

Upcoming Events & Reminders

September 6, 2026

- **September 9th**
 - **AWANA Begins** – 7:00pm
 - **New Adult Breakout Classes Begin** – 7:00pm
- **September 12th**
 - **Refuge MS Bowling Night** – 6:00pm – 8:00pm @ Uptown Alley
 - **Refuge HS Senior Bingo Night** – 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **September 13th**
 - **Upward Registration Opens** – Coaches and Refs needed!
- **September 19th**
 - **Volunteer Appreciation Day** – 10:00am – 2:00pm @ Maple Tree Farm in Warrenton – Lunch provided!
- **September 20th**
 - **Watchmen Men's Meeting** – 5:00pm
- **September 23rd**
 - **AWANA Neon Night** – 7:00pm
- **September 27th**
 - **Soul'd Out Concert** – 9:00am
 - **Discover Battlefield** – directly following service

Events Sign Up



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THE HALL OF FAITH FLAW

Hebrew 11:8-16

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

SERMON NOTES

Hall of Faith: Sarah's Surprising Faith

Hebrews 11:8-16

Big Idea: God's not looking for perfect people to use. He's looking for imperfect people who'll trust a faithful God.

1. Sarah's Scheme [Genesis 16:1-6]

- In Genesis 16 Sarah is 75 or 76 years old and she is barren.
- God controls a woman's _____ to have children.
- True faith is based on the _____ of God, not the _____ of man.
- Sarah devises a plan of her own. She arranges the marriage between her handmaid and her own _____. Her handmaid, Hagar, an Egyptian, will act as a _____.

2. Sarah's Skepticism [Genesis 18:9-15]

- When she hears the promise repeated, a promise she heard for the first time 20 years ago, she _____. Not out loud. Within herself.
- Skepticism causes us to make God's power the same _____ as our circumstances.

3. Sarah's Surprising Faith [Hebrews 11:11-12]

- The same woman who schemed her way around God's promise in chapter 16, the same woman who laughed in disbelief and then lied about it in chapter 18, that woman — by name — is enshrined in the great "hall of faith" chapter of the Bible.
- That's a testimony to how faithful God is even when we're not.
- Your faith doesn't have to be _____ to be real, it just has to be finally fixed on the God who is.

So What?

- Things like fear, doubt, skepticism and cynicism can cause us to stray from His _____.
- These detours from God's way are often _____ and _____.
- While we are waiting we must also be _____.

Sarah eventually repented of her schemes and skepticism, and placed her trust in God. For she had come to the conclusion that God, the One who promised, is faithful!!! How about you today?