

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-28; Isaiah 52:3-5

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

**So Jacob was left alone,
and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.**

When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

**Then the man said,
"Let me go, for it is daybreak."**

**But Jacob replied,
"I will not let you go unless you bless me."**

The man asked him, "What is your name?"
"Jacob," he answered.

Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he took up our infirmities and carried
our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

**But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

Sermon Resources

So the Divine Adversary did not give him his name, but left as the sun rose. But first he did a strange thing: he touched Jacob on the thigh, wounding him, so that Jacob went away from that place limping because of his thigh. As Jacob left he gave the place a name—Peniel—which means, “the face of God.” Jacob declared, “Because I have seen God face to face, and I have survived” (Gen 32:31). Then he left Peniel to rejoin his family, limping as he went.

The ease with which the Adversary wounded Jacob makes us suspect that he could have won the struggle at any time against his human antagonist. The meaning of the encounter lay in the struggle itself, and the purpose of the Adversary was to change and test Jacob, not to destroy him. The wound Jacob received is the mark a person carries who encounters spiritual reality as deeply as did Jacob. A person who has an experience of this psychological depth is always wounded by it. It is a way of saying that someone who encounters these things can never go back and be the kind of person he was before. The experience is indelible and changes us forever. It becomes like a wound, constantly reminding us of the spiritual reality we have known, and enforcing upon us a recognition of the finite nature of this little ego of ours in relationship to the awesomeness of God.

–*The Man Who Wrestled with God*, John A. Sanford

Anthem

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice
And it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer to the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, blessed Savior, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with Thee.

City Church Announcements

Memorial Service. City Church member Margaret Boyle passed away on January 11, 2007. Her memorial service will be today at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Display Case. The display case in the Narthex this week exhibits some of the memorabilia from the family of Sherrill Baptist, as well as a nostalgic look at part of City Church's musical history, courtesy of Bob Peterson and Dr. Robert Marsh.

New Sabbath School. On Sabbath, February 3, a new Sabbath School class will begin: Prassô, Greek for practice. What does it mean to be a Christian in the 21st Century? What does it mean to live by grace? Join us as we take some time to slow down, to meditate on these things and to discuss together how to put them into practice. We will use Kathleen Norris' book *Amazing Grace* as the starting point for our reflections and conversations. All are welcome.

Family Sabbath. For Family Sabbath, February 10, we would like to show pictures of the beautiful places you have been. Don't be shy to bring in pictures with you in them! Please turn them into the church office by Tuesday, February 6. All pictures will be returned. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Denise.

Veggie Tales. Following Family Sabbath service and Children's Choir practice, we invite you to a luncheon in the Youth Center. We will watch the new Veggie Tales movie, "Moe and the Big Exit," featuring Larry the Cucumber in a western-themed film.

Renovation. As you may have noticed, renovation of the front of the sanctuary is in progress. The organ is being built for us in Tennessee, and will not be in service for at least 6-8 more weeks. We will take this opportunity to enjoy other musical selections, as we anticipate the inauguration of our new organ on Easter Sabbath.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Please read the letter from your Church Board Chairman on future decisions concerning the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Cell Phones and Beepers. Please turn off all electronic devices or switch them to silent mode. Thank you.

* All bulletin submissions must be in by Wednesday, noon to be included in the upcoming bulletin. Submission after this deadline will be included in the following week's bulletin.*

Upcoming Sermons

January 27	"Moses' Curse"	Mitchell Henson
February 3		
February 10	Family Sabbath	Denise Kasischke

Sunset tonight – 5:10 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 5:17 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Canon in D"	<i>Pachelbel</i>
Morning Hymn	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 154	
Entering of the Light		
Call to Worship		Mitchell Henson
	By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made The starry hosts were formed by his mouth Continue your creation in us today, Oh God, as we worship.	
Gifts of the Congregation		Michael Quishenberry
Anthem	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" <i>arr. L. Pfautsch</i>	
Worship in Giving		
Morning Offering		Douglas Schultz
Offertory	"I Asked the Lord" Nathan Estipona, solo	<i>Lange/Duncan</i>
Children's Sermon		Denise Kasischke
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation		Mitchell Henson
Prayer Response	<i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i> <i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i> <i>Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!</i> <i>Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!</i>	
Anthem	"I Am Thine, O Lord"	<i>J. Pinkston</i>
Scripture	Genesis 32:22-28; Isaiah 53:3-5	Victoria Lucero
Sermon	"War Wounds"	Mitchell Henson
Blessing and Sending		
Choral Benediction	"Lead Me, Lord"	<i>S. Wesley</i>
Postlude	"Papillon (Butterfly)"	<i>Grieg</i>

Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Open Door	19-99 yrs	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

Worship Options

<u>Option</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Constantin Balan, Romanian Senior Pastor

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Head Elder	Douglas Schultz
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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