# Third Street Church

# Conference Call-Midweek Prayer and Bible Study

# Wednesday, August 12, 2020 - 6pm

**Introductions/ Welcome- Pastor Reid**

**Opening Prayer: Deacon Jeraline Truesdale**

**Opening Song:*****“If it had not been for the Lord on my side” - Helen Baylor***

*He kept my enemies away, he let the sunshine through a cloudy day... kept me in his arms when he knew I had been battered and torn... “If it had not been for the Lord on my side where would I be?*

**The Word: Genesis 9:8-17 *The Covenant with Noah (ESV- English Standard Version)***

**8**Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9**“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, **10**and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. **11**I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” **12**And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13**I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14**When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15**I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16**When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” **17**God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Key Verse: Genesis 9:11“***I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”*

***Reflection:***

Genesis holds the keys to understanding the creation, the origin of sin and evil, and God's plan for the redemption of mankind and hope for a lost and dying world. Truths found in chapters 3-11 of Genesis lays a solid foundation for the rest of the story.

The story of the world wide flood and Noah's ark is one of the most interesting portions of Genesis. Details of the flood are recorded in Genesis 6:14-9:29. While most of us like to think about the boat and the beautiful rainbow in relation to the flood, we must never forget the reason God sent the flood, sin and evil. Human race became so wicked that God had to judge them, o in the great flood (Genesis 6:5).

Although Noah was a sinner and part of the human race God destroyed, the Bible says, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8). "Grace" is "the undeserved favor of God." Remember we experience God’s Grace **DAILY**, Noah found eternal life in God's saving grace and was therefore spared from the destruction of the wicked

After the flood waters receded, ***20****Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar* (Genesis 8:20). This offering expressed his thankfulness to God for eternal salvation and salvation from the flood waters.

The covenant God made with Noah is just one example of

God’s faithfulness. God is a **covenant maker** and a **covenant keeper**. Although there have been thousands and thousands of localized floods all over the world since this promise was made, the world has not and will not be completely destroyed by water again. Of this we can be sure. (see 2Peter 3:5-7)

Sometimes we experience a localized floods in our lives. Floods of loneliness and then we remember God’s promise, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* (Hebrews 13:5). In these times of Covid-19, systematic racism, economic crisis and this week a earthquake we feel the localized flood of worry and anxiety attempting to drown us in despair and then we remember God’s promise, *"*casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”(1 Peter 5:7). Sometimes the localized floods of this present world can cause us to think the promises of God are going to be washed away and leave us to ourselves.

He is a God who keeps His promises *He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it*.(1 Thessalonians 5:24). From now on throughout the Bible, God is known as a covenant making God who is faithful to keep His covenant. And today we are studying the **first covenant** that God makes His everlasting covenant with Noah.

***Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion***

Please feel free to join in during the study we all learn and are studying God’s Word together. This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as people of faith. We all do not interpret scripture the same, this is one reason we call this bible “study”.

1. The word "covenant" is used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_times in verses

8-17.

1. What does the word “covenant” mean?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. God established this covenant with (v.9-10)

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1. God says that never again will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_destroy the earth.(v.11)
2. **“**I have set my \_\_\_\_\_in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth”, this passage is Genesis 9:\_\_\_
3. The actual word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”doesn’t actually appear until Revelation 4:3 and 10:1. What do these scripture say?
4. Every time you see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the sky, it represents the victory of grace over judgment.
5. Which part of the verses of today’s text from Noah’s Covenant story have the most meaning for you and why?

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:**

God formed this covenant with humanity. As Christians we must seek first the Kingdom of Heaven. Think and pray about what today’s bible study says to you and your relationship with God. With all that is taking place in the world we must not disconnect from study and living out God’s word as Christians. We are in the world, not of the world.

**What Inspires you these days?**

It may seem like there is little today to inspire us. Hold on to inspiration find hope in the midst of troubling times. What inspires you? a song, hymn, scripture or special reading?

﻿**Faith in Action:**. The physical church doors are closed but we are the distance church wherever we are. Give, share, pray, reach out ***We are the Church.*** Reaching out , text, call, email, US mail or virtual, that is our mission as the Body of Christ.

**Evening Prayer- Pastor Reid. Let us lift up people/situations in God’s world for prayer *we must know and believe in the power of PRAYER!!***

**Closing Song*: “My Soul is Anchored” sung by Douglas Miller***

*“Though the storms keep on raging in my life and sometimes it’s hard to tell the night from day still the hope that lies within is reassured as I keep my eyes upon the distance shore he will lead me safely to that blessed place he has prepared”…my soul is anchored in the Lord*

**Words of Sending:**   
L: My Brothers and Sisters in Christ as evening comes let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**ALL: We go with the LOVE of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week!

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid