**Murray Baptist Church – May 19, 2020 / Acts 6 – Growing Pains and Opportunities**

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| **Verse(s)** | **Focus** | **Connections** | **Takeaways** |
| 1 | Question from the religious leaders to Stephen |  |  |
| 2 | Abraham identified as the receiver of the promises of God | God initiates his relationship with a people as he initiates his relationship with an individual | God’s desire is for a relationship with a collective not just an individual |
| 3-5 | Abraham’s Obedience / Inheritance |  | * Abram (his name would be changed later) obeyed his father Terah
* Abram obeyed God
* The promise/inheritance was spoken before he and Sarah had a child (she was unable to conceive
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| 6-7  | Some promises come through pain | Genesis 15:13-14 | * 400 years of slavery
* The captors would be punished by God
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| 8 | The Covenant of Circumcision and the covenantal family | Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Jacob would be renamed Israel and became the father of the 12 Patriarchs) |  |
| 9-19 | Family problems that led to the survival of God’s people in Egypt |  |  |
| 20-44 | Moses Background explained |  |  |
| 45-48 | Moses…Joshua…David | From Temporary Tabernacle to Permanent Structure for God’s presence |  |
| 49-50 | God’s dwelling place is in heaven | God is the creator and sustainer of all things |  |
| 51-54, 58-59 | Stephen compares his hearers to their ancestors |  | The leaders were okay hearing the history of Israel that they liked but were offended by the history that was true but that they didn’t like |
| 55-57. 60 | Peace through the Holy Spirit |  | The Holy Spirit will guide us in what to say and how to say it. |