

Wrestling with God

September 13, 2020



Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

If you are our guest today either in person or on-line, please text HELLO to 936-298-5005. You will then be given the opportunity to tell us who you are.

*Call to Worship

Even when our faith falters, O Lord,
we will not let you go.

Even when we are bruised by this world of yours, O God,
we will not let you go.

Now, more than ever, O Lord, we need a blessing;
we will not let you go.

Bless your people, O God, as you blessed Jacob before us.
Amen

*Hymn

"This Is My Father's World"

UMH No. 144

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

*The Responsive Reading

Psalms 17: 1-7, 15, with sung response

UMH No. 749

RESPONSE (Ps. 17:8) :

**Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

**1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!**

² From you let my vindication come!

Let your eyes see the right!

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;

my mouth does not transgress.

⁴Concerning what others do:

I have avoided the ways of the violent
by following your word.

⁵ **My steps have held fast to your paths,
my feet have not slipped.**

RESPONSE

⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

¹⁵ **As for me, I shall behold your face in
righteousness;**

**when I awake I shall be satisfied with
beholding your presence.**

RESPONSE

The Back to Worship Presentation and Video

Sandra McQuiggin

The Receiving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

*The Doxology

UMH No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

UMH No. 185 (v.1)

**1. When morning gilds the skies
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 32:1-32, The Message

Genesis 32, The Message

¹And Jacob went his way. Angels of God met him. ²When Jacob saw them he said, "Oh! God's Camp!" And he named the place Mahanaim (Campground).

³Then Jacob sent messengers on ahead to his brother Esau in the land of Seir in Edom. ⁴He instructed them: "Tell my master Esau this, "A message from your servant Jacob: I've been staying with Laban and couldn't get away until now. ⁵I've acquired cattle and donkeys and sheep; also men and women servants. I'm telling you all this, my master, hoping for your approval."

⁶The messengers came back to Jacob and said, "We talked to your brother Esau and he's on his way to meet you. But he has four hundred men with him."

⁷Jacob was scared. Very scared. Panicked, he divided his people, sheep, cattle, and camels into two camps. ⁸He thought, "If Esau comes on the first camp and attacks it, the other camp has a chance to get away."

⁹And then Jacob prayed, "God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, GOD who told me, "Go back to your parents' homeland and I'll treat you well.' ¹⁰I don't deserve all the love and loyalty you've shown me. When I left here and crossed the Jordan I only had the clothes on my back, and now look at me--two camps! ¹¹Save me, please, from the violence of my brother, my angry brother! I'm afraid he'll come and attack us all, me, the mothers and the children. ¹²You yourself said, "I will treat you well; I'll make your descendants like the sands of the sea, far too many to count."

¹³He slept the night there. Then he prepared a present for his brother Esau from his possessions: ¹⁴two hundred female goats, twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵thirty camels with their nursing young, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶He put a servant in charge of each herd and said, "Go ahead of me and keep a healthy space between each herd."

¹⁷Then he instructed the first one out: "When my brother Esau comes close and asks, "Who is your master? Where are you going? Who owns these?" ¹⁸-answer him like this, "Your servant Jacob. They are a gift to my master Esau. He's on his way."

¹⁹He gave the same instructions to the second servant and to the third--to each in turn as they set out with their herds: ²⁰"Say "Your servant Jacob is on his way behind us.'" He thought, "I will soften him up with the succession of gifts. Then when he sees me face-to-face, maybe he'll be glad to welcome me."

²¹So his gifts went before him while he settled down for the night in the camp.

²²But during the night he got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He got them safely across the brook along with all his possessions.

²⁴But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint.

²⁶The man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me."

²⁷The man said, "What's your name?"

He answered, "Jacob."

²⁸The man said, "But no longer. Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel (God-Wrestler); you've wrestled with God and you've come through."

²⁹Jacob asked, "And what's your name?"

The man said, "Why do you want to know my name?" And then, right then and there, he blessed him.

³⁰Jacob named the place Peniel (God's Face) because, he said, "I saw God face-to-face and lived to tell the story!"

³¹The sun came up as he left Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³²(This is why Israelites to this day don't eat the hip muscle; because Jacob's hip was thrown out of joint.)

Special Music

"O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Solo

Sermon

Pastor Dan Darby

"Wrestling with God"

*Hymn of Invitation

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

UMH No. 480

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

*Announcements

*Our Vision Statement

*We will be the
reflection of Jesus Christ, without barriers*

*Benediction

Go forth with the blessing of God,
**who seeks to bring us through hostile lands
to a land flowing with milk and honey.**

Go with the blessings of the One
who heals our wounds and makes us whole.

*Postlude

New Bible Study on Philippians

Beginning on Monday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m., we will begin a new, pastor-led, Bible study on Paul's letter to the Philippians. It will be an inductive Bible study, meaning that each person will be expected to study one chapter a week. A Bible study form will be provided for each participant to use each week. We will use Zoom as our platform which means you can participate from the comfort of your home. Let Pastor Dan know if you are interested in joining the group!

Prayer Concerns

(Please remember the following in your prayers.)

Esther Best	Betty McConnell
Pam Bolton	Marylyn McDonald
Wayne Brignac	Kara Ogg
Tommy Cervanka	Olatunde Oniya
Tye Clark	Rita Orlando
Jackie Cleveland	Edward Pavey
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Kenneth Lew	Joe Turner
Kristen Matthew	Ashton Vienne
Tammy Michelli	Baylee Windt
Helene Moolman	Linda Winkelmann
Justin Murphy	Jade Wilson
Those on the Front Lines Fighting COVID-19/U.S.A	

Pastor Darby is leading a Zoom Bible Study on Monday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. on the Old Testament Book of Genesis. You are invited to join the study. The Zoom link is

<https://zoom.us/j/95335871284?pwd=Q1p3OWNickZjZmFEWTdwWldSN1Q2dz09>

Additional information that you may not need is:

Meeting ID: 953 3587 1284

Password: 866686

To join by phone dial, 1 346 248 7799.

Last Class on Monday, September 14, we will be studying Genesis 44-50.

Sunday School Update:

The Tyson class meets both by zoom and in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. Class members and guests are invited to either tune in at home or come to the fellowship hall. The Young Adult class is meeting in person in their classroom, and the youth are meeting in the youth room.

1st Time Visitors

Text HELLO to 936-298-5005

CHURCH CALENDAR

September 13–September 20 2020

SUN.	<i>Holy Communion Sunday</i>	
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Zoom Sunday School Adults Tyson class in Fellowship Hall Sunday School In Classroom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Sanctuary/ Livestream Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.	Zoom Nominating Committee Meeting
MON.	6:30 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study on Genesis
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
TUE.	7:00 p.m.	Cub/Girl Scouts
WED.	5:30 p.m.	UMYF "The Matches"
THUR.	5:00 p.m.	Trustee's Meeting
FRI.	9:30 p.m.	UMW Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodies
SUN.	Back To Church Sunday	
	Guest Speaker Phillip Anthony Sainz-Hall	
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Zoom Sunday School Adults Tyson class in Fellowship Hall Sunday School In Classroom
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Sanctuary/ Livestream Worship Service

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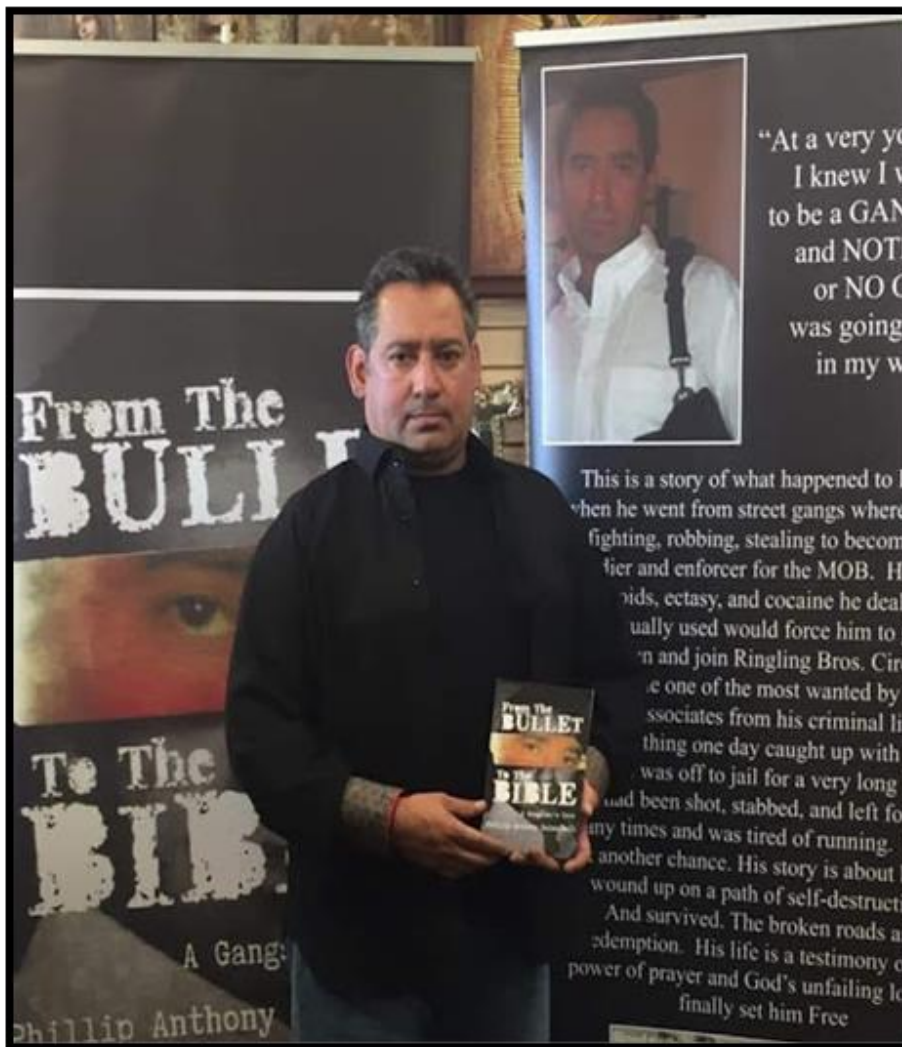
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DATE: Sunday September 20, 2020

TIME : 8:30 AM Outside Service

******* 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service**

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Contact Pastor Dan Darby (936)653-2287

Ex-Mobster Phillip Anthony Sainz Hall aka "Little Anthony". Author of "FROM THE BULLET TO THE BIBLE" will share his Powerful Life Testimony.

Afterward Phillip will be available for pictures, autographs and questions. Books will be available.

EX-MOBSTER TESTIMONY

FROM THE BULLET TO THE BIBLE

At a young age I knew I wanted to be a Gangster and Nothing or No One was going to get in my way!

Mafia-Enforcer-Drugs-Guns-
Knives-Deaths-Self-destruction.

God's unfailing Love and The
Amazing Power of Prayer that set
him free.

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