, who marries Ruth! (Matt 1:5). How unlikely is this?

Dec 6, Fri

2 Samuel 11: 1-13

Birthday: Ron Resh

A classic incident of a man in power (i.e. David) who commits adultery and uses his power to destroy a family, a man, and then manipulate his obstacle (i.e. Urriah) by transferring him!

Dec 7, Sat

2 Samuel 11: 14-27

Consider the possibility of God using the very thing that you are embarrassed, ashamed, or trying to hide!

How sad, ironic, and sinful that on hearing the death of Urriah (vs 25f), David expresses no remorse but completes his scheme by inviting Bathsheba to live with him! The story gets better - Solomon is born to them and Bathsheba gets a roundabout mention in Matt 2:6 - ironically as the "wife of Uriah"!

Dec 8, Sun

Psalm 105

Birthday: Colin Gilbertson, Nathan Thomas

Unlikely Families

Intro: Have you ever looked at someone else's marriage, children, family, accomplishments, etc. and silently wished ...? Is there something in your life or family that is a secret, an embarrassment, that you don't wish to talk about, don't want others to know?

Let's look at some of these **families!** You'll be encouraged!

1. Abraham (Matt 1:1)

a) Was _____ and with _____ faith: promised that he would be the father of many nations, on the prompt of Sarah, he _____ with the _____ (Gen 16)

b) Was a ____: he tells Abimelech, Sarah is his _____ (Gen. 20)

2. Isaac (Matt 1:2a)

a) Isaac and Rebekah were _____! Isaac loved _____ and Rebekah loved _____ - mother and son deceive _____ (Gen 25)

b) Like _____ like _____! (Gen 26: 6-11)

3. David (Matt 1: 6)

God described David as a "man after mine own heart" (1 Sam 13: 14), but David was an _____, a _____ man, an _____ and _____, who _____ his _____ with no apparent _____! (2 Samuel 11: 1 - 12:15)

4. Ahaz (Matt 1: 9b)

A worshipper of _____, he sacrificed his _____ as _____ offerings; he took the silver and gold _____ of the _____ to appease Tiglath-Pileser III (2 Chronicles 28). Ahaz, a godless, vile man has a _____ son, called _____ (2 Chron. 29).

Concl.: God uses messed up people, families and lineages! There is hope!



If you are visiting with us for the first time, we want to warmly welcome you! Please fill out the visitor's card and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

THANK YOU Russ Linton and all his 'helpers' who have decorated the Sanctuary for this festive season!

Advent Season Readings: Our theme is "Hope ... in the Unlikely" – of how God works with unlikely families, women, marriages, places, couples, and in the calling ordinary people to great tasks. Please read the passages assigned every day, so that God's Word speaks to you; it will also give you a good head start in understanding Sunday's sermon.

Adult Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.) *

Bible Study in Spanish (Carol & Michael) – 2nd Trailer Classroom

Biblical Foundations (Kevin Corbett) – 1st Trailer Classroom

R.C. Sproul's "Biblical Foundations"

Practicing Faith (John Browne) – Sanctuary

How do we become better Jesus followers? How to change, fight sin?

* There is no childcare, babies/toddlers are welcome with their parents

What's Happening

Sunday	10:00	am	WORSHIP
	5:30	pm	Girl's/Guy's Groups
	7:00	pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	10:00	am	Women's Bible Study (Goetz's home)
	7:00	pm	Small Group (Corbetts, Kuebler)
Wednesday	7:00	pm	AA – Women's Meeting Prayer Meeting: Zoom
Friday	6:00	pm	AWANA

Dates To Remember

Dec 21 st	6:00	pm	Spanish Ministry Christmas Party
Dec 24 th	7:00	pm	Candlelight Eve Service

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