

## INCREDIBLE REALITIES

By Lakan Mariano

"I'm only human" is not an excuse for believers in Jesus Christ when we sin. We are not helpless prisoners who do sin's bidding.

"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His (Christ's) death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES TO SIN" (Romans 6:5-6, emphasis mine).



The Bible then emphatically tells believers, "For sin shall not have dominion over you" (Romans 6:14). Believers in Jesus Christ are so used to obeying sin even after Jesus saved us that we still instinctively respond to sin.

But if we consider the following realities about who we are now in Christ we will know that we do not have to obey sin anymore.

God changed our address, from prison, to freedom. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" (Colossians 1:13).

God gave us a new nature. "... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God gave us a new heart that can respond to him. "I will give you a new heart...; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

God gave us his Spirit. "I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules" Ezekiel 36:27).

God gave us the power to say "No" to sin. "I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead" (Ephesians 1:19-20).

So when God tells us to "put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5) he is not telling us to do something that he has not already equipped and empowered us to do.

"Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure" (Philippians 2:12, MESSAGE).

When sin beckons you like he is still your master you can tell him no.

~ Lakan

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## Weekly Meetings:

### Sunday School:

Sunday - 9:30am

Preschool-5th Grade

### Extended Session:

Sunday - 10:45am Birth-Preschool



### Awana for Kids

Wednesdays - 6:00pm

**FMI: Philip Cross 277-7980**

**Or @ the Church 949-5788**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2020

### Sunday:

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

4:00pm BodyLife Home Group@Jackson Home

5:00pm BodyLife Home Group@Cross Home

5:00pm BodyLife Home Group@Henderson Home

5:00pm BodyLife Home Group@Fine Home

6:00pm BodyLife Home Groups@Smith Home

BodyLife Home Groups@Stephenson Home

### Monday:

6:00pm Bible Training Center for Pastors

### Tuesday:

9:00am Precept Upon Precept

### Wednesday:

6:00pm Awana for Kids K-5th

6:00pm Youth Class in the Youth Room

6:00pm Navigator 2:7, Book 1, Prayer Room  
behind the office, Ladies Class

Navigator 2:7, Book 3 with Patsy Steele  
room behind office, Ladies Class

6:30pm College Bible Study at the Hub

### Friday:

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

*Nursery for Birth-PreK available*

We appreciate all our extended session workers. Please be in your place by 10:20am so you can be there before the children arrive. Please call Philip Cross @ 277-7980 if you are unable to work your extended session or if you have any questions.

### Extended Session Schedule:

3/1	Marie Thorn	Liz Torbett
3/8	Jason Fine	Sofia Elder
3/15	Emma Henderson	Cody Enck
3/22	Camille Parker	Preston Lewallen



## MARCH

1 - 4 Bible Driven Text Conference, Fort Worth

6-7 Heart of the Child Conference, Fort Worth

8 Daylight Savings Time Change



9-13



12 Mystery Trip



15 30 Days Pray for ONE Prayer Focus Begins

15 Sunday School Meeting

17 Ladies Dinner Out, Newk's at 6:00 p.m.

19 First Day of Spring



22 Youth Envelope Fundraiser Starts

## NOW Hiring!



Our church is looking for a Weekly Lawn Maintenance person.

Duties include:

- ◇ mow the grass,
- ◇ maintain flower beds
- ◇ and do light trimming and maintaining the bushes.

Applications are available in the church office. This position is a contract labor. Not a staff position.



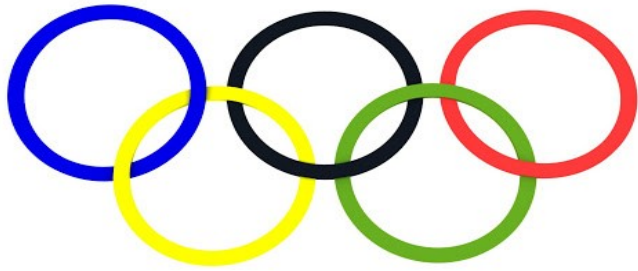
## Ladies Retreat Junction, Texas

Please be in prayer for the  
Ladies Retreat.

For the ladies attending, the leadership team  
and travel safety.

They are leaving on Thursday 28 and will return  
on Sunday March 1.

## CHAMPIONS IN CHRIST



### Boys & Girls Club

### VBS 2020

Make plans to be a part of  
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!

*Not too late to get in  
on the trip of a lifetime!*

### HOLY LAND TOUR 2020

June 10-21, 2020

Cost: \$3,500.00 per person

#### ITINERARY Includes:

- \*2 nights in a beachfront hotel in Tel Aviv,
- \*4 nights in Sea of Galilee Hotel, a brand-new hotel,
- \*5 nights at Prima King Hotel, including breakfast and supper;
- \*air-conditioned bus, professional guide and driver; and entrances to all sites, & tips

Not Included: lunches, beverages at meals, tips for meals and other personal services from hotel staff, personal expenses.

\*Trip/Travel insurance is recommended.

To register or for more information,  
contact:

Lakan Mariano

325-374-2280

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### Selina & Sofia Elder will be going to Peru on an Evangelistic & Medical Mission Trip

**June 12 to June 21**

We welcome your prayers during this time. If you would like to contribute financially to their trip, please contact Selina at 325-245-6534 before April 1 Or you may send your donation to the church office marked Elder Peru Trip and it will be credited to them.





## Youth Ministry

### Sundays:

Bible Study - 9:30am  
Upstairs Youth Room

### Wednesdays:

Outbreak - 6:00pm



### Wednesdays:

"Release" Bible Study & Fellowship  
(at the Hub with Lakan ) .....6:30pm

### Fridays:

English International Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm  
(College Hills Fellowship Hall)

### Sundays:

Bible Study ..... 9:30am  
Worship.....10:45am  
BodyLife College /Young Adults.....6:00pm  
(The Fine's 303 S Washington)

## Bible Study, Pizza & Fun!

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m.

College Hills Hub 2102 S. Johnson

College Students! Come Join us!

Led by Lakan Mariano

- Who were the giants, the Nephilim, of Genesis 6?
- How did People live so long before the Great Flood?
- What is the Meaning and Purpose of Life?
- Was the creation account in Genesis 1-2 History or myth?
- Where Did all the different Nations and Languages come from?

We will dive into the Book of Genesis,  
answer these questions and more.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

**Contribution Statements for 2019  
available by calling the church office**

325-949-5788 or email request to:  
[info@collegehillsbc.org](mailto:info@collegehillsbc.org).

They can be mailed or emailed to you. If you are on the  
Realm you may download it from there.

Questions? Call us.

## HOW TO CONTACT US:

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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—Friday:

9:00AM—4:00PM

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:

**2639 PARKVIEW** (JT & Chel Smith) at 6PM

Led by: JT Smith

**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