

ASHER'S EMBRACE

By Lakan Mariano

A few weeks back my grandchildren Adrie and Asher, five and three years old respectively, were told by their parents not to get close to Pan (me) when they came to visit. Their dad had had some dealings with people with Covid-19 and they were protecting me.

I was so excited to see them as they got out of their Nissan Pathfinder. But it was the weirdest thing to be that close and yet not to be able to hug them. It was the strangest of emotions—happy, ecstatic to see them in person, but also sad and even angry that I could not touch them--until they got Asher out of his car seat and he came running to me and wrapped his little arms around my leg tightly.



Feeling Asher's hands and arms around me instantly erased the ugly emotions I was feeling and replaced them with simple and profound happiness and contentment. Weeks later I still relish that moment.

In the Upper Room at the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples that he was leaving them and they could not follow him at that moment. You can almost hear the disappointment and desperation in Peter's voice when he asked, "Lord, where are you going?... why can't I follow you now?" (John 13:36, 37).

For Peter to have experienced the physical presence of God in the flesh and now for him to say he was leaving was too much to bear. I do not know if he understood that when Jesus was teaching at the Mount of Beatitudes Jesus was fulfilling what the Isaiah prophesied,

"All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
And great shall be the peace of your children" (Isaiah 54:13).

If Peter did not understand that Jesus was God in the flesh teaching, he certainly understood it at the Mount of Transfiguration when Jesus was transfigured before him, and James, and John.

Now Jesus was telling them he was leaving them.

But notice what Jesus promised them.

"I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

"That where I am, there you may be also." This is not just a spiritual reality. It is also a physical reality. What John emphatically declared in his first letter--

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life" (1 John 1:1)--
believers will experience in the future:

"Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them" (Revelation 21:3).

The disciples understood the touch of the Savior. The leper who suffered in isolation from any human contact understood the depth of something far greater than his cleansing, when Jesus touched him.

Oh, how precious it was to feel Asher's arms wrapped tightly around me!

~Lakan

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Sunday - 9:30am

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Extended Session:

Sunday - 10:45am Birth-Preschool

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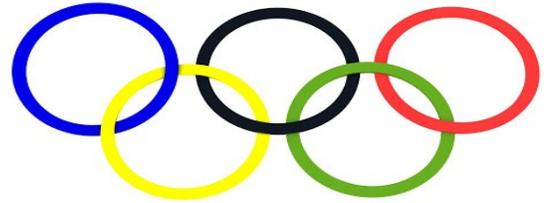
Details Coming Soon!

Keep an eye on this spot for more info!

FMI: Philip Cross 277-7980

Or @ the Church 949-5788

CHAMPIONS IN CHRIST



Boys & Girls Club

VBS 2020

More information coming soon!

**Vacation Bible School
At the Boys & Girls Club**

this summer!

Tuesdays in June & July

From 8:30 to 2:30 p.m.

See Philip Cross for more
information or to get signed up!



*Men of all ages!
You are welcome to join us*

MEN'S Breakfast

Saturday June 20 at 7 am

College Hills Baptist Church Fellowship Hall



**Join us
Sunday June 7, 2020**

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

**Nursery & Preschool care will
be available with safety
measures in place.**

**Morning Worship
at 10:45 a.m.**



There is a list below of how you may give
your tithes and offerings.

Please contact the church office 325-949-5788 or
Email: info@collegethillsbc.org with any questions.

1. You may mail your check or money order to 2102 Johnson Ave San Angelo Texas 76904
2. You may go through paypal: 1) www.paypal.com, send money, enter our email address info@collegethillsbc.org, enter the amount to give, select or enter your card #, send. We will receive it, we will give you credit on your contribution statement.
3. You may set up a bill pay through your financial institution
4. You may drop off in the church office Monday - Friday, 9 to 4, or there is a mailbox right outside the office door
5. You may donate through Onrealm, our church database.
6. We can pick it up! Call us 325-949-5788 & we can come by your house & pick it up.
7. If you are here on Sunday morning, drop it in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary

Weekly Schedule

Sunday: Starting on June 7

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

Monday:

6:00pm Bible Training Center for Pastors

Wednesday: Starting June 3

6:00pm Children's Classes
6:00pm Youth Class in the Youth Room
6:00pm Navigator 2:7, 1 Men's Class.
For Zoom option see Scott Steele or Greg Jackson
Will meet in the room behind the office

Starting May 27th

Navigator 2:7, Book 3 with Patsy Steele, Ladies Class
Meeting in the Children's Sunday School Classroom

Starting June 10

Navigator 2:7 with Laura Jackson
Stacy's Classroom,

Thursday: Starting June 12

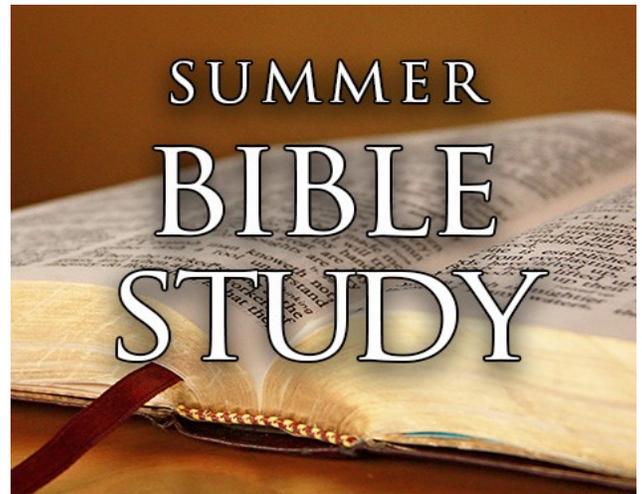
9:00am Family Bible Study,
How To Read Your Bible
With Stacy Stephenson

Friday:

6:00pm English International Students
Bible Study, Fellowship Hall



Please follow us on facebook,
check the website and check your email
for any updates or changes to events.



Summer Bible Study With Lakan

Begins

Monday June 1, 2020
at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Starting May 27

College Hills Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
2102 Johnson

FMI: 325-949-5788

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the webpage for updates!

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Foster Care Closet

**Current Need: Size 3 diapers
Plastic hangers (toddler & adult)
& mattress protectors.**

Gift cards to Ross, Burkes, Marshall's & Mastercard/Visa cards are always welcome.

The Foster Closet helped 22 kids in February and have helped 6 in March so far.

FMI: Rhiannon Kelso (325-234-0452)
Michelle Smith (325-656-0208)

*"We care for the orphaned and vulnerable because we have been greatly cared for by Jesus: The gospel is our why."
~Jason Johnson Blog*



Please log in to our Website at www.collegehillsbc.org

We have added a Family tab. In that tab you will find links to different activities that are suitable for family fun, learning, and discovery.

Items will be added as we come across them. If you have any to share with us, send them to: info@collegehillsbc.org



News, Updates, Changes & Alternatives!

Please follow us on facebook, check the website and check your email for any updates or changes to events that may change or come up. Our website: www.collegehillsbc.org
Go to website and sign up for emails.



During this time of social distancing. Let us not forget to continue to reach out. What can you do from home?

- 1) Make a phone call, check on someone in your church, your Sunday school class, the homebound or elderly person in your church or neighborhood
- 2) Encourage someone with letter or a postcard
- 3) Keep up to date with what is going on with the church
- 4) Connect via text, online classes, zoom, facebook
- 5) Pray! Pray for your church leadership. They are learning new ways to bring the message, music & information to you



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YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Lakan Mariano:

Senior Pastor

Philip Cross:

Family & Education Pastor

Trevor Hanson:

Student Pastor

Maggie Gonzales:

Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday:

9:00AM—4:00PM

Friday:

9:00AM-3:30PM

Lunch Break: Noon—1:00PM



BodyLife Home Groups meet on evenings in host homes throughout the city to share a meal, join in fellowship, study the Word of God and pray for one another.

All groups are open to anyone, so choose one and join us!

Host Homes:

3229 CANYON CREEK DR (Rex & Stacy Stephenson) at 6PM

Led by: Jimmy Allen & Rex Stephenson

2626 Yale (Tyler & Emma Henderson) at 5PM

Led by: Richard Parsons

303 S. Washington (Jason & Misty Fine) College/Young Adults at 5PM

Led by: Jason Fine

3934 HIGH MEADOW (Philip & Karen Cross) at 5PM

Led by: Sam Torbett & Philip Cross

6290 Stokes Road (Greg & Laura Jackson) at 4PM

Led by: Scott Steele & Greg Jackson

Childcare for Birth-PreK available at church nursery

ELDERS AND DEACONS:

These men are responsible for hospital visitation and are available to anyone who has needs.

Elder Fred Rike..... 227-4208	Deacon Charles Harrison...653-4386
Elder Andrew Siefker.....212-4410	Deacon Jerry Walls.....944-1876
Elder Rex Stephenson.....942-9537	
Elder Scott Steele (562) 665-1349	
Elder JT Smith..... 656-6205	