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HOME BASE

Home Bases are Local Communities of Members and Regular Attenders of First Covenant Church of Omaha

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. Acts 17:24-25.



SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

On Sunday, we saw how God unexpectedly changed how Peter viewed those who were different from himself. What “tables” do you find yourself sitting at? How have you experienced God’s radical hospitality and welcome?

THIS WEEK'S READING: Acts 13-18

There are two really good Bible Project videos highlighting this section of Acts.

[The first video is about Acts 13-20](#) and [the second is about Acts 13-28](#).

We cannot recommend these videos enough!



REFLECTIONS: Scott Thomas - Acts 13-18

From Acts 13:2-3 NIV: “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” Each time we perform the practice of prayer and laying on of hands to start someone on a new venture to serve God we are following a pattern set forth in scripture. I would like to remember, when we do this at First Covenant, how this practice was used to send Barnabas and Saul on their first missionary journey out of the church at Antioch.



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pastor Mary Peterson: SERMON TEXT - Acts 16:16-40

In Acts 12:15, the people couldn't believe it was Peter standing outside of the house. Can you think about a time in your life when God did the impossible? What was that experience like for you? Call someone and ask them to share their story with you.

Read Paul's sermon in Acts 13:16-41. What is the good news in this passage? What is the difference between the responses from the Gentiles and the Jewish leaders?

In Acts 15, the early church is struggling to come to agreement about what qualifies them as followers of Christ. We read through their discussion and the resolution of this disagreement. Then, we read that Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement and parted ways. How do you handle conflict? What can you do better?

The end of Acts 18 shares how Paul, Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos helped to strengthen the new believers. What encouraged you when your faith was new? How are you encouraged today? What can you do to encourage a new believer?

BUILDING UPDATE



Upper Level

Room 100

The interior walls have come down and work will begin on removing the ramp and stairway this week. Remember, this is a construction site and please stay clear of the work area. Please continue to pray for safety of the workers at our building.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families

Light a candle and invite everyone to take three slow, deep breaths, exhaling slowly each time. Ask each person to think of someone outside your family who needs God's help. Write their names on a stone using a permanent marker. Place these stones around the candle and pray:

God, these stones around our candle are people we care about. They need your help. Watch over them today. Show them your love, give them hope, and give them peace. Amen.

Read Chapter 7 of All of Us and check out [Shine at Home](#). Every time someone is brave in the story, raise your fist to the ceiling.

Wonder and talk together about the Bible story and how it connects to your experiences as a family.

- I wonder how Shiphrah and Puah felt when they were called to speak with Pharaoh.
- I wonder how the midwives decided to save the babies.

The sister helped her family by talking to Pharaoh's daughter. When have you helped someone in your family? Ask each other the My Story and God Story questions on page 46.