Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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Welcome to our Visitors. You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card and let us know if you have any questions about our congregation.

Serving Today

Song Leader: Jimmy Wilson **Opening Prayer:** Roger Weaver Scripture Reading: Ben Blaylock Communion:

- Lead: Ken Lathrop
- _ Assisting: Austin Bruce
- _ Side: Dennis Furin
- _ Side: Kenny Wilkerson

Sermon: David West Closing Prayer: Jerry Sirmans Usher: Roger Weaver

Today's Service

230

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- 198 _
- **Opening Prayer** _
- Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 5-15 _
- 178 (Communion) _
- 213
- _ Sermon: The First Christian in Europe
- 320 (Invitation) _
- **Closing Prayer**

Announcements

- Ladies' Bible Class. The Ladies' Bible class has been moved to Tuesday, March 15th. See Kim Blaylock if you need the class materials.
- Potluck Luncheon. The Potluck Luncheon has been moved to Sunday, April 3rd.
- The Mt. Dora Inaugural Benefit Gala will _ be held on Saturday, April 9th, 6PM. Tim Tebow will be the guest speaker. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the Children's Home and Single Parent Program. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.mdcacademy.org or by calling 352-383-2155 Ext 298.

Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Wednesday: 7 PM Bible Class

Susan Dinsmore

Continuing Prayer List

- Genny Naugle
- _ Toby Scavotto
- David Marion Deb Taylor
- Corrine Jacobsen Tillie Johnson
- Gwen Means Ann Clark
- Tom Forrester
- Wyona Howard
 - Erma Barr Craig Cannaday Jackie Cannaday
- Maggie McDonald and Maggie's Mother
- Buddy Williams **Brenda Summers**

Prayer Requests

- Venite Dorvil Recovering from cataract surgery
- Yvonne Parker Recovering from surgery
- McMorris Tater Recovering from leg injury
- Tom Lester Ongoing health issues
- Suzy Wilkerson Ongoing back pain
- Iwana Smith Ongoing health issues
- Vernon Means Recovering from heart surgery
- Jerry Trotter Friend of Donna Brown. Back in the hospital.
- Joe Weathers Friend of the Lester's. Under treatment for recurring cancer.
- Lee Ward Friend of the Weaver's. Heart issues.

Event Calendar

March 15th – Ladies' Bible Class, 7PM April 3rd – Potluck Luncheon after services April 9th – Mt Dora Inaugural Benefit Gala, 6 PM April 11th – Ladies' Bible Class, 7PM May 21st – Church Family & Friends Fun Day

Upcoming Birthdays

March 16th – Kasie Parker March 25th - Sandy Lathrop April 4th – Brenda Summers April 7th – Donna Byrnes April 15th – Kerry Westmeyer April 19th – Venite Dorvil April 30th – Kim Blaylock

HOW THE SOJOURNER LIVES AND LOVES

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:8-10).

IT WAS NOT A CURSE BUT A GREAT BLESSING THAT UPROOTED ABRAHAM FROM HIS EARTHLY HOME. Far from the land of his youth and never again owning a plot of ground as his home, Abraham lived out his life wandering from one shepherd encampment to another. This was a great blessing because it made it much easier for Abraham to look beyond this world. As a sojourner dwelling in tents, he "waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

When we stay so long in one place that it begins to feel like "home," we may forget that our lease on this life is temporary. We quit dreaming about heaven, and we get to the point where we don't want to let go of the things we've grown so accustomed to. We should learn from the Hebrew patriarchs. They "all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Hebrews 11:13).

But we should be careful not to misunderstand what it means to be a sojourner. Despite all the painful consequences of sin in the world, it is still a world made by our Heavenly Father, and He means for us to enjoy it (<u>Ecclesiastes 5:18,19</u>). Let us not measure our holiness in terms of how miserable we can make ourselves. Our challenge is not to keep from enjoying this world; it is rather to keep from "settling down" in it.

"For our citizenship is in heaven," Paul wrote to Christian friends, "from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (<u>Philippians 3:20</u>). "Here we have no continuing city" (<u>Hebrews 13:14</u>). It is good for a guest to enjoy himself — as long as he remembers that he's a guest. Abraham must surely have enjoyed the passing sunrises, sunsets, and starry nights in the strange land of Canaan. Yet his heart could not be held for long by these things. He was too much in love with their Giver.

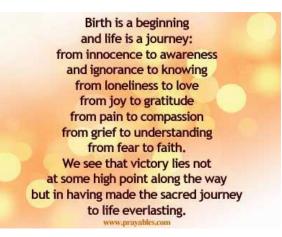
"Not where I breathe, but where I love, I live" (Robert Southwell).

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Today's Bible Question

How old was Abraham when he left for the land God promised him in Genesis 12?

- A. 75
- B. 90
- C. 100
- D. We don't know



Answer to Today's Bible Question

Answer: A Genesis 12: 4