

## Winter Bible Study- Fairview Memorial MBC

### ➤ Who is Samuel?

#### 1. Overview

- The son of Hannah and Elkannah 1080 BC
  - 1 Sam. 1:20- Samuel- "name of God"; "his name is El"
- He was a prophet and the last of the Judges appointed over Israel
  - 1 Sam. 7:3-8- Appointed to that role after the defeat of the Israelites by the Philistines and the ark of the covenant is taken
  - 1 Sam. 15:22-23- Anointed Saul as King over Israel according to the people's wishes and God's direction
  - 1 Sam. 16:7- Anointed David as the successor to Saul as the new king
  - Heb 11:32- He is named in the roll of call Faith
    - Unger's Bible Dictionary- "...He was dedicated to the service of God by his mother and that service never became an irksome routine. God was center around, which he, as well as heaven, turned. In all his difficulties he turned to God for counsel. In all his acts and decisions he was guided by the word of Jehovah"

### ➤ The Development of Samuel

#### 1. The Dedication of Hannah- 1 Sam. 1:26-28

- 1 Sam. 1:11- She pledged to the Lord that the child would be separated according to the vow of the Nazarite
  - The vow of the Nazarite was a vow of separation unto the Lord (Numbers 6:2-8)
- Hannah was faithful to her vow and lent her child to the Lord for as long as he lives
  - 1 Sam. 2:1-11- In her dedication to serve the Lord and her love for him she rejoiced in the dedication of Samuel to the Lord

#### 2. His Childhood Development- 1 Sam. 2:18-21

- 1 Sam. 1:11- Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli
- 1 Sam. 2:18- Samuel ministered before the Lord in a linen ephod
- 1 Sam. 1:28- Samuel worshipped the Lord there
- 1 Sam. 2:21- Samuel grew before the Lord
- 1 Sam. 2:26- He grew on and found favor both with the Lord and with men
  - Favor- (Web. 1828) "*Kind regard; kindness; countenance; propitious aspect; friendly disposition*"
- 1 Sam. 3:7- Samuel did not know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord revealed yet
  - 1 Sam. 3:10- he responded personally in his own doing to the voice of the Lord

#### 3. His Continued Development – 1 Sam. 3:19-21

- 1 Sam. 3:19- Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and he was recognized as the prophet of the Lord
- 1 Sam. 3:20-21- His words were spoken with purpose towards Israel and it was spoken as the Lord revealed it to Samuel
- 1 Sam 7:15- He served his whole life judging Israel

#### 4. The Full Maturity of Samuel- 1 Sam. 12:20-25

- 1 Sam. 12:23- It is sin for him not to pray for them and he would continue to teach despite their sin and rejection

#### 5. The Failure to develop

- 1 Sam 8:1-3- Failed to develop his own sons to walk in the ways of the Lord