

March 6, 2022, Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Maturing Faith through Intergenerational Ministry"

In our study for the "Names and Descriptions of God" class Wednesday night, I noticed something in our study passage in Gen. 27:20 that I had not noticed before. When Jacob was deceiving his blind father in pretending to be his twin, but older brother, Esau, he served his dad some food for which Isaac was surprised that he was able to prepare it so quickly. His answer to his father was that "the Lord, your God, gave me success." The real reason for the speed of preparation was that his mother, Rebekah, had been involved in the deception and the preparation of the meal. It is very interesting that Jacob would credit God in the midst of his lie, but this is not what surprised me. I had not noticed before that Jacob did not say, "My God gave me success," he said, "The Lord, your God, gave me success."

His father's God, not his own. Maybe that is part of the reason for the deception, he didn't really have the faith that God would do what was best for him without him and his mother taking matters into their own hands. I got to looking at this language and the first time Jacob calls God his own God is in Gen. 28:20-22, and then it is conditional. After he has had the dream of the ladder into heaven and the angels going back and forth. God is at the top of the ladder and he announces to Jacob that he will keep the promise he made to Abraham through Jacob. When Jacob awakened he said the place must be the house of God and the gateway to heaven. He set up a monument there and promised that if God will get him back home safely he will claim Him as his God – still not quite there yet! He doesn't fully acknowledge God as his personal God until Gen. 33:18-20 when he makes it back home. There he acknowledges God, as the "God of Israel", his new name from God through whom the promises of Abraham would come.

I find it interesting that this jumped out at me when we are studying "intergenerational youth and family ministry" on Sunday mornings in the GPS class. One of the benefits of intergenerational ministry is that it helps teens develop their own faith in God. It is not unusual for children to base their faith in their parents' faith. And it is not unusual for children as they grow older to have their doubts from time to time, especially when they face challenges, but through their own personal discovery of a relationship with God through Christ and the Holy Spirit, along with the examples and stories of older brothers and sisters in the church family, their faith is confirmed into their own personal conviction!

David Bearden



- March 6 2022: Children's Bible Class—The Story continues: No Ordinary Man
 - March 6, 2022: Children's Church—continues
 - March 6, 2022: GPS Class continues: Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
- March 6, 2022: Adult Class in Auditorium—Hughbert Collier is teaching Revelation
 - March 6, 2022: Bible 101—7:00 p.m. at the Stephenville Funeral Home Annex

March 6, 2022: Memory Verse Starts Again—(Matthew 22:37-39)

March 8, 2022: Duracells Meet—5:30 at the Family Center for a Salad Supper—bring a salad or a dessert

March 9, 2022: No Wednesday Night Classes for Spring Break —

No Wednesday Night Meals for Spring Break Wednesday Night Meals —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center (starts again next week, 3/16)

(Menu: will be announced)

Wednesday Night Bible Classes —6:30 in the main building. (next week, 3/16) Adults—meet in the auditorium at 6:30 for introduction of lesson theme, then divide in groups "What's in a Name of God?" (Elohim Ruah—God of Revelation—next week 3/16/2022)

March 13, 2022: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)

March 31, 2022: Night of Casseroles—Bring casseroles to the Family Center between 4:00 and 4:45 p.m. Distribution starts at 5:00 and continues until they are all gone

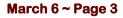


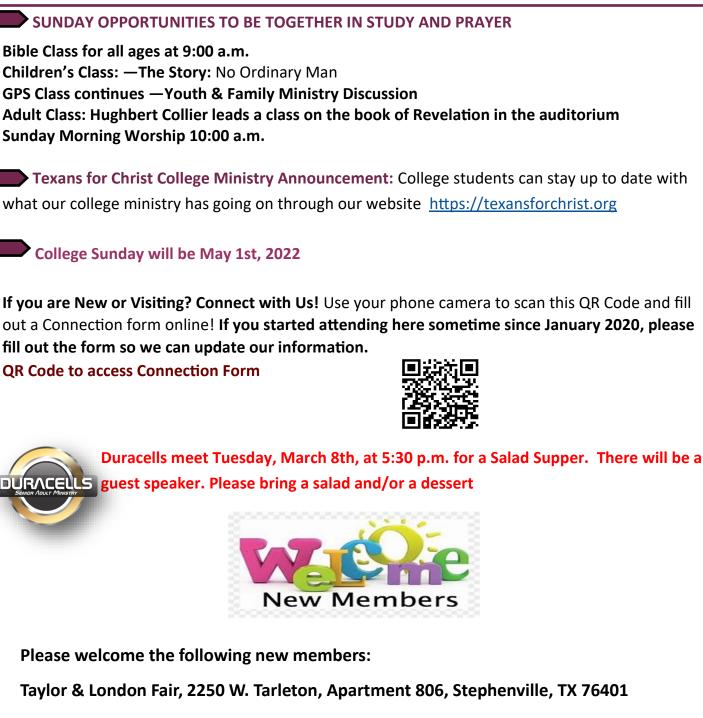
March 27, 2022—Fourth Sunday Fellowship Lunch

April 10, 2022—Easter Egg Hunt at the Museum Grounds following worship service

VBS is coming—July 24th through 27th—watch for more information soon!

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Charles Williams; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring, still grateful for our prayers; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore; Jody Caudle; Peggy Glover; Mildred Buchanan; Bill Scott; Ricky Caudle; Brenda Caraway; Vincent Lopez; Hartley Hearne, great-niece of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne, who passed away last week; Paul Schulze; Billy Powell; Fred Alvord & his wife, Cathey; Bobby Tate; Johanna Graham; Rebecca Stephens; Margie Phillips; Joanna Lay; Jessica Kribbs; Marilyn Schulze; Linda Knowles; Chuck Gruenwald

ONLINE RESOURCES

Audio with Slides Recording on website (https://grahamstreetchurch.com/sermons) Family Resources: https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/house-church Small Group Lessons and Study Materials are on the website: https://grahamstreetchurch.com/small-group-materials Chronological Bible Reading: https://www.biblestudytools.com/shall-group-materials GPS | Graham Street Church of Christ

Giving Update (will be updated next week for 2/27 & 3/6)

\$5.00 PUTS A BIBLE IN A PRISONER'S HANDS



Children's Giving will go toward the Glen Moody Bible Fund

Donate to the Glen Moody Fund Participate in the Prison Ministry

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Heart Soul Mind Strength Graham Street Youth Group

Youth Group Announcement: For details and updates for 6th-12th grade students and their parents, go to: https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org

<u>March 6th-</u>Class @ 9:00am-Study for Youth Finding Identity, Belonging & Purpose

<u>March 9th</u>– No class during Spring Break

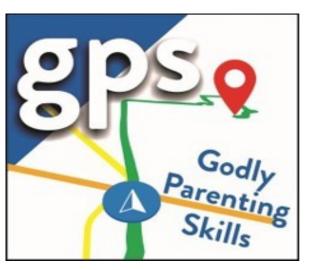
<u>March 16th</u>—6:30pm REVIVE (FC); LTC (Youth Room)



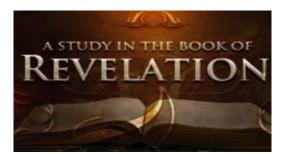
For ages 3, 4 & Upstairs in the Loft *Volunteers See Casey Reed*

Memory Verse is back—Come find the Memory Verse person in the lobby between Bible Class & worship service to recite the verse.

(Matthew 22:37-39)



Sun., March 6, 9:00am GPS room. GPS Class Meets "Youth & Family Ministry Discussion"



Adult Class in Auditorium Hughbert Collier leads a class on the book of Revelation Worship 10:00 a.m.



Elohim Ruah God of Revelation (on March 16) Wednesday Night Bible Classes 6:30 Auditorium "What's In a Name (of God)?"