

Historic White Marsh Church

November 3, 2024 - All Saints Sunday

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading ~ 547 Hope and Trust in God

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:15-16 and Hebrews 11:10-11

Bob Sutherland

Prayer

Hymn ~ 404 Faith of Our Fathers

Sermon: Sarah: Lessons from Sarah

Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 461 In Remembrance

The Lord's Supper

Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 426 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Benediction & Postlude

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

Membership: *If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall or Rev. Brad Perry.*

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible-believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

There will be a brief Board Meeting after today's worship service.

Shoebox Packing Party & Pizza: Sunday, November 10 after worship.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 12 at 1:00 PM

Shoebox Sunday! Shoeboxes Out the Door: Sunday, November 17

Sunday of Giving Thanks: November 24

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Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM Sundays 9:15-9:30 AM

Sunday: Bible Explorers Class at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

LESSONS FROM SARAH

Genesis 17:15-16 and Hebrews 11:10-11

Sermon Outline:

1. From the time Sarah became Abraham's wife, she desires to have children above all else (Gen. 11:29).
2. Sarah concludes God is keeping her from having children (Gen. 16:2).
3. Sarah schemes an immoral and unrighteous plot for her husband to father a child by her maidservant (Genesis 16:2).
4. The result is a grave mistake and Hagar becomes contentious with Sarah, resulting in Sarah blaming Abraham and Hagar running away (Gen. 16:5-6).
5. The angel of the LORD appears to Hagar and shows her grace and tells her to return to Sarah (Gen. 16:9-10).
6. Sarah and Abraham suffer greatly over many years for their mistake of not waiting upon the LORD.
7. God renews His covenant with Abraham (Gen. 17:4-6) and includes Sarah (Gen. 17:15-16).
8. Although Sarah vacillates in her behavior through the years, she perseveres and is remembered for her steadfastness of faith (Heb. 11:10-11).

Lessons from Sarah:

1. When you walk by sight and not by faith, you get impatient as Sarah did.
2. Do not try to rid yourself of your mistakes by disowning them as Sarah did.
3. Make every effort to have and show a gentle and quiet spirit as Sarah did overall.
4. Just as God knew Sarah and Abraham better than they knew themselves, He knows you better than you know yourself.
5. Have faith and trust God in everything. He will work His plan in His perfect timing.

Study Questions for Thursday's Bible Study:

1. Examine the decision-making process behind Sarah's suggestion to Abraham to have a child with Hagar. What motivations and cultural factors might have influenced her?
2. Were you surprised by Sarah's imperfections? Why do you think God never glosses over people's missteps in the Bible?
3. How does the changing of Abram's and Sarai's names impact their identities and destinies?
4. How did Abraham and Sarah respond to God's faithfulness to His promises concerning Isaac? Which of God's promises do we find hard to believe?
5. How does this message influence your understanding of God's plans transcending human understanding and timelines?
6. In what areas of your life is God currently requiring faith, patience, and perseverance?

Brad Perry