

The Ladder

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Weird but true...

“Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, ‘I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.’ And he was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven’” (Genesis 28:10-17).

There have been nights when you slept *like* a rock. Have you ever slept *on* a rock? Even comfortable sleep can breed the weirdest of dreams. What would you dream throughout a night when your pillow was a stone?

Yet his was no mere dream. It was one of those visions of Biblical fame whereby God planted a distinct message in a human mind. Jacob saw a ladder stretching from earth to heaven. On it, angels ascended and descended. The Lord was present. God was reaffirming the promises made to Abraham and Isaac. God would provide Jacob special care so that the fulfillment of the promises would progress.

To us, the centerpiece of the promises is fulfilled. In Jacob’s offspring, all the families of the earth are blessed. Jesus is the offspring.

Not only is Jesus the offspring, Jesus is the ladder Jacob saw. Two millennia passed before Jesus was born, a descendant of Jacob by the flesh. His public ministry barely begun, Jesus impressed Nathanael with supernatural knowledge. Then Jesus said to him, “You will see greater things than these... Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man” (John 1:50-51). Jesus became the link between heaven and earth.

Communication from heaven to earth was accomplished in many ways in ancient times, but never with such clarity as through the Son of God (Hebrews 1:1-2). Moreover, salvation that delivers people from earth to heaven would never be accomplished except through the Son of God.

Jacob’s ladder is our ladder. Thank God we have one! Without him, there is no hope when a tombstone pillows on your head. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me” (John 14:6).

Danny Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Amanda Dennie (friend of the Moreno family), Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Pete Griffin, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Angela King, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Bob Murray, Rita Murray, Gary Nielen, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Velda Wood.

- David Hofer received a pacemaker last week.
- Bette Sinden is home from spending time in the hospital.

We extend our heartfelt **sympathy to the family of Max Naramore**. Max passed away last Friday unexpectedly. Visitation will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday at Clark Funeral Home. The funeral will be held there at 10:00 Saturday, followed by a private interment.



every ONE counts!

Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need. Please continue to contribute, pray, and offer candidates to

Luke for this benevolent work.

Thanks also for the dent you helped to put into the remaining debt on the construction of our Activities Center with this week's **fifth Sunday contribution**. Let's keep using the facility to bring people together and to the Lord.

Remember to read your One Word devotionals and your Bible this week. For two Sunday nights in a row, our schedule does not allow a sermon on the word of the week, but staying in God's Word every day is important. No one in the Bible talked more often about hell—this week's word—than Jesus did. We don't like to think about it, but he knew how much we needed to hear about it.



ONE WORD

This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *The Only Gospel*
(Galatians 1:6-10, Danny Boggs)
P.M. Tri-State Youth Series



Ladies' Virtual Retreat: Join us this Saturday for the first **Come Fill Your Cup** virtual retreat in the Activities Center. It will start around 1:00. Please bring a dish/finger food to share and snack and study all afternoon. See Amanda Flint for more information.

You can help! Bring canned chili and fruit juices to stock our pantry to help people in need.



Devo & Donuts will wrap up for the season soon. Students, join us every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the Activities Center until school ends.

Boys' Retreat: The boys' campout is this weekend near Branson. All boys in grades 5-12 and their dads are invited. Younger boys can come, too, so long as a dad or grandpa comes. Please see Casey Flint for more information.



Green Valley Bible Camp

- Work day this Saturday beginning at 8:00. Tasks include painting bridges, cleaning cabins, removing rubble and old porcelain from the bathhouse remodel, and more.
- Our week is only 39 days away, June 10-16! Our theme is "Our Identity in Christ." This year friends invited by kids from Hillcrest go free, and one camper will again win \$123.03 for getting someone to come. See Danny for more information. Registration closes at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3. Register at greenvalleybiblecamp.com.
- If you would like to help pay for kids to go to camp, Danny is ready to receive your donations.



Men's Breakfast: Meet at 7:00 this Thursday morning for faith, food and fellowship, at Braum's.

We will host the **Tri-State Youth Series** this Sunday at 4:00. Everyone, please bring cookies Sunday morning and leave them in the Activities Center.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! We're going to a Cardinals v. Naturals game and singing the national anthem in Springdale Friday night, June 8. Tickets are \$9 per person. See Luke for more information and to order your tickets by May 20.

Senior Saints: Mark your calendars! Our monthly dinner will be Saturday, May 12, at noon. Bring food and a friend!

Wedding: Alec Fehring and Madison McDonnell will be married Saturday, May 19, at 6:30 in Verona. RSVP to www.theknot.com/us/Alec-and-Madison or call/text 417-389 3848.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, May 6

- AM Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- AM Closing: John Deffenbaugh
- PM Opening: Todd Murray
- PM Closing: Zane Berner

Wednesday, May 9

- Opening: Jonathan Keith
- Closing: Stuart Anderson

RECORDS	04-29-18	04-19-17
Bible Study	128	137
AM Worship	182	178
PM Worship	130	121
Wednesday	133	121
Contribution	\$15,511.18	\$10,150.43
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67