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Joshua: Unlikely Partners



Joshua 2:1-21; Ecclesiastes 4:12
“Unlikely Partners”

Joshua's story shows us God's willing to partner with anyone...even us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal

GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

PRELUDE

"Crown Him King Medley"

arr. by R E Schram

OPENING SENTENCE

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (CEB)

Also, one can be overpowered, but two together can put up resistance. A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF GATHERING

"What A Mighty God We Serve" CEL #672

What a mighty God we serve.

What a mighty God we serve.

Angels bow before Him;

Heav'n and earth adore Him.

What a mighty God we serve. (2X)

CALL TO WORSHIP

When God said, "conquer Jericho"

Joshua made his plans

The army got ready

Everything was prepared and assigned

They were missing only one thing

A woman named Rahab

SING

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" GTG #354

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Holy God, you chose a murderer for the Exodus in Moses. You chose a child to be a prophet in Jeremiah. You chose a coward to be judge of all Israel in Gideon. You chose a corrupt politician to be king in David. You chose a liar in Peter, a traitor in Zaccheus, a thief who was crucified alongside Christ, even a donkey to serve your will and to make your grace known. For all our brokenness, you choose us, Lord. Forgive us, please, for forgetting this, not just when it comes to other people, but also when thinking about ourselves. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son**

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning.

It is now and ever shall be

world without end: Amen, amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals.

The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it

empowers us to live our true path. The Word of

God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let

us be open to this gift of God and ask for help

to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

"O, How I Love Jesus"

CEL #92

O, how I love Jesus!

O, how I love Jesus!

O, how I love Jesus!

Because He first loved me.

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: Joshua 2:1-21 (CEB)

God and Joshua, Israel, and Rahab.

¹ Joshua, Nun's son, secretly sent two men as spies from Shittim. He said, "Go. Look over the land, especially Jericho." They set out and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab. They bedded down there.

² Someone told the king of Jericho, "Men from the Israelites have come here tonight to spy on the land." ³ So the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab: "Send out the men who came to you, the ones who came to your house, because they have come to spy on the entire land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. Then she said, "Of course the men came to me. But I didn't know where they were from." ⁵ The men left when it was time to close the gate at dark, but I don't know where the men went. Hurry! Chase after them! You

might catch up with them.”⁶ But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the flax stalks that she had laid out on the roof.⁷ The men from Jericho chased after them in the direction of the Jordan up to the fords. As soon as those chasing them went out, the gate was shut behind them.⁸ Before the spies bedded down, Rahab went up to them on the roof.⁹ She said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land. Terror over you has overwhelmed us. The entire population of the land has melted down in fear because of you.”¹⁰ We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Reed Sea in front of you when you left Egypt. We have also heard what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites on the other side of the Jordan. You utterly wiped them out.¹¹ We heard this and our hearts turned to water. Because of you, people can no longer work up their courage. This is because the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below.¹² Now, I have been loyal to you. So pledge to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal loyally with my family. Give me a sign of good faith.¹³ Spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, and sisters, along with everything they own. Rescue us from death.”¹⁴ The men said to her, “We swear by our own lives to secure yours. If you don’t reveal our mission, we will deal loyally and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land.”¹⁵ So she lowered the spies on a rope through the window. Her house was on the outer side of the city wall, and she lived inside the wall.¹⁶ Then she said to them, “Go toward the highlands so that those chasing you don’t run into you. Hide there for three days until those chasing you return. Then you may go on your way.”¹⁷ The men said to her, “We won’t be responsible for this pledge you made us swear.”¹⁸ unless, when we come into the land, you tie this red woven cord in the window through which you lowered us. Gather your father, your mother, your brothers, and your whole family into the house with you.¹⁹ Those who go outside the doors of your house into the street will have only themselves to blame for their own deaths. We won’t be responsible. If anyone lays a hand on those who are with you in the house, we will take the blame for their death.²⁰ But if you reveal our mission, we won’t be responsible for this pledge you made us swear.”²¹ She said, “These things will happen just like you said.” She sent

them away and they went off. Then she tied the red cord in the window.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

”For the Picking”

ANTHEM “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”

arr. Patrick M. Lieberman; Soloist: David Ealy

SERMON

”Unlikely Partners”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”
GTG #761

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. by K L Phillips

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

“Down to the River to Pray” Traditional

**O Christians, let’s go down,
let’s go down, come one down.
O Christians, let’s go down,
down to the river to pray.**

**O Children, let’s go down,
let’s go down, come one down.
O Children, let’s go down,
down to the river to pray.**

**...Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

GTG #435

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

**Joshua's story shows us God's
willing to partner with anyone...
even us.**

SING *"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*

GTG #187

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us: we are yours.**

POSTLUDE

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" GTG #354

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: HPC Session
- The Family of Clint Barrett
- The Family of Jeff Beel
- Henry Crisp—multiple health issues; at ARMC
- Traci Faubel—recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Hawfields Child Care Center—direction
- HPC Nominating Committee
- Stephanie Herndon—recovery from surgery
- Emily Johnson—recovering from hip surgery following a fall
- Melba Melton—eye health/health concerns
- Tanya McClain—rheumatoid arthritis
- Cindy Napier & Family—health concerns; husband had an accident (Tammy Neese's cousin)
- The Family of Rachel Patterson (sister of Barbara Phillips)
- Shelby Perry—return of cancer on leg
- Residents of Alamance County who were impacted by the recent floods
- Susan Robinson—diabetic ketoacidosis
- Texas flood recovery
- Helen Thomas—back surgery on 8/11
- Jane Williamson—surgery to replace vertebrae on 8/1

Our prayers continue for:

Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe & Beverli McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), Danny Thompson and Pat Webster



Isaiah Fifty-Eight Verse Ten

Interesting Facts About Joshua

THE 2025 SESSION

MEANING: Joshua means "salvation." Numbers 13:8

AUTHOR: Joshua

TIME WRITTEN: Cannot be dated precisely.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 6th Book in the Bible
- 6th Book in the Old Testament
- 1st of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 60 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 24

VERSES: 658

WORDS: 18,858

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JOSHUA:

- Joshua was born a slave in Egypt but became a conqueror in Canaan.
- Joshua:
 - Became Israel's leader at age 85.
 - Led Israel for 25 years,
 - Died at age 110.
- Joshua had been one of the 12 spies Moses sent out from Kadesh Barnea. Joshua was 50 years old at the time.
 - He and Caleb brought back a favorable report.
 - He and Caleb were permitted to live in Canaan.
- Joshua exhibits three great qualities:
 - His obedient faith in God.
 - His great courage.
 - His dedication to God and His Word.
- The entire Book of Joshua has to do with the entering, conquering, and occupying the Land of Canaan.
 - It begins with a statement of the promise of the conquest. 1:2-3
 - It ends with the completion of the conquest. 23:14
- The conquest was accomplished with three military campaigns wherein Israel engaged more than 30 armies over a 7 year period.
 - 1st Military Campaign: Central Canaan. Joshua 6-8
 - 2nd Military Campaign: Southern Canaan. Joshua 9-10
 - 3rd Military Campaign: Northern Campaign. Joshua 11-12
- Joshua used the "divide and conquer" method of dividing the Southern part of Canaan from the Northern part.
- Joshua's great challenge: Joshua 24:15 - "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- Thus, Joshua begins where Deuteronomy leaves off, and takes Israel from the Wilderness to the Promised Land.
- In the Book of Joshua, the fulfillment of the land promise made to Abraham in Genesis 12:6 was fulfilled. "Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."

JOSHUA



David Ealy



Debby Ferrell



Sean Cooper



Courtney Covington



Morgan Covington



Rachel Ealy



Tammy Kames



Greg Massey



Kim Massey



Vicky MacLean



Nanette Pdeley



Kim Ragland



Ira Trolinger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORK WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT

One of the real shifts in culture we've experienced are changes in attitudes about jobs. Whether it's requirements, expectations, pay, experience, even hopes. And this is true on the part of both employees and employers. But there's a small but persistent truth that's always been true of this core, societal, economic relationship: you have to work with what you've got. Employers can only hire who applies. Employees can only work where they apply. And God is constantly applying to hire us. As we move through the week, consider the life moments for which (and with which) God has prepared you and apply for God's call on you as a person of faith.

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- How do you evaluate with whom you are willing to work?
- How do you think God evaluates us for partnering?
- What qualifies your belief in someone/something?
- What should God consider when hiring you?

BIBLE HEROES

Over the next several weeks we will feature as a theme in the Morning and Online worship services a Bible hero. We will use the lives of these folks to watch how God operates and contrast their choice-making with our own. From Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, to the Gospel itself, we will explore people and their stories, examples God gives us to live, learn and, frankly, laugh at ourselves.

THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH IS WRITTEN IN OUR CONNECTIONS

Whether we're talking about history or our ever-emerging present, God's goal has always been to connect us with God's Spirit and each other. A big way this

happens is through our stories. Linking Lives is an opportunity for folks to share their stories and in so doing help link us together with each other. Over the next 12 months, there will be opportunities for us to learn more about and, most importantly, pray for every family in our congregation. We will feature profiles and have times for personal prayer and chatting as well as bi-monthly opportunities for a podcast featuring faith stories (1st week of the month) and/or burning faith questions or theology (3rd week of the month). Look for your invitation letters to come beginning in August.

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee works at the behest of the congregation. They are seeking to empower and inform the right of the congregation in our system to elect its leadership. Elders Tammy Karnes, Sandy Muller and Carol Phillips are serving to provide us with a recommended slate of nominees. To aid them in their work, most principally, pray for them. Also, feel free to suggest names to them under these three conditions. First, ensure you have your suggested person's permission to submit their name. Second, make sure that they are, in fact, a member of the congregation. Third, and most important, prayerfully consider God's call on them to serve in this way.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

You have been invited to sign up for volunteering to support the Hawfields Child Development Center (CDC) host a "Family Fun Night" at their back playground on Sunday, **August 3rd** from 5:00-7:00 PM. The CDC will be providing the food, drinks but looking for help to prepare, serve, and clean up after the event. Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet.

There will also be a paper sign up sheet in the vestibule and Fellowship Building to access in person. The CDC can use help to prepare food, serve food and drinks, and with clean up of the food and drinks they are providing to their 150 students, families and staff. They will have live music, games, and play on their back playground. This is a great service opportunity to support our church mission to Build, Grow, and Share.

Here is the link for different time volunteer responsibilities and times.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA5AC2DA3FB6-57550415-family#/>

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be collecting school supplies for children at Garrett Elementary and Hawfields Middle schools through

August 31st. Donated items can be placed in the containers in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall.

Items needed are:

- *Composition notebooks (blue, green, red, black and yellow) wide ruled.
- *Plastic folders with pockets and prints (blue, green, red, black and yellow)
- *Plastic folders with pockets - no prongs
- *Colored pencils
- *Pencil top erasers or pink erasers
- *Pencil pouches and pencils boxes
- *Glue sticks
- *Scissors
- *Crayons (24 count)
- *Washable markers
- *Headphones (corded) and earbuds
- *Expo Markers (dry erase markers) Black
- *Clipboards
- *Highlighters

Front office/Teacher wish list items: Kleenex tissues, Lysol or Clorox wipes, Band-aids, ziplock bags (sandwich size).



Spotlight on the Choir

What is (are) the reason(s) you sing in the HPC Sanctuary Choir?

I love to praise God with singing and with fellowship.

- Nancy Montgomery

I love music and I enjoy singing harmony. The lyrics used to worship the Lord warms my heart.

- Sandy Muller

I enjoy singing and praising God with songs. I also enjoy learning the music while observing the director's passion!

- Sean Cooper

I literally feel the "togetherness" that occurs when voices unite through God's gift of music. I feel most alive when I am singing with a choir, especially when all members' voices are working to achieve harmony. For me, singing with a group of people embodies the 1 Corinthians 12 passage because just like the body has many parts, so does a choir. When all parts work in tandem the harmony they create is both communal and inspirational. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to both lead and be able to sing in the HPC Sanctuary Choir.

- Noah Melton

THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
11:00 AMYouth—Wet n Wild Waterpark
6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

TUESDAY, JULY 29

11:00 AMStaff Meeting & Prayer
11:00 AMSenior Fitness (F. Hall)
7:00 PMBoy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AMBusy Bees Workshop
1:30 PMHawfields Jammers
6:30 PMNarcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

11:00 AMSenior Chair Dance (F. Hall)
1:00 PMTai Chi
6:30 PMAA Meeting (Fleming Room)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AMWalking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS _____ 7/20/25

Giving Budget 2025.....\$346,202.00

Gen. Fund YTD.....\$124,151.05

Needed monthly.....\$28,850.17

G.F. Month to date.....\$10,015.00

Needed weekly.....\$6,657.73

Last week.....\$3,060.00

Building Fund.....\$0.00

Youth.....\$267.00

Helping Hands Balance.....\$10.00