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July 8, 2012

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## Why Would God Change a Man's Name?

There is only one man in the Bible who is described as the friend of God. He is mentioned over 300 times in the Bible, but the first sixty times he is mentioned, he is called by a name that does not represent the place God intended for him to occupy. His first name, Abram, means "a high father" or "an exalted father." God did not see him that way so He gave him a new name, Abraham, which means "a father of the multitude" or "a father of many nations."

The Jewish nation failed to see the significance of the name and made him the "exalted father" of the Jewish nation. They felt that they were above all people simply because of the fact they were his descendants. Such is the classic example of those who see themselves as a super race, one far above all others. The fact that they were chosen by God to accomplish His purpose was not evidence that they were "saved" any more than when He used Pharaoh or Nebuchadnezzar to accomplish His purpose. The Jews were not truly children of God because of their birth.

This becomes abundantly obvious when one reads the New Testament. Those approved by God were not those who possessed the blood of Abraham but those who possessed the *faith* of Abraham. Paul spoke of the promise of God which was made to "those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all" (Rom. 4:16). There it is. Abraham is not the "exalted father" of a particular race, but he is the father of those whose hearts are filled with the faith in the heart of this patriarch. Thus the next verse emphasizes this by saying, "As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations."

So the one thing which truly matters is that we have the faith of Abraham. When God called "those things which do not exist as though they did," Abraham embraced these non-existent things. God promised him that he would have a child and then waited for 25 years to fulfill that promise to Abraham. Paul said, "He staggered not at the promises of God" (Rom. 4:20, KJV). The later translations say, "He did not waver ... but his faith was strengthened." Instead of faith weakening and doubting, the opposite happened. Time only served to increase his faith.

Fellow Christian, how is your faith? Is it growing? Do you have more confidence in His promises now than years ago? May God help us to realize that since faith comes from hearing His word, we must feed our faith. May God help us to have the faith of the man who is the friend of God. Could anything be more important than this?

**ELDERS**

- Carl Burrus
- Jesse Byers
- Bobby Hill

**EVANGELIST**

- Benjamin Williams

**PRISON MINISTER**

- Bill Hamrick

**DEACONS**

- Jeff Bullinger
- Matt Caldwell
- Chris Patterson
- Johnny Riggs
- Bruce Rothell
- Lonnie White

**SECRETARY**

- Karen Brown

**SUNDAY**

- Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
- Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
- Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

- Adult Class (Fall/Spring) 10:00 am
- Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

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# VBS

*July 18th—20th*  
*Classes for all ages - including*  
*adults*  
*“Joseph in Egypt”*  
*7:00 pm*

**Vacation Bible School** is only two and a half weeks away. Have you made plans to attend and bring someone with you?

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is time to start thinking about collecting school supplies again. If you know of a child that needs supplies please give the name and a list of items needed to Johnny Riggs. Supplies need to be brought to the church building by Sunday, July 29th. Any supplies not used here will be given to one of the local schools. A list has been inserted into the bulletin for your convenience.

## DROP BOX

If you would like to donate clothing and other items to Hope Harbor the North Heights congregation has a ‘drop box’ available at their building.

### Sunday, July 8th

Elder’s and Deacon’s meeting at 3:30

### Saturday, July 14th

VBS workday; 10 am

### Wednesday thru Friday, July 18th-20th

Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm

### Sunday, July 29th

5th Sunday fellowship meal at noon, with evening service moved to 1:00 pm; group Hill

### Saturday, July 28th

Youth group going to Frontier City

### Monday & Tuesday, August 13th & 14th

Men’s Retreat in Norman, OK (flyer posted on b-board)

upcoming  
work dinners  
events fellowship  
retreats picnics games parties  
meetings

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Glenna Estep continues her chemo treatments
- Susie O'Neal's father, Dale Calvert, is in serious condition in Hillcrest hospital.
- Randy Crawford fell off of a porch and broke his shoulder.
- Shirley Hood's great nephew, Landon Hetherington, has left for his 3rd tour of duty in Afghanistan. She has asked for prayers on his behalf.
- Becky Byers' father, Larry Isaacs, has been diagnosed with lung cancer; they are consulting with a surgeon.
- Barbara Vaughan's nephew, Ken Froese, who suffered a stroke.
- Jesse Byers' sister-in-law, Shelia Byers, has breast cancer for the 2nd time. She had surgery this past week.
- Bobby Hill is still consulting with his doctors about his broken wrist.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Billie English (cancer); Chris Anderson (heart); Shirley Hood's brother Charles Bell and g-nephew Carter; Bruce Rothell's friend, Jason Brown (cancer); Sally Henderson (Nola's sister); Bill Hainey (Jennifer McCafferty's father); Eula Shope (Cancer); Marlene Wadkins (Wes' grandmother/stroke); Mary Calvert (Susie O'Neal's mother); Suzanne Stamps (sis of Marcia Hill); Glenna Estep (cancer); Lexann Delay Johnson & baby; many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Cory Stead; Ronnie Wilson; Jason Caldwell; Cameron Hill; Shasta Hammons; Adam & Amanda White; Landon Hetherington



## YOUTH

**Temper Parker, Jonathan Hamilton and Shelby Caldwell** can all say the first verse in the Bible. "In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth." Genesis 1:1

## THANK YOU

The Caldwell family would like to thank you for all the items that were brought for the troops under Capt. Jason Caldwell's command. They are being boxed up and sent on their way and will be appreciated very much. Thank you.

## VBS WORKDAY

Come and help prepare for Vacation Bible School. Be here at 10:00 am next Saturday, July 14th. See Selene for questions.

## MEETING

Elder's and Deacon's meeting today at 3:30 pm.

## MEETING

The 29th & Yale congregation is having a "Survey of Minor Prophets" each Wednesday evening until the end of August. There will be a different speaker each week, Ben speaks on Aug 15th. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with more info.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & June McGuire, July 8	Jenna Sullivan, July 22	Karen Myrick, July 29
Sara & Chris Bennett, July 9	Stephanie Yeager, July 23	Dolores Scherman, July 30
Wes & Jennifer Wadkins, July 14	Donna White, July 24	Wes Wadkins, July 30
Becky Byers, July 15	Stephanie White, July 26	Dennis & Kay Robinson, July 31
Lonnie White, July 19	Larry & Jane Potter, July 27	

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	101
Sunday AM Worship	146
Sunday PM Worship	104
Wednesday Bible Classes	69

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$4742.00
Budget	\$3,559.00
Over Budget	\$15,019.04
Building Fund	\$91,823.81

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Randy Brown
Opening Prayer	Dean Scherman
Closing Prayer	Robert Hill
Scripture Reading	Larry Growns
Lord's Table	Jeff Bullinger Jim Yeager Bruce Rothell Topper Causby

### Ushers

Johnny Riggs  
Bob Simmons

### Lock Building

Lonnie White & Jim Yeager

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader	James Hamilton
Opening Prayer	Lonnie White
Closing Prayer	Jack Lierly
Scripture Reading	Matt Hamilton

### Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Jim Yeager
Closing Prayer	Darrell Burcham
Song Leader	Ben Williams
Invitation	Chris Patterson

## Communion Preparation

7/1	Rosalie O'Neal
7/8	Rothell girls
7/15	Karen Myrick
7/22	Sherri Carr
7/29	Rita Risley
8/5	Susan Kress
8/12	Autumn Caldwell
8/19	Tonya Davidson
8/26	Nyla Nunley

## Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

September 6th  
6:30 PM



"These were more noble: they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

## Search Programs:

- July 8—Character
- July 15—Sin Destroys A People
- July 22—The Cost of Discipleship
- July 29—The Bride of Christ

## Sunday Morning Sermon

The Faith of Abraham  
Romans 4:1-3

## Sunday Evening Sermon

The Patriarchs: History or Legend?  
Genesis 12:10-15