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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-Jerry Sturgill
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-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, SA
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-Herman Joseph
Guyana, SA
-Mohamed Ally
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-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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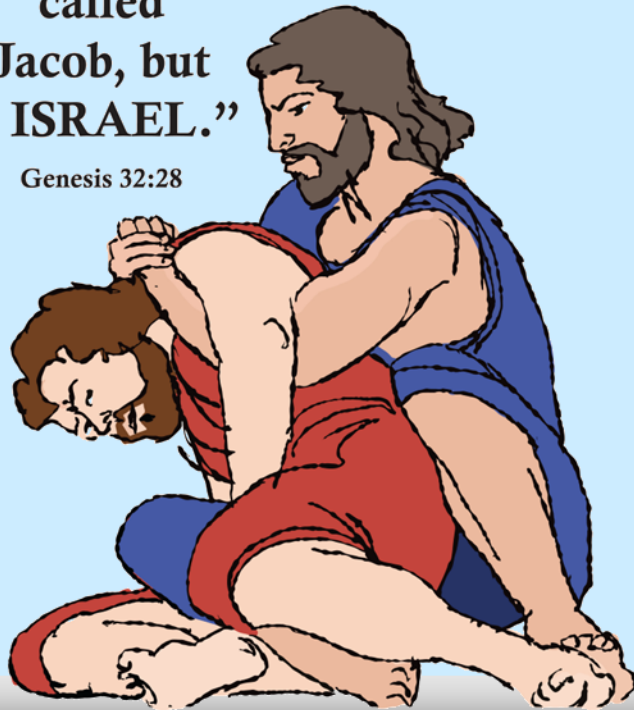
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"Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but ISRAEL."

Genesis 32:28



We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Struggles and the Blessing of God

God's promise to bless Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), was continued through his son of promise, Isaac (Gen. 25:11). Isaac had twin boys; the older was Esau, the younger Jacob who came into the world holding his brother's heel (Gen. 25:26). Jacob's early life is characterized by schemes and struggles for blessings; his name even sounds like the Hebrew word for deceiver (Gen. 27:36). The cultural practice of primogeniture in those times meant the firstborn, Esau, was expected to receive the lion's share of the inheritance; to him belonged the birthright and blessing. While Hebrews 12:16-17 says Esau was profane—he lost his birthright and blessing because he was not what he should have been—still Jacob's behavior in securing these was not righteous. Aside from convincing his brother to sell his birthright for some lentils, Jacob's deceptive efforts are put on full display in dressing up like Esau to receive the blessing from Isaac (Gen. 27). While Jacob likely knew Esau and Isaac would sort out the deception soon after, still he wanted to hear the gracious words from his father who had loved and favored his brother over him (Gen. 25:28).

The Genesis narrative goes on to show more struggles Jacob faced in achieving what he most desired. He deeply loved Rachel; however, when he had worked seven years for Laban, as the agreement to marry her stipulated, Laban gave him Leah, Rachel's older sister, instead (Gen. 29). The trickery regarding older and younger siblings had come back to bite Jacob this time. He finally left Laban's house secretly because of the struggles he had with his father-in-law (Gen. 31). But what Jacob faced in heading back to the land where he grew up presented the danger of a reunion with Esau who, at their last encounter, had vowed to kill Jacob (Gen. 27:41-45).

At the eve of this reunion, Jacob humbled himself before God and learned a valuable lesson. Jacob came to realize he was not worthy of the least of all the mercies and blessings God had provided (Gen. 32:10). Genesis 32 presents the strange narrative of Jacob wrestling with "a Man" until breaking of day (v. 24). In my middle school years, I did some wrestling; from personal experience I can say wrestling is an exhausting sport. Three minutes would wear me out, so I can't imagine what wrestling all night until the break of day would be like. Add to that the prospect of wrestling someone in a higher weight class. This man in Genesis 32 was evidently God in some form; Jacob was amazed that he had such an encounter with God and lived through the ordeal (Gen. 32:30). To see God's face in His full glory would kill a man (Ex. 33:20). God is certainly a higher weight class. His mere touch of the socket of Jacob's hip made it out of joint (Gen. 32:25). Jacob presumably limped the rest of his life from the encounter and his descendants commemorated the event in their dietary observances (Gen. 32:31-32).

Instead of relying on his father and grandfather or his own trickery to secure a great blessing, Jacob received a tremendous blessing by his own encounter with God (Gen. 32:29). God did not have to bless Jacob; He was so much more powerful that it was a decision of His grace to fulfill the promise He made to him in Genesis 28:12-15. However, Jacob's commitment to hold on to God even when it crushed him shows his faith, as he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" (Gen. 32:26). Jacob thought he needed his father's love, Rachel's love, or Laban's approval, but the only One he truly needed was God. Jacob's name was changed to Israel, a prince with God, for he had struggled and prevailed (Gen. 32:28). We will face difficult struggles in life, but some of the greatest lessons are learned only the hard way. Whatever you are setting your heart on today, whatever you think you need to be complete, the real answer is found only in being one of God's people, blessed as the Israel of God (Gal. 6:16), to be with Him as one of His forever (Gal. 3:26-29; 1 Thess. 4:17).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Nathan Adkins- "Bible Definition of a Fool"

6:00PM: Mark Day- "Because of Him"

Scripture Reading: John 7:37-43

37- On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38- He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

39- But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40- Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."

41- Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

42- Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

43- So there was a division among the people because of Him.



Dates to Remember:

Feb 20- elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p

Feb 25-27- CYC in Pigeon Forge, TN

Mar 12-Toria Gambill Bridal Shower–1p-anx registered: Amazon; Belk; Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond

Mar 20-Potter Children's Home donation deadline

Mar 26- Morgan Martin's Baby Shower

Apr 2- Saturday seminar with Greg Tidwell

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	02/13/22	Goal	02/14/21
Bible Study	65	90	53
AM Worship	93	130	77
PM Worship	60	90	59
Mid Week	63	90	26
Contribution:	\$6024.00	\$6000.00	\$5239.00

Potter Children's Home

The annual Commodities Drive is here. They are asking for the following specific items: beef bouillon cubes, Honey Bunches of Oats cereal, women's deodorant, disinfecting wipes & Band-Aids. They will pick up these items the week of March 20th. If you would like to contribute money to Potter's, please make check payable to the church & mention in memo that it is for Potter's. This will be included with the \$2000 being provided by the congregation

Directory Pictures

On March 6 following morning worship service and any time that afternoon Daniel Goshorn will be available to update any member photos. Anyone who would like to have their photograph taken on that day can let him know. An additional date will be announced later for anyone unable to have their photo done on the 6th.

Gambill Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Toria Gambill on Saturday, March 12, at 1pm in the annex. She is registered several places listed on TheKnot.com/toriaandmatthewsayido. RSVP is requested to (606) 465-6025.

*Have you
contacted a
shut-in lately?*
**Why not
today?**

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Braydon Snell

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Jacob Brown,
George Wallace, Chris Legg

Presiding PM: Nathan Adkins

*gluten-free bread

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Tanner Adkins

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: John Gambill

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Braydon Snell

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTION: Greg Hall

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Tanner Adkins

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Conley

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Sundays ★★★

Pew Packers

5:45pm

**in the front of the
auditorium- geared to age 12
& under, but everyone
is welcome to attend**

★★★ Feb 25-27 ★★★

CYC- Pigeon Forge, TN

★★★ Apr 14-17 ★★★

**Lads to Leaders Convention-
Louisville, KY**



Welcome, Visitor!

**We are so pleased to have you as
our guest today.**

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection box or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.

We hope to see you often.