

The Broadcaster



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MORE FROM THE EXODUS CLASS: THE COVENANTS-GAL.3:21

Last month, in my article on Passover and Pentecost, I alluded to the covenant of works and the new covenant. I recently realized that I had not laid the proper foundation by explaining in full the three main covenants of scripture. Although we are now under the new covenant, inaugurated by Jesus, we should understand that it actually goes back to the Abrahamic covenant. So that is where we must start. Here is an outline of the events relating to the 3 main covenants of scripture:

1. GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM-UNILATERAL & UNCONDITIONAL (GEN. 15 & 17)-BASED ON PROMISE
 - A. GOD GIVES ABRAHAM HIMSELF (GEN.15:1-cf.I.SAM.18:4).
 1. ROBE-(GEN.15:1 [REWARD] (cf. I.SAM. 18:4)-EPH. 4:22-24)
 - 2.ARMOR-(GEN.15:1 [SHIELD])(cf.I.SAM.18:4)-EPH.6:10-13)
 - B. GOD "CUTS" THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (GEN.15:9-21)
 - C. GOD GIVES ABRAHAM HIS NAME (GEN. 17:5)
 - D. GOD GIVES HIM THE SIGN OF CIRCUMCISION (GEN.17:9-12, ROM.4:9-12*)
2. GOD REMEMBERS THE COVENANT (EXOD.2:24).
3. GOD RENEWS THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL-BILATERAL & CONDITIONAL (EXOD. 19:3-8). BASED ON LAW (ALSO CALLED THE "COVENANT OF WORKS") (JEREMIAH 11:3-5),
 - A. GOD REMINDS THEM OF PAST BLESSINGS (EXOD. 19:4)
 - B. GOD SETS CONDITIONS (EXOD.19:5A; EXOD.20-23)
 - C. GOD GIVES PROMISES (EXOD.19:5B-6)
 - D. GOD GIVES HIMSELF (HIS REAL PRESENCE) (EXOD.25:8) & PROVIDES FOR INEVITABLE FAILURE (THE SACRIFICES starting with Exod.21:24).
- 4.JESUS INITIATES THE NEW COVENANT (MATT.26:27-28, ICor.11:25,), (NEW IN REFERENCE TO THE COVENANT OF WORKS, BUT GOING BACK TO THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT.) (II Cor.3:14, GAL.3:16-22, ROM.5:20 -> JER.31:33-34(HEB.10:16-17 [PS.40:8, ROM.7:22])). *UNDER THE NEW COVENANT, BAPTISM REPLACES CIRCUMCISION (COL.2:11-12). JESUS SAID IN MATT.5:17 THAT HE CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY HIS WRITING IT ON OUR HEARTS BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT (HEB.19:16). (SEE ALSO ROMANS 8:4.)

---James M. Becher

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Jim Becher is taking us through Exodus. "All scripture is profitable, and the history of ancient Israel holds many lessons for us, as well as many pictures and pre-figuring of Christ and Spiritual truth. If you are free Wednesday mornings, please do come and join us at 10:30 a.m. in the church library for this intriguing and profitable study.

Other studies are being looked at by the Adult Christian Growth Ministry. Watch for other opportunities for spiritual growth in the months to come. See Annette Adams or Linda Purrington with questions.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY SURVEY

Everyone is asked to fill out the survey in the bulletin starting August 3rd.

"The Fellowship Ministry is committed to planning fun and engaging activities to encourage Faith members to become better acquainted. Christian fellowship is a means of accomplishing the God-given purpose of the church. Please take a moment to complete the survey to better serve you."

Included on the survey is a spot for ideas for new activities, one for ongoing activities, a spot to indicate if you need transportation help or childcare needs and then additional comments and suggestions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, **August 10** following the worship service for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to serve God here at Faith Presbyterian.

All members are asked to be present to vote for those being nominated and then to give them your support after the election.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POT LUCK & MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a potluck dinner and movie night on Saturday, **August 9th** starting with dinner at 6:00 pm.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share - salad, main course, vegetable, dessert, etc etc. Whatever you feel like fixing or picking up at the store.

We always have a great time together.

This month the movie is going to be "Nikki and the Perfect Stranger" (Part 3). You don't have to see the first two to follow the movie.

"Described in the tagline as "The Reunion," "Nikki" picks up the narrative of the original film's heroine, Nikki Cominsky, several years after her first encounter with the man who claimed to be Jesus of Nazareth. The story revolves around a 40-something Nikki, no longer a high-powered attorney, confronting the Son of Man about the inconsistencies of the spiritual life she has experienced since their initial meeting in a Chicago restaurant. The new tale unfolds along the highways and byways of the Midwest between the Windy City and Cincinnati, Ohio. Come join us!!

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

Friday Night with Friends will be going to Russo's Coal Fired Pizza Restaurant, 14910 Pines Blvd, on **August 22** at 6:30 pm.



"The Russo family opened "Russo's Italian Restaurant" in 1978 after moving from New York to Texas. It was a fine dining establishment that used recipes passed down through generations from the Russo family. As the franchise has continued to grow, Anthony Russo has always stayed founded to his roots and truly believes freshness and quality are his standards for success."

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Annette Adams gave a Pastor Search Committee update in church on Sunday, July 27. We have included it here for those who were unable to be in church that day.

Following the Presbyterian form of government (a representative government where the members elect representatives to make decisions for the congregation), the congregation selected 7 members for the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC). This committee has received many applications from all over the United States. The PSC has completed its initial time of discernment and is actively evaluating candidates—more about the candidates in a minute. Confidentiality is a huge part of the process, and the PSC is committed to that confidentiality. As such, we cannot discuss candidates outside the committee per EPC guidelines. We are evaluating candidates in light of their qualifications and with serious prayer as we attempt to identify the pastor God has chosen to lead this church.



Lift our Search Committee up in Prayer

The PSC will select the most suitable candidates (e.g. 3 to 5) for interviews. Later, we will select a few candidates to hear them preach. Once the PSC identifies the candidate they feel led to nominate as our new pastor, they will notify the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee of their choice in writing. If the Ministerial Committee agrees to recommend the call and ordination of the candidate, the PSC will notify Session and a congregational meeting will be called for the purpose of calling the candidate.

A word about the candidates: We wanted to cast a wide net in our search for a new pastor. To that end, we informed General Assembly of the opening, announced the vacancy at General Assembly, and posted our job offering on the EPC's Opportunity List, Reformed Theological Seminary and Knox Theological Seminary. Our newly redesigned website <http://www.faithpembrokepines.com/> has a stat counter that shows us where our website traffic comes from. Our site has had over 500 visitors in the last week, with first-time visitors accounting for more than half the hits! In the last week, 30% of our hits came from RTS and another 30% came from EPC. These numbers are very encouraging because it means that our web presence is being noticed. While 98% of the hits are coming from within the United States, we have also had visitors from Bolivia, the Philippines, the Bahamas, and Ecuador. As a result of this wide distribution of our job posting, we have received 29 resumes from 14 different states; the candidates have a wide variety of education and ministry experience.

Please continue to pray for the members PSC. We covet your prayers as we do this most important work in the life of our church.

Members of the PSC: Annette Adams, Ralph Acevedo, Jane Bodden, Jessica Brown, Debbie Khan, Elvet Rhoden, and Ethel Thomas.

IGNITE

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for a night of praise and worship unto the Lord. We will meet in the sanctuary and praise to music by Chris Tomlin, Hillsong, Jeremy Camp and many more other modern day worship leaders who seek after God's presence. We will meet at 7pm until 8pm every last Wednesday of the month. In August join us on the **27th**. Mark your calendars and come praise with us.



What it is like to attend an EPC General Assembly

by Denise Calderon

I have never attended any Presbyterian meeting before, let alone the annual General Assembly held to conduct the EPC's business matters. Over the past few months I did both. After attending my first Florida Presbytery meeting in May, I had felt a need to attend the General Assembly meeting, this year held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Although I knew I would be taking this trip alone and doing something I do not enjoy...flying, I followed the push to attend.

Not knowing what I was doing or what to expect I was quite surprised to experience how wonderful their business meetings are. The EPC meetings are not all about conducting business. They strongly believe in maintaining the Word of God, to constantly worship Him and to spread His word.

About a week before I left, the Temple I work at was about to participate in their annual trip to Israel. The senior Rabbi came into my office and asked me if there was something I wanted from Israel. I looked at him and told him I would like some spiritual guidance. He, of course, informed me that he could not give me that, but upon my return I told him I found what I was looking for in Knoxville, Tennessee.

I wanted to experience as much as I could and to learn more about the EPC. The General Assembly is held for five days and each day there is a different event; three days are devoted to the business meetings. I arrived on Tuesday evening and went straight from the airport, checked in to my hotel and then attended my first event. This event was all about the World Outreach program. It was fascinating to see how many people serve in this program and to learn about how they seek to glorify God through church planting. Their mission is to establish churches among the least-reached peoples, with a primary focus on the Muslim world. Having seen what this mission was about for the first time gave me a small idea of what I was about to experience.

The next day was devoted to the assembly workshop. This year's workshop was on Transformation with four sessions throughout the day, focusing on the Kingdom of God, Discipleship, Society and the Church. It was a powerful and entertaining message lead by Bob Roberts Jr. However, one thing about the EPC is they do not start the day or end the day without worship services and each time a new speaker is invited up they always open and close in prayer. These worship services were transforming and after each worship service there was always fellowship with lots of great food.

It was not until the next day's evening worship when I finally realized why I was there. This year's General Assembly was called Tell the Story. That evening's service was led by Reverend George Carey and it included the investiture of the Moderator, commissioning the World Outreach servants and the offering for the World Outreach family gathering. During the sermon the Holy Spirit came upon me in such a strong force that I could not believe what was happening. I became so emotional that by the end of the sermon, right before the offering, I had to get up and leave to catch my breath. During the sermon, which was all about Telling the Story, I was reminded that I need to Tell my Stories and when Reverend George Carey pointed (which seem directly at me) and said Tell the Story, that is when I lost it. I knew the Spirit was speaking to me and that he was reminding me the path he wants me to take. By the end of the service I was awestruck looking for anyone that I could speak to because at this point I was glowing. Being in the state I was, in I did not realize I ended up being the last person there and all the transportation vans had left. That gave me more time to spend with others in the community and one of the volunteers offered to drive me back to my hotel.

Still glowing from the night before, the morning worship service continued to pour out the Holy Spirit. This service included Communion and Prayer. One thing to keep in mind is there were over 1,500 people attending the General Assembly so imagine what that is like to have Communion with that many people. For the prayer session they setup prayer stations throughout the sanctuary and asked that anyone who needed anything to come up and receive prayer. I felt led to go up and ask for prayer, but also to give thanks to God for I was empty when I came and by the time I left my I was overflowing.

Attending the General Assembly was like a spiritual retreat. Although they had business to conduct and I, as a ruling elder commissioner, had to take part in that business, I found more than I was expecting to find. I went there not knowing anyone and came out meeting some of the most wonderful people and experiencing the most joyful, powerful and breath-taking services I could ever imagine. I even purchased a CD of each one so I will never forget and listen to if I ever feel empty again.

The EPC is now over 550 churches and still growing. They have some of the best and brightest teaching elders willing to serve. I know that we are in the right place and that God has wonderful plans for us all!

The Deacons' Corner:

(Submitted by Rick Sackett)

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacon to highlight in August is Joyce Sackett. Joyce was born in Erie, PA but grew up in Northeast Ohio. She married Rick in 1972 and has travelled the world raising their three children, Greg, Doug, and Julie and teaching school. When they retired from the Army in 2002 they moved to Pembroke Pines and joined Faith a short time later. Joyce enjoys the family nature of Faith and being a Deacon. She was an Elder and Deacon from 2008 until 2011 when they moved to California on a temporary assignment and then became a Deacon again in 2013 after they returned. Joyce enjoys assisting the members of the Church and visiting our shut-ins.

The Deacons hosted a Fellowship Hour for the Congregation on July 6th and plan on hosting another Fellowship Hour on August 10th. Please mark your calendars and plan on meeting your Deacon and other members for fellowship and fun.

Although we are in the middle of the summer vacation period and many members are traveling, please know that if you need assistance or have prayer concerns your Deacon is always available. Our Deacons are committed and devoted to serving our Lord, our Church, and you. Please reach out to them at any time. Have a blessed August.

Minute for Missionsí

Faith has been supporting missionaries Drs. Anne & John Wheeler-Waddell for a number of years. We were privileged to have a visit from them in 2008. They spent the month of July teaching at the seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where they previously served for a number of years. We thought you would like to read some encouraging news from them, excerpts from a recent e-mail:

It has been a very focused time of teaching Historical Development of the Christian Movement for the past 3 weeks ("from Paul to present" in John's shorthand). This year we had a mature group of students (surprisingly, all men), so they came with ministry experience and a seriousness about their studies that contributed to challenging questions and discussion along the way. We feel very blessed to have had this time with these dedicated men, many of whom come from very rich Christian families and/or have had powerful experiences of God in coming to Christ and sharing the good news with others. They give us great hope for the church in Ethiopia! We both feel we have been refreshed and renewed ourselves during this time of teaching and being with these EGST students. It has confirmed for us that there has been a lot of healing we've experienced since our time of living here with its many and continuous draining challenges.

Saturday afternoon we spent with Heather and Habtom Kebede and their daughters, Faith and Hope. Fifteen of their volleyball youths had come for lunch and a time of fellowship at their new home, so it was special to be able to meet some of them and see Heather and Habtom 'in action.'

Note: Heather is the daughter of John and Gwen Haspels, also missionaries in Ethiopia, who we previously supported. John visited Faith in 2010.

Thank you and thank you again. We know God is able to do much more than we can ask or think and we know He loves to answer the prayers of His people. Thank you for being a part of this past month with us.

The next BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Thursday, **September 18** from 2:30 until 7:30.

Sign-ups will begin on September 7th.

Thank you for giving the gift of life. God bless you.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Aug. 3, 1985	Ward & Marilynne Casterton
Aug. 9	Andre & Deborah Khan
Aug. 9, 1947	Philysita & Owen Batchelor
Aug 12	Ken & Janet Stutz
Aug 14, 1993	Deryck & Molly Minoo
Aug 15	James & Berenice Becher
Aug. 16, 1986	Scott & Kathy Nicholson
Aug 20, 1994	Jennifer & Paul Hendricks

COIN CONTAINERS to benefit the hungry are on the table in the Narthex. The cans are labeled **Food for the Famished**. Please pick up a container today, take it home, put your coins/bills in it and bring it back at the end of the month. Funds will stay locally and will help a variety of different needs.



COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

Thanks to Mary Ann Radler we have more coupon books for sale for Broward and for Dade Counties. They are \$10 a piece and contain even more savings than the other books. The first page has a \$5.00 off grocery store coupons so you more than make your money back right there

There are coupons for all kinds of restaurants, pizza parlors, ice cream parlors, movie cinemas, golf clubs, indoor mini golf, skating, bowling, car rentals, airline flights, hotels, and more.

Pick one up for yourself or to sell to family and friends. Gets yours today! there are only a few left.



Middle School and High School Youth Group will resume in September. Watch the bulletins for more information. Questions? See Marilyn Acevedo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2	Pam Beausoleil
	Michelle Harrison
August 3	Cindy Vanderlaan
August 7	Ruby Mirjah
August 11	Debbie Khan
August 13	Orville Hart
August 17	Nancy Bailey
	Robert Kondiah
August 18	Judy Rodgers
August 19	John Cotton
August 21	Linda Purrington
August 23	Jessica Brown
August 25	Donna Mathison
August 26	Ward Casterton
	Jerry Poche
August 28	Jasmine Saldana
August 31	Alyssa Khan

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEASALS

In the hopes of getting more members in the choir and so Dionisio doesn't have to drive so far on Thursday night, we are trying Choir Rehearsals on Sunday after the fellowship hour.

We encourage you to go to Fellowship Hall after service, enjoy some yummy goodies and then come back in the sanctuary for choir. You don't have to read music- just enjoy singing to the Lord.

Come try it and see how much fun it is! Choir practice will resume in August- watch for the announcement of the date. See Dionisio with questions.



Check the Fellowship Board in the Narthex. We need helpers to provide snacks on Sunday after the service. It doesn't have to be a gourmet lunch- just some goodies to nibble on. You can also join up with another family or person and provide the fellowship time together. It is easier and more fun!!!

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2014

LITURGIST:

August 3 Cheryl Fernandez
August 10 Linda Purrngton
August 17 Cheryl Fernandez
August 24 Cynthia Isaacs
August 31 Ethel Thomas

COMMUNION: Elders/Deacons

By Intinction

Cheryl Ferndandez, Ralph Acevedo
Annette Adams

FNANCIAL COUNTING TEAMS:

Aug 3 Denise Calderon & Stacy Bennett
Aug 10 Ward Casterton & Stacy Bennett
Aug 17 Cheryl Fernandez & Cyril Williamson
Aug 24 Janet McGahee & Stacy Bennett
Aug 31 Rick Sackett & Stacy Bennett

FLOWERS:

Aug 3 Open
Aug 10 Open
Aug 17 Open
Aug 24 Open
Aug 31 Open

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Aug 3 Secret Sisters
Aug 10 Board of Deacons
Aug 17 Benentts/Walascheks
Aug 24 Open
Aug 31 Open

CLOSER: Ralph Acevedo

USHERS:

Aug 3 Jane Bodden, Hyacinth Babb
Elvet Rhoden, Jessica Brown
Aug 10 Annette Adams, Judy Rodgers,
Cindy Vanderlaan, Gary Venema,
Jesse Walaschek, Sarah Walaschek
Aug 17 Peg Royle, Cheryl Fernandez,
Ken Stutz, Janet Stutz,
Ali Saladeen, Molly Saladeen,
Andre Khan, Angie Ebarle
Aug 24 Bob Bailey, Anna Levy,
Jennifer Hurst, Marlene Allen,
Rick Sackett, Joyce Sackett
Dennis Morales
Aug 31 To be determined

MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:

Families of:

Aug 3 Ethel Thomas
Joyce Thompson
Aug 10 Eric & Cindy Vanderlaan
Sylvia Varkonyi
Aug 17 Gary & Sandy Venema
Edna Vickers
Aug 24 Jesse & Sarah Walaschek
Debbie Wetzell
Aug 31 Esther Whitwam
Cyril & Jane Williamson

It is our desire to specifically pray for the families of the members and staff of Faith. Families are listed (2 at a time) in alphabetical order through the year. Please include these families in your prayers each week.

ITEMS FOR AUGUST BROWARD OUTREACH

non-perishable food items - canned fruit and vegetables, boxed potatoes, pasta and rice, coffee, sugar and creamer.

CHURCH WEBSITE AND E-MAILS:

www.faithpembrokepines.com Check it out for upcoming events and information about the church.

E-mail address for the church:
thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net

AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:30 Worship- Communion 11:00 Sunday School	4.	5. 7:00 Board of Deacons 8:00 A.A. Meeting	6. 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Administration	7.	1 8.	2. 9. 6:00 Potluck Dinner & Movie
10. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Congrega- tional Meeting	11.	12. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	13. 10:30 Bible Study	14. 6:30 Worship Mtg 7:30 Outreach/ Mission	15.	16.
17. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School	18. 7:30 Adult Christian Growth Mtg.	19. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	20. 10:30 Bible Study 7:30 Session Mtg	21. 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	22. 6:30 Friday Night with Friends-	23.
24. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Chancel Choir	25. 11:30 FCDC Chapel 7:30 Fellowship Mtg.	26. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	27. 10:30 Bible Study 7:00-8:00 <i>IGNITE</i> <i>Worship Night</i>	28. 6:30 Girl Scout	29.	30
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