# "Courageous Strength"

(Joshua 1-24)

#### Moses 2.0 (Joshua)

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

- Entering the Land (Joshua 1-12)
- II. Distributing the Land (Joshua 13-21)
- III. Renewing the Covenant (Joshua 22-24)

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:14-15)

#### Moses/Joshua 3.0 (Jesus)

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Tabor Mennonite Church

Worship: 9:15 am Fellowship Time: 10:30 am Faith Formation: 10:45 am

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"Living Into God's Story"

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Gathering

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Michael Unruh

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord,

who does not hide when we seek his face.

People: Praise the Lord,

who hears our cry and answers when we call.

Leader: The Lord does not turn away in anger

but helps us in our distress.

People: The Lord our God and Savior

never rejects of forsakes us.

Leader: The Lord protects us from oppressors

who threaten us with lies and violence.

All: We walk in confidence;

our Lord is strong.

\*GATHERING HYMN "Here in this place"

\*PRAYER

Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, I will praise you, Lord" No. 76

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh

SONG "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho" Janna Duerksen

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Joshua Ron and Nancy Schroeder

SERMON "Courageous Strength" Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

SONG OF RESPOSE "God of grace and God of glory" No. 366

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

SENDING SONG "Go, my friends, in grace" Katy Schmidt

\*BENEDICTION

No. 45

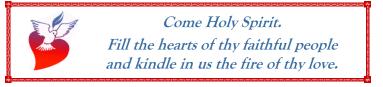
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May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue our yearlong journey through the Bible by focusing on Israel's initial entrance into the Promised Land. Joshua had the enormous task of leading the people to claim their inheritance. This was definitely a journey that would require much strength and courage. What are similar kinds of tasks in our own lives where we need to be strong and courageous?



#### **Today Continued**

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Michael Unruh and Bill and Sherry Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.* 

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis in the nursery during the worship service.

10:30—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Bugles.

**10:45**—Faith Formation for everyone.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

#### This Week

#### Monday, November 18

7:00 p.m.—Willing Helpers

#### Tuesday, November 19

7:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 20

#### Wednesday Evening Activities

5:15—Adult Bible Study

**6:00**—Supper - Taco Supper for Peace Connections.

All food will be provided so donations go directly to Peace Connections. Hope you can join us! *Please sign up for the meal* 

6:30—Sonbeams and Children's Music

6:40—Faithful Fitness

**6:45**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

**6:50—**Faith Friends

**7:00—**TMYF

7:45—Adult Choir

## Next Sunday, November 24

9:00 a.m.— Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next Sunday we pause to celebrate how far we've come in our Year of the Bible! We will reflect on God's story from Genesis to Joshua in a variety of creative ways. Our service will be filled with music, drama, scripture recitation and much more!

10:30 a.m.— Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. Biblical Jeopardy!

## Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on November 10.

- ★ Elaine Schroeder praised God for the beauty of the fall season.
- ★ Pastor Phil praised God for Elma Goertz's 90 years of life.

### Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Pastor Brian Pellecer who will be leading the Hispanic church plant in Wichita. Pray that God will open a door for the gospel message. Pray that he might proclaim the good news clearly, be wise in new contacts, and make the most of every opportunity (Colossians 4:4-5).
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Moriah Hurst of MMN as she teaches about community and youth development, alternatives to violence, trauma and healing, and Christian spirituality in Australia.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: The Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) 25<sup>th</sup>anniversary benefit dinner is happening this Friday, Nov. 22, in Newton. Pray that this time of celebrating and learning will help ensure the future of this vital program which is shaping the lives of leaders in the Hispanic Mennonite churches.

#### Announcements

**Thank you** for your donations of \$1453.00 to the Mennonite College Scholarship fund last Sunday at the congregational dinner. If you missed it and want to still contribute, please place your checks in Gayle Funk's mailbox. *Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church: memo College Task Force.* 

**Thanksgiving at Tabor:** Plan to join your Tabor family on Wednesday, November 27 at 6pm for a Thanksgiving meal followed by a service of thanksgiving. A special offering to support the work of IBA (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) will be received.

Year of the Bible Quarterly Celebration Sunday: On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first of four "Celebration Sundays." During the morning Worship Service, we will sing, recite, and reflect on the Biblical story from Genesis to Joshua. Then, during the Formation Hour, we will play a rousing game of Biblical Jeopardy! If you have a testimony, a piece of art, a memory verse, or something else related to Year of the Bible that you would like to share during the morning worship service, please let Pastor Phil know today.

**Willing Helpers** will meet Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Pam Abrahams will share devotions from the devotional book, Let Justice Roll Down - "*Joining the River of God's Justice*." Rosie Jantz and Wilma Schmidt will share holiday treat recipes. Bring a holiday memory or a favorite holiday recipe to share. All ladies are invited and bring a friend.

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch: at Bethesda, Tues., Nov. 26, noon. Please sign up.

Save the Date - All women and girls are invited to the annual Tabor Women's and Girls Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 21 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy sister fellowship, a delicious brunch and hear Tammy Duvanal Unruh as our guest speaker. Invite your friends and family. A sign up sheet will be posted later this month.

## Goessel Ministerial Alliance will again sponsor the Christmas Giving Tree.

The giving tree is an opportunity for our community to come together and help families who may find it difficult to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Applications for families in need are due by November 25. See the green flyer found in mailboxes last week for details.

Community Christmas Vesper's Service will be held at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday evening, December 1. Come at 6pm to sing your favorite Christmas carols. Following, there will be a time for food and fellowship. Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share as we usher in the Christmas season.

Additional announcements are on the Community and Conference announcement sheets received via email or mailboxes. Additional sheets are in the literature rack in the foyer.

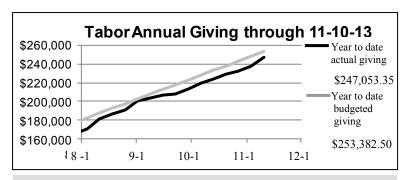
#### **Community Thanksgiving Meal and Service!**

Everyone is invited to join us for the Community Thanksgiving Meal this evening at the Goessel High School Cafeteria. Come and eat anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Following the meal you are welcome to enjoy musical entertainment from 6:00-6:30 p.m. by "Uncle Regier and the Unruhly Rascals"

A "Service of Thanksgiving" will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium with special music by the ElBiata Singers from Goessel High School.

Happy Thanksgiving!



2 Sunday's left in fiscal 2013 - \$16,464.65 needed to reach budget or \$8,232.33 each Sunday.

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 10, 2013

Offering = \$ 9,437.20 Attendance = 180 Adult S.S. = \$ 88.05 Attendance = 69 Jr. S.S. = \$ 11.83 Attendance = 23