



WELCOME

If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for

TODAY:

This morning we will continue with answering the question "What Attracts the evident presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst?" Two weeks ago we established that the # 1 thing in attracting the Holy Spirit is a genuine hunger for His presence. If we can grieve the Holy Spirit we can also draw him. Our topic today is **"Don't Forget Who We Are?"**

"Wed. Night Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study – March 4, at 7:00 PM. We are examining the truths in the book of James. According to James the most fundamental expression of faith is joy. Our Christian joy expands as we endeavor to walk in righteousness, integrity, and spiritual wisdom. This Wed. we are studying James 4: 10-16.

ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday, March 6, @ 7:00 PM, Games, Snacks, Worship, Teaching "Who Is God?"

ROCC Young Adults—Saturday, March 14, "Stewardship" Coffee & Snacks.

Alpha for Youth, video series, middle two Sundays of each month, starting next week, March 8, at 10:50 AM, in the foyer room.



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

MANNA



The experience/dream that Jacob had with the Lord as recorded in Genesis 28, holds many spiritual truths for believers.

The entire incident took place while Jacob was on a fairly predictable journey from Beersheba to Haran. He stopped **"at a certain place"** (11) to sleep for the night hours. While Jacob was sleeping he had an unpredictable encounter with God. He saw a ladder from earth reaching into heaven with angels ascending and descending upon it. Above the ladder stood the Lord.

We also encounter the Lord in unique and unpredictable ways when we are just faithfully going about the routine and probable things in this life; going to work, making supper, putting out the garbage, shoveling snow, putting the kids to bed, going to church, meeting with friends, etc. etc. Jacob did not realize that God was there in a special way until after. **"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."**(16) Jacob's waking up was more than just biological, it was spiritual. What was referred to as just **"a certain place"** before, he now calls **"Bethel"**; the place that housed God.

God is at work in our lives, our families, and our church, but often we are not aware of it because we are distracted, spiritually asleep, or looking for the sensational. The Apostle Paul wrote **"The Lord is near"** (Phil. 4: 5). The activity of the angels in this encounter reveals that they play a significant role in accomplishing the will of God on earth. I believe angels are active in the lives of believers. This story about Jacob makes me wonder what I am not aware of. God works in mysterious and wonderful ways!

F.Y.I.



Mother Daughter Tea Sat. May 2, @ ROCC

Summer Explosion Day Camp (2015) will begin again this year, starting June 29-Aug. 21. If you are a student and interested in working at the camp this summer, please see Patricia. **Camper registration will begin in the early spring.**