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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Romans 12:1-2

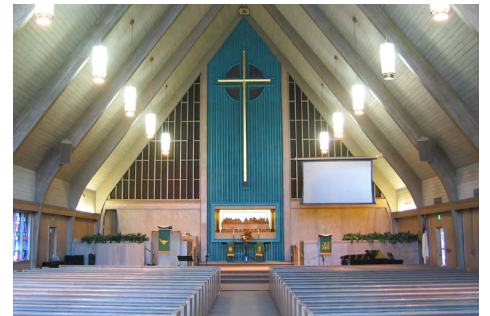


THIS WEEK'S READING: Hebrews 7-13

Continue reading the book of Hebrews. Hebrews can get complicated and difficult to understand. It might help to rewatch the BibleProject Video on Hebrews. Also, read the text twice each day and see if that helps bring clarity.

SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

In Hebrews 4, the writer challenges us to remember the Sabbath- the rest that God asks us to enter into. While it seems like we would all welcome a chance to stop and rest, we often resist truly stopping. Our restlessness and reliance on consumption make it so hard for us to be still and know God. What steps will you take this week to truly stop and rely only on God as an act of resistance?



Hebrews 7-13 - Faith Lessons From Moses

In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews are five demonstrations of faith in God that Moses lived by throughout his life.

First, verse 23: Moses' heritage of faith. Moses' mother was willing to risk to help build his lifelong faith.

Second, verses 24-26: Faith to make a hard decision. A crucial decision: To be completely loyal to Pharaoh or join with the Hebrew people.

Third, verse 27: Faith to endure what he could not see. He turned his back on Egypt and all it represented.

Fourth, verse 28: Faith to trust when he did not understand. Directed to smear blood on the sides and top of a door frame...did this make logical sense?

Fifth, verse 29: Faith to stand still and let God work. When we trust God, we get what God can do; when we trust ourselves, we get what we, in our weakness, can do.



REFLECTIONS:
Jim Ressegieu



Sunday's Sermon

Pastor Greg Applequist

UPCOMING SERMON TEXT - Hebrews 11:1-12:3

In preparation for the sermon on Hebrews 11, please reflect on these questions:

How many of the names listed are familiar to you? If they are unfamiliar, go back to the Old Testament and read their stories.

There is a long line of faithful people listed. Who from your life would you include in this 'Hall of Fame' of faith?

*What are the things that 'so easily entangle' you?
How might God be inviting you to 'throw them off'?*

CHURCH UPDATE

We are working with the city on the rezoning of the church building. While this is happening we are hoping to shore up the retaining wall in the back of the church. We are hopeful the rezoning process will be completed during the first week of August. Please pray that everything would go smoothly! As always, please contact Pastor Greg with any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

July 20: Hebrews 7-12 Hilary Applequist

Hebrews 11 is sometimes referred to as the Hall of Fame of Christians as it talks about people in history who had strong relationships with God. Men and women are included and there may be many familiar names, but probably some unfamiliar folks as well. For instance, how many of you have heard of Enoch? Did you know he never died?!? (Hint: Look at Genesis 5:21-24)

As you read through Hebrews 11, pay attention to who stands out to you from the list. Go on a Bible scavenger hunt to find out more about the person or people who catch your eye. We challenge you to pick a man and a woman from the list. Are there others from the Bible you'd add? Any in the passage you'd take away? Why? Lastly, is there a person you know that you'd add to the list-why? You may want to draw a picture about what you learn about the "hall of famers" and post it on Seesaw for us all to see.