

Garden >>> City

July 10, 2022

In Genesis we see God's purpose/project start in a Garden ->
Heaven & Earth united, creator dwelling with creation
Humanity as image-bearers, God's agents in the world

the command to Adam becomes a promise to Abraham

Genesis 1:27-28 "... Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth..."

Genesis 17:6-7 "I will make you extremely fruitful..."

the promise of getting back on track is made through
the promised seed **Genesis 3:15, Genesis 13:14-15, Galatians 3:16**

The promise finds its fulfillment in Jesus.

But the story of **Abraham**, the story of **Abraham's family**
is one of faith followed by doubt & disobedience.

Genesis 15 - God's covenant with Abraham

- God makes a promise with a guarantee
- God speaks in the cultural language of Abraham's day
- Abraham trusts God

*And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him
as righteous because of his faith. **Genesis 15:6 NLT***

- better understood as "counted him in right relationship, in
covenant relationship"

But the rollercoaster of Abraham's trust and
his doubt & disobedience continue...

God is understood by Hagar (**Genesis 16**) as a God who hears, a
God who sees us where we are and intervenes on our behalf.

Abraham negotiates with God (**Genesis 18**) revealing something of
how God interacts with his creation.

The son of promise is born and Abraham's trust is tested (**Genesis
21-22**)

- Abraham has messed up so many times, will he finally trust?
- Our God is not like other God's, Our God provides

"Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had Father Abraham..."

Romans 4 - promise comes by right relationship

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 - we are ambassadors of reconciliation

How will we reflect the image & likeness of God in our world?

READ TOGETHER IN 2022 Read with our NTC Family It is not too
late to start! Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan
for 2022. **Or pick up a paper copy of the plan in the lobby!**

WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET **Stop by for refreshments!** Stop
by the welcome room after the service to receive a welcome gift and chat
with members of one of our house churches.

ARE YOU ON A TEAM? **We need team members for Elementary**
Our kids classes are at capacity and we need more volunteers to keep
receiving kids on Sundays. See Charity Murtaugh or visit the checkin desk.

ARE YOU IN A GROUP? **Two Groups Launching this Summer**
Living Life for Others with Justin & Julie Cardinal, featuring teaching from
Marc Estes will take place at the church at 6pm on Mondays nights July 25,
August 8, and August 22nd. Churches That Heal with Deb LeRoux will run
for six consecutive Tuesdays nights at 6pm starting July 19th. Find them
both on the ChurchCenter App or in the eNewsletter.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT 6pm Tonight 7th-12th graders are invited to a BBQ to
celebrate our graduating seniors!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday-Thursday from 6pm-8:30pm
Invite your friends and neighbors as we welcome gradeschoolers this week.

LOVE MASSENA Saturday at Alcoa Park from 11am-3pm Help us
love and bless our community! Volunteer at the table in the lobby!

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY Friday at 9am Pray for our nation together.

MEN'S PRAYER Saturday at 8am Gather with other men every Saturday.

FAMILY FUN DAY Next Sunday Stay after the service next week for a
BBQ and fun and games with blowups for the kids and much more!

coming up....

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AT WHITEFACE July 22nd Help raise
money for High Peaks Church's Building Fund by participating in this golf
tournament at the Whiteface Club & Resort. Cost is \$100 and includes a
lunch buffet and welcome bag from Rock Bottom Golf. Contact Matthew
Theis at 518-891-5863 or matthew.theis@edwardjones.com

LOVE OGDENSBURG August 13th Noon to 3pm at the Dobisky Center!

CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP August 15th-19th Our teens are
headed back to Cape Cod this summer! Register your teens today on the
website or through the ChurchCenter App.

LOVE MALONE August 20th More information to come!

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