

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Growth in Righteousness,
Genesis 18:1-33 - Bradley
Bell

October 11, 2020

Genesis 12-25: Blessed to Be
a Blessing

Call to Worship - Jeremiah 32:17

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! My name is Jason and I'm one of the pastors here. Hear this word from the prophet Jeremiah:

'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. Jeremiah 32:17

As we continue in the story of Abraham and Sarah today, we are learning about the journey of faith, of believing nothing is too hard for the Lord. So let that call you out of distraction and into worship this morning, as we sing how marvelous and wonderful is our God...

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Confession - John 1:10-11; Revelation 3:20

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. John 1:10-11

This may be surprising to us, but a significant part of the journey of faith is hospitality. When the Lord seeks to visit us, will he find our hearts and lives a hospitable place? Do we welcome him or turn him away? Let's pray this together from Revelation 3:20:

Lord, you stand at the door and knock
And if we hear your voice and open the door
You will come in and eat with us

Congregation: Come and make yourself at home in us.

Amen. (Based on Revelation 3:20)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

As The Deer

Sermon - Genesis 18:1-33

Baptism - Izaak Crigler

Baptism is one of the most important steps of obedience a Christian can take. It is a declaration and display of the total salvation Jesus has already provided for us. A person is lowered into the water to symbolize the death of Jesus. Then the person is raised from the water to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus.

Today we have one person who is declaring his new life in Christ through baptism: Izaak Crigler. Now we will hear Izaak's testimony, read by his mother, Kari.

Kari: Before I became a Christian, I would tell lies to my family, and I would freak out when my mom and dad asked me to do something I didn't want to do. I would find ways to be disobedient by saying things that were only a little bit true, or I would try to argue my way out of doing things that I didn't like. I would do these things all the time, and I wouldn't even feel bad about them. I always knew those were sinful because I'm growing up in a Christian home, but I didn't really care or feel bad about them. One night I was going to a LouCity game with my dad, and on the ride there we had a conversation where I told him that some nights I pray to God to forgive my sins, but I struggled to believe that He actually cared about me. My dad helped me understand that even though God was all-powerful, and all-knowing, and the creator of the universe, he still cares for me even though I am just one person. After that night I believed that God does care for me, and I started to feel very badly for my sins. I prayed that God would change my heart. I began to pray more and more, and I ask Him for forgiveness almost every single night. Even though I still struggle with those sins, I try to do them less and less with God's help. So I pray that Jesus will help me not do those things anymore. I believe Jesus has changed my heart. And is still changing me. Jesus is Lord!

Brad: Izaak, thanks be to God for what he has done in your life! Baptism not only means you have committed to be a disciple of Jesus, but it also means the church commits to help disciple you. Church, we should feel the weight of this responsibility!

Jason: Izaak, one important question before you are baptized. What is your sacred confession?

Izaak: Jesus is Lord!

Jason: Izaak, come forward and step into the water. Our brother in Christ, it is our honor to baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Buried in the likeness of Christ's death; raised to walk in newness of life.

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Announcements & Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Youth and Young Disciples - Just a reminder Youth and Young Disciples are meeting today directly after the gathering. If you are planning to attend you should go ahead and dismiss to your classrooms.

2) Giving and visitors - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

3) Membership - October is a membership emphasis month. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you would like to talk to someone about membership and go through a membership class. See one of the pastors if you have questions.

4) Soccer - Southside Soccer Clinic is happening this Saturday, October 17th from 1-4 PM for ages 4-9 (our children included). We have each Family Group assigned to help in different areas of the clinic. Please check in with your Family Group leaders for how you can serve before and on the day of the event. Also make sure you invite your friends and neighbors, this is a great opportunity to use soccer as a way to invite them to church. We'll have postcards printed by next week to pass out and feel free to invite them to visit the website antiochpeople.org/soccer/. IMPORTANT: we need at least three Family Groups to hand out postcards—let Brad know.

5) Food Pantry is this coming Saturday! We are needing volunteers to make this happen. On Friday we need help picking up food and preparing the boxes and then we need folks to help pass them out at our drive through pantry on Saturday morning. If you need more details please see Kari Crigler.

6) Security Team - The Security team will meet briefly after the service on October 18th. We need volunteers who would be interested in serving during Gathered. See Andy for more information.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. Today's benediction is a prayer of blessing over Stuart and Callie Langley. Let us give thanks for their time here at Antioch and pray for blessings on this next leg of the journey as they move to Florida.

[prayer]

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: We are sent.
