

All In- Abraham
Genesis 12:1-9



Abram's _____ is *NOT* always _____

Genesis 12 (and 20)

Genesis 16

God's _____ is *ALWAYS* _____

Genesis 13

Genesis 15

Genesis 17

What matters most in my life of faith is that
_____ remains _____

TODAY: Even though Abram's life of faith has its share of ups and downs, we can learn from Abram's story what matters most about our life of faith today.

NEXT WEEK: Even though Moses tried several times to opt out from following God's direction, we can learn from Moses' story what matters most about the direction of our faith today.

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Dec 26:

Received for General Ministries: \$13,069.80
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$3,395.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

ASJ \$10.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Backpack Buddies

We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville. The school provides breakfast and lunch for the school week, but to provide for weekend needs for children who are food insecure, food is collected or purchased, packed in bags, and delivered to school to be sent home.

January 9: Mission French Africa

January 16: Pregnancy Resource Center

January 23: Mission Aviation Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 3

Tuesday, Jan 4

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jan 5

Thursday, Jan 6

Friday, Jan 7

Saturday, Jan 8

Sunday, Jan 9

9:30am Worship

10:30am Children's Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

ADMIN MEETING, Jan 11

ELDER MEETING, Jan 25

DEACON MEETING, Jan 25

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)



January 2, 2022

Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- "Busy Bags" with kid's bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS are available at the sound booth

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Way Maker
King of Kings
All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Genesis 12:1-9

12 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

*2 "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.*

*3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth*

will be blessed through you."

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Message "Abraham"

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Build Your Kingdom Here*

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship
11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

PLEDGES

Pledge forms for the 2022 budget were recently placed in mailboxes. Please return pledges to the marked slot at the Welcome Center **TODAY**.

ELDER/DEACON NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms were placed in mailboxes this week. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate and return them to the marked slot at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, February 6.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (lmp hilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes will not be meeting today, January 2. Classes will resume next week on January 9.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning Bible study group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 11. All who are available to join this group are welcome to join us at 9:15 – 10:45am. Questions? Contact **Barb Sanders** (bsanders@fellowshipcrc.com)

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

The Life Skills Program needs childcare help and a meal provided for January 4, their first meeting of 2022. Please contact **Laura VanderPloeg** if you can help.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Barb Weaver Geerlings** who will be celebrating her birthday January 10. Cards can be sent to: 4336 Crossing Way Dr. SW, Grandville, MI 49418.

SOCIAL GATHERING

The monthly gathering is cancelled for this month (January). The February gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 from 1-3pm here at Fellowship. Please mark your calendar and more will be coming soon. All who are available are welcome to attend. Questions? **Contact Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Diane Rhonda, Sharon Walcott, or Barb Sanders.**

"We would like to thank you all for praying us through this year so many times with surgery, stroke, 2 deaths in our family in one week and our very sick grandson. You were always there for us. Thanks so much!! Happy New Year." Love, Rog, Mary, and Pam Visser

PRAYER FOCUS

- God called **Marv Houtstra** to his heavenly home on December 25. We extend sympathy and prayers to **Bonnie, Jeff and Tamie DeWitte**, and the Houtstra family. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- For **Backpack Buddies** as they continue to fill the food gap in our community. Pray that they are able to continue to fill the need at Central Elementary for these students.
- For the **Love Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays: **Gloria DeWitte, Lois Oom, and Rachel Tjoelker.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Valerie Fleming, Pastor Bill Huyser, and Len Koetje.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support as we serve our community. We have served 12 households so far this month.

Some items we could use are:

Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, hand sanitizer, cereal (cold cereals for kids), laundry soap (large containers), body wash, body lotion, mouthwash, and juice

Thank You! – Food Pantry Staff

BACKPACK BUDDIES

We currently have **39 children** from Central Elementary in our program. Feeding America continues to be a good source for many needed food items through the CARES and USDA programs but some items we use are not available through the agency.

Our needs for the coming weeks include:

fruit and applesauce cups, NutriGrain bars, boxed pastas or rice (Chicken & Tuna Helper, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, etc.), snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, fruit snacks) and plastic grocery bags.

Cash donations or gift cards to Meijer, Aldi & Costco can be given through the deacons. Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby.

Thank you for showing Christ's love to our neighbors through your support of this ministry ~ **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134.