

SERMON NOTES ♦ APRIL 26, 2009
Depending on Faith, Resting on Grace

SERMON TEXT
Romans 4:13-22 (NRSV)

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

NOTES

I. What adherence brings...

II. Depending on faith...

III. Resting on grace...

IV. A case study...

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April 26, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M.

PREPARATION

THE PRELUDE: *For the Beauty of the Earth*.....arr. Page
Christy Floyd

THE WELCOME.....Clay Brown
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

ADORATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

***THE HYMN #113:** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*.....MARION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Tyler Domske

CONFESSION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION.....Fred Coates

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be obedient people. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE RESPONSE #734:** *Glory Be to the Father*.....GREATOR EX

PROCLAMATION

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-14.....Pew Bible, pp. 13-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON LESSON: Romans 4:13-22Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON: *Depending on Faith, Resting on Grace*Clay Brown

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever. Amen.

CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*Hayes

***THE RESPONSE #34:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THE HYMN #530:** *Faith of Our Fathers*ST. CATHERINE

*THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***THE RESPONSE #405:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (v. 1).....SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

***THE POSTLUDE:** *Praise Ye the Father*Gounod

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Manchie Poore by Frank Poore, Jeff & Connie Poore, Bob and Manchie Moore and all grandchildren.

Recent Prayer Requests: Jane Diehl; Bob Davidson; Clayton Davidson; Anita Teeter; Suzy Brawley; Pauline Bowers, Jean Chislaghi's mother; Rebecca Auten; Fred Hoke; Mary Voils Aven; Terry Stevens; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents, especially her dad; David Ortwein, Ken Bemd's nephew; EO3SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

Upcoming Studies: Because the Crucifixion and Resurrection are so important to our Christian faith, Dr. Brown will teach two courses following Easter that will help put them into their right perspective. The courses are for two distinctly different audiences and sets of needs. "EXPLAINING CHRISTIANITY" will begin Sunday, April 26 and is for self-acknowledged non-Christians or anyone wondering about Christianity. "THE CORE OF THE GOSPEL" began Thursday, April 16 and is for Christians who want to be grounded in the faith. See the April Newsletter for more information or call the office (704-664-5275) to sign-up for either course.

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Dinner will be Monday, May 4. A social time will begin at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:00pm. The cost of the meal is \$6.00. The speaker will be Rory Crawford of the Mooresville HealthReach Clinic. Reservations should be turned in to Circle Moderators by Wednesday, April 29

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Historic Gold Hill this Wednesday, April 29. Located near Salisbury, Gold Hill was the site of extensive gold mining in the 1850's, and has many restored buildings and interesting shops. The group plans to leave at 9:15 a.m., tour the historic site, and have lunch at the Gold Miner's Café. Admission cost is \$4. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

Church School Social: Everyone is invited to a Church School Social this morning from 9:50-10:10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship prior to church school. Regular classes will be held immediately following the Social.

Camp Grier: Summer camping sessions will be held at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, from June 14 through July 31 for children and youth in rising grades 2-12. Informational brochures may be found at the rear of the sanctuary and in the church office. Scholarship help is available.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Leann DeCastro and family in the death of her mother on April 17.

Happy Birthday to Frank Poore who celebrated 92 years on April 23.

Calendar for April 26 – May 3, 2009

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School Social in the FH 10:00 a.m. - Church School 10:00 a.m. - Pastor's Study in the library 11:00 a.m. - Worship 4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting with Confirmands
Monday:	5:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Dinner 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
Wednesday:	9:15 a.m. - Saints Alive to Historic Gold Hill 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner 6:15 p.m. - HS SupperClub @ Steak and Hoagie 7:00 p.m. - VBS Meeting in the Session Room 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Preschool Spring Sing 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home 6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers 7:15 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study
Friday:	9:30 a.m. - Preschool Spring Sing
Saturday:	PYF Virginia Creeper
Sunday 5/3	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 10:00 a.m. - Pastor's Study in the library 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:30 p.m. - Confirmation Luncheon 4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF 5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF 7:00 p.m. - CE Committee

Next Sunday's Worship—May 3, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services: Tyler Domske preaching on Romans 4:23-5:11 for Confirmation Sunday.

Alan Sledge is in Greensboro for the North Carolina All State Honors Band concert where his son, Graham, is participating.