

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Genesis 37:3

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Prayer for Renewal of the Church (in unison)

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us and shape us by your cross. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

The Opening Prayer

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. **Amen.**

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God's Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

The Children's Message

[Loose Change Offering Collected]

*Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH 381

The Prayer for Illumination

God of our present trouble and promised triumph, Open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“In the Pit”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Response: *“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”* (2x)

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

***Hymn**

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

UMH 128

***The Charge and Blessing:**

The word of faith is near you, on your lips and in your heart. How shall others hear unless you proclaim it? Go now in the generous grace and favor of our God. How beautiful are the feet of you who bring good news!

May the generous blessing and favor of our loving, abundant God lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world with the gift of life! **Amen.**

***Postlude**

“Bless the Lord” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Please stand as you are able*

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection. Our hope is that you will feel God’s blessing during this time with us.

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Readers

Linda Newton (8:30am)

Greeters

Kenny Newton (11:00am)

Assisting with Worship August 17:

Scripture Readers

Pam Hunter (8:30am)

Greeters

Stephenie Newton (11:00am)

Administrative Council and Finance Committees will meet this week on Thursday night at 7:00pm and 7:30pm.

About Fletcher's Chapel Church

Our Vision is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

Our Mission: "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
-- Matthew 28:19-20

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Our website is at www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org

Access the calendar of events. Listen to today's sermon or a sermon you may have missed.

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PRESIDING BISHOP:

Young Jin Cho

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Theodore Smith

PASTOR:

Michael B. Reaves

LAY LEADER:

Marie Williams

MUSICIAN:

Elizabeth Pruett



Pack the Backpacks! The new school year will be here soon. We will partner with Sealston Elementary School to “Pack the Backpacks.” Take a backpack and fill it with school supplies on the list provided by Sealston Elementary. Return the filled backpacks no later than Sunday, August 24 when we will have a “Blessing of the Backpacks” before delivering them to the school.

Middle High/Senior High Sunday School Class: Beginning Sunday, August 31, a Sunday School class will be offered for all youth in grades 6-12. The class will meet in the Youth Room upstairs. Tina Lauber has offered to teach the class. Any parents and grandparents whose youth are interested in the class might consider joining one of our two available Sunday School classes.

Food for Thought:

Lee Andrew Henderson, in his article "Five dysfunctional families from the Bible," (12/20/07, associatedcontent.com) asks an interesting question: "Do you think your family is dysfunctional?" He goes on to suggest that if we turn to the Holy Book, we'll find some families which could not be more dysfunctional, to wit:

Adam's Family - "Adam's family began with blame and ended in murder. When Adam ate from the forbidden tree and was banished from Eden, he blamed Eve for eating the apple. Their bickering probably continued for many years and was probably a bad example for their kids Cain and Abel. The dysfunctional family then became worse when Cain got jealous of his brother Abel and murdered him."

Abraham's family - "Abraham's family definitely had some dysfunctional moments. Abraham pretends that Sarah is his sister. Later, Abraham has a child with another woman. Then there's that whole ordeal where Abraham nearly sacrifices Isaac; that's gotta leave some emotional scars."

Lot's family - "At one point Lot offers his daughters to rapists. If that isn't dysfunctional enough for you then how about a little incest, too?"

Isaac's family - "Isaac loves his son Esau more than his other son Jacob. His wife Rebekah loves Jacob more than Esau. The mom and Jacob plot against Esau and Daddy and eventually Jacob has to run away. This is more dysfunctional than a family that has an Auburn father and an Alabama mother."

Jacob's family - "Jacob has thirteen kids. Okay, that's not too dysfunctional but he had those thirteen kids with four different women. Jacob favored one son over the others; those other brothers threw him down a well, sold him to slavery and then told their father he was dead."



Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those having difficulties in their marriages; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Colleen Bowie, Dee Campbell, Jayden Cleveland, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humburger, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Roy Stewart, Pete Sullivan, Sherry Garner Taylor, Dinah Taylor

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Shirley Cahoon, Barbara Canaday, Inez Carver, Darrell Critzer, Alvin Gill, Christine Holdren, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Ellen Page, Msgr John Pennington, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Joseph Sirrels, Tai (re: Lori Radolinksi), Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Patty Darr Sullivan, Joan Wehner

***Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22485):** 2137 Chapel Way Rd, 2201 Chapel Way Rd, 7281 Cottonwood Ct, 7142 Dogwood Ln, 7160 Dogwood Ln, 7233 Dogwood Ln, 7275 Dogwood Ln, 7290 Dogwood Ln, 7330 Dogwood Ln, 7362 Dogwood Ln, 7364 Dogwood Ln, 7373 Dogwood Ln, 7398 Dogwood Ln, 7425 Dogwood Ln, 7459 Dogwood Ln, 7478 Dogwood Ln, 7551 Dogwood Ln, 8040 Dogwood Ln, 8303 Dogwood Ln, 8357 Dogwood Ln, 1281 Jones Ct, 1291 Jones Ct, 1296 Jones Ct, 1311 Jones Ct, 1314 Jones Ct, 7563 Long Leaf Ln, 11877 Mullens Ct, 1197 Mullens Ct, 1205 Mullens Ct, 8092 Pinewood Ln, 8122 Pinewood Ln, 8150 Pinewood Ln, 8259 Pinewood Ln, 8107 Pratt Ln, 8157 Pratt Ln, 7165 Prosperity Way, 7173 Prosperity Way, 3825 Sourwood Way, 1037 Valley Hill Loop, 1109 Valley Hill Loop

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews.

Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.

**There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church.
In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list.*

Stewardship: Applying Bible Principles

God's Word has more to say about money and material possessions than about heaven and hell combined. Obviously, how we as His children handle what God has entrusted to us is a very important subject to Him.

Money is also the only subject about which God says, in essence, "Prove Me. Trust Me. Try Me." He does not issue that challenge concerning any other aspect of our Christian walk of faith. Not about prayer; not about sharing our faith with others; not even about salvation. Just money.

God said to Malachi, the prophet, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test . . . see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

Some promises in the Bible are unconditional in nature. They are going to be fulfilled, regardless of what we might or might not do. Others could be described as "if . . . then" promises. *If* we will do our part, *then* God will do His part. This passage from Malachi 3:10 is one of the latter. If we will bring our tithes to God's storehouse, then He will open for us the windows of heaven and pour out for us such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The question is whether we really believe God when He makes a promise like this. If we do, we will take Him at His Word. We will accept His challenge and "test" Him by giving to Him as He direct. And *if* we do that by faith, *then* we can be confident that God will meet that "test" by providing all we need — and more.

God uses money to illustrate His power.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test,” says the Lord of hosts” (Mal. 3:10).