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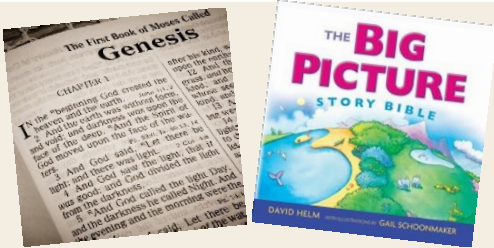


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An Insight to the Gilkey's Journey in Lubbock, TX

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Spiritual Nourishment...



There are many things that S.I.B.I. stresses the importance of when it comes to ministry. However, one thing that has stood out like a flashing red neon sign is the importance of never putting your family on the back burner while you are out ministering to others. In every class we have had so far, it has been stressed that your household, your family, is your number one ministry.

This year we have decided to focus on areas that we are weak in spiritually as a family so that when we are no longer in this environment that we will be able to serve those around us effectively. Every evening CJ and I study and meditate on the Word of God together. We decided to start at Genesis chapter 1. We only focus on a few verses at a time for this meditative type study.

For our children we decided to teach them God's redemptive plan starting from the beginning. It is important for them to know that every story point to Jesus. Each week with our children we have been studying God's plan of redemption. We have been using a book that simplifies the plan in a way that is age appropriate for them. If there are any details that we feel are missing, we go back over the story with our Bibles. However, we have found this way of study with them highly effective. If you are interested, we are using *The Big Picture Story Bible* by

Year Two Begins!

Term Five...

School has been off to a wonderful and busy start. We have had a lot of people ask if we were online or in person. At first it was going to be virtually again but then there were last minute changes where it was arranged that students could have classes at another building across the street. The school gave the option to both students and faculty on whether they would prefer to attend in the classroom or in the virtual classroom. Most people are attending in person. We made the decision to attend in person as well. It has been nice to be back in the classroom with our peers even though things are still not how they were previously. We have not had much interaction with Level 1 students and our sweet "AIMers". "AIMers" is what we call the group of students in the Adventures in Missions Program. Typically, we would have the opportunity to fellowship with one another during break times and lunch. We also have missed out on the opportunity of worshipping with one another during chapel. Things have been different.

The plan for next term is to be back in our normal classrooms. Temperatures will continue to be checked upon entering the building and face masks will still be required. Breaks will be staggered to minimize any possibilities of crowds. We will also get to resume our daily morning chapel time. We are looking forward to it. The school is still giving students the option to attend class virtually if they still feel uncomfortable returning in person due to health concerns.

C.j. & Alaina's Classes

Term 1:

C.J. is taking-

- *Effective Teaching
- *Foundational Family and Youth
- *Ephesians/Colossians
- *Minor Prophets

Alaina is taking-

- *Effective Women's Ministry I
- *Public Speaking 5

Both of us are taking-

- *Sacrificial Systems

SIBI Level 2



S.I.B.I. Upcoming Events...

There are no upcoming events. Events were cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions. However, there will be a virtual workshop in January 2021. We will give updates and details as we receive them. ☺

The Sunset Church of Christ youth minister has put together a parenting conference on November 20-21 called Purposeful Parenting. It is a hybrid event featuring David Thomas and Sissy Goff (Raising Boys and Girls) as well as Paul David Tripp (Parenting It's Not What You Think). There are a few spots for those who are in town to attend in person but since the spots are limited due to COVID-19 safety measures they are providing online access to this event. We plan to tune into this conference during the live streaming. Visit www.sunset.cc for detailed information and registration (which is free for those attending via streaming).

Term One Update

This has been a successful term so far. We have had midterms and Research week already and have completed most of our assignments. We are now preparing for Finals and getting ready to enroll for next Term. ☺

All About the Kids



Christopher has been doing terrific. We made the decision to keep him virtual for the first nine weeks of school and now the second nine weeks as well. He has a different teacher for every subject, and he logs in at the appropriate class meeting times. He has done very well learning in this fashion.

Jon has decided that he needs to be in school as well. So, every morning I find a preschool lesson for him to listen to and we do a few pages in his PreK workbook. He loves it and feels like he is big stuff. He has been such a sweet and protective big brother for Joy. Both boys do so well with her.

Joy has had the privilege of coming to classes with us this term. She is still healthy and growing. She is 5 months already! It is so hard to believe that 5 months have gone by so quickly. She is sitting up and scoots backwards. She also likes to fake cough to get someone's attention. She already has the boys wrapped around her finger. She sees a toy they have; she wants it and they think she should have it!

Upcoming Classes...

I (Alaina) took a lighter load this first term to make sure that we would all adjust well. However, this upcoming term I am back up to my usual number of classes. Here are the classes we are taking next term. I also thought I might add a few pictures of Joy spending time with and enjoying our classmates.

C.J.

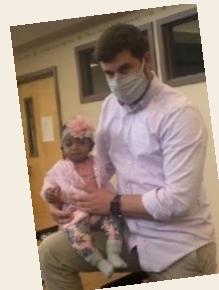
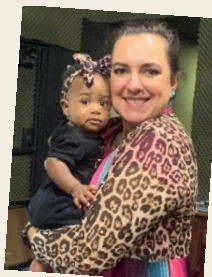
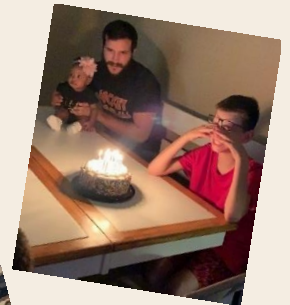
- Isaiah
- Family & Youth Ministry Class II
- Hebrews
- Effective Teaching II

Both of us are taking...

- The Gospel of John
- Galatians

Alaina

- Effective Women's Ministry II
- Public Speaking 6



Note of Encouragement...

I stated earlier in the newsletter that things have been different. Sometimes, different can be scary. However, different has the possibility to be a wonderful blessing. In this new season where changes are happening, routines are unusual or new, and things just do not look or feel the same anymore, take a moment to evaluate your life. Look and see what things you can improve on or add to your life. Take this time to listen to God. Is He placing something on your heart to do? Is He challenging you to do something you have never done before? Accept His challenge, prepare for it and do it well.

Love and Blessings!
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We love and appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you for being interested and supportive of our journey.
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Scripture:

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous; ^[a]be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may ^[b]have success wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may ^[c]be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will ^[d]have success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”


Joshua 1:7-9 (NASB)



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