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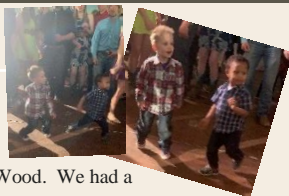


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A Monthly Insight to the Gilkey's Journey in Lubbock, TX

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Activities...



We started out the month by celebrating the marriage of our dear friends, Cameron and Brook Wood. We had a wonderful time. Jon and his friend stole the night by staying on the dance floor all night. The next day we started the month off by attending a Superbowl party at a friend's house. We enjoyed ourselves. With Alaina being from Overland Park, KS she was looking forward to the Chiefs game and was hoping for a Superbowl win. Go Chiefs! Alaina participated in an ASL game night and took the boys. They learned a lot more signs and made lots of new friends. We were so busy signing and playing games that we didn't get any photos of the event to share. We have a two week break before starting term four, we are planning on going on a mini family vacation and explore some of the scenic areas and national parks in the surrounding areas. Hopefully, we will have lots of fun pictures to share for next month's newsletter! ☺

SPECIAL NOTE:

Many have reached out to us and asked where we are registered for baby girl (No we don't have a name picked yet). We are registered on Amazon, Target, and a few things on BuyBuy Baby. Riverwalk COC in Wichita, KS is also hosting a special event where they will gather and watch us open the gifts sent to us. This will be March 29th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. For those in the Lubbock area, we will be located at Sunset COC at 2:00 p.m. on March 29th to open them if you would like to participate in our babyshower. To those not located in Wichita or Lubbock, it will be livestreamed on the Facebook event page. We look forward to you all celebrating with us!



What We've Learned

Term Three...

C.J.- I "learned" Greek this term. I think that sentence is enough right there. ☺ Greek was tough. It used to be taught in two terms but they have now condensed it to just one term. This is why I put learned in quotations, I learned enough to understand the importance in being able to refer to Greek to help in understanding the text. In Life and Teachings of Jesus Two, a Study of Matthew, I learned the fundamentals of discipleship and what true discipleship should look like. We read two different commentaries on Matthew on the side, as well as memorize various passages from Matthew. Alaina and I haven't mentioned that in almost every class throughout this year we've had various loads of memory work. However, the memory work has been beneficial, purposeful, and helpful. It has allowed us to really see the value of having the Word of God written and placed in our hearts. I also took Acts and learned about the works of the Spirit and His influence. Along with reading the book of Acts we read a commentary on the book as well. In Biblical Interpretations we read lots of commentaries and then learned how to look at the scripture and accurately write a commentary.

Alaina- I took The New Testament Church this last term. I took it with the Level 2 students so that I wouldn't have such a heavy class load later on with the baby. However, it was such a necessary and essential class that I plan to audit and make it to the class discussions with our Level 1. In this class we learn what the 1st Century church looked like and the requirements of being a part of the church and that God adds to the church. Of course, many of the hot topics of today's time were brought up and discussed as well. I also took Effective Parenting. I loved this course. We talked about discipline and the various developmental stages our children go through. We also looked at scripture for the God's Biblical principles in parenting our children as well. It was challenging to take a course like that in the setting that we are presently in. Phrases such as, "Becoming a student of your child," were used repetitively. It's tough to be an actual student of your child when so many other things are going on that require your attention in life, especially if you have more than one. We were reminded of our responsibility as parents to do our best to help our little humans develop a healthy soul. God gifts us with this responsibility and we shouldn't take it lightly.

C.j. & Alaina's Classes

For Term 4:

C.J. is taking-

- *Preaching Lab
- *Evangelism II
- *The New Testament Church
- *Biblical Theology of Missions

Alaina is taking-

- *Sign Language (ASL)
- *Public Speaking 4

Both of us are taking-

- *1st Corinthians
- *Thessalonians/Philippians

SIBI Level 1 Class of 2019



Term Three Update:

Previous classmates kept warning us that Term 3 would have the heaviest workload. They were right! However, we survived and stayed healthy all term! We are thankful we get a little break before our last term for this school year.

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

*Campaign Week- March 2020

During this week, students have the option to go to Mexico City, Mexico, New Mexico, or Ohio to participate in a mission trip week.

Originally, we thought we were going to head to Mexico but with the trip being so close to when the baby is due we decided that it would be best to stay in the states. We then made the decision to participate in the New Mexico Campaign Trip, however it was cancelled. We also decided with the spread of illness that it is probably best not to do a lot of traveling before we have baby girl.

Please keep our classmates and SIBI traveling teams in prayer the first couple of weeks in March as they travel to various locations.

“Preach the Word!”

The last couple of newsletters we have talked a lot about classes and what we have learned in the classes. Sitting in a classroom and learning the information is excellent, but there comes a time where we must use what we learn and apply it. Over the course of the last few months we have been granted the opportunity to put into practice what we have been learning and teach others. I have been given the opportunity to teach Bible classes and preach at various congregations around Texas. We've had quite the experience and adventure worshipping and fellowshiping with congregations we previously knew nothing about or anyone in attendance. This month I was even asked to give a lesson during chapel. Recently, I have been asked to help give lessons at a local nursing home a couple of Sundays per month beginning in March. -C.J.

In the ladies' public speaking class, we have been granted several tasks, which includes building lessons and presenting them. This term I led a group discussion Bible study. I have been given the opportunity to teach Bible Classes at Sunset COC for various children's classes and will be put on the rotation of teachers. Jeremy Myers, the Children's Minister at Sunset COC has given me many resources. We have learned quite a few ideas about creating, administering and executing an education ministry from babies up to adults. However, I think the most nerve-wrecking thing I have done so far while being here in Lubbock is interpreting English to American Sign Language. The last week in February our A.S.L. instructor had every student interpret a song during singing chapel. I did it! Though, I've always had a desire to learn sign language long before even Christopher was born, interpreting is something that is definitely out of my comfort zone. I always wanted to learn so that I could communicate with the deaf myself, but never had I thought about interpreting. Our deaf friends have been such an encouragement in our efforts to learn to communicate with them, and they were so thankful. -Alaina



All About the Boys

Christopher participated in Jumprope for Heart at his school. He has been steadily improving in his reading abilities and is doing well in school. He has fallen in love with magnets ever since they did their magnet unit at school. Now that they are learning to read a clock, he has to know exactly what time everything starts or ends and how many minutes everything is going to take. We were both also able to participate in Christopher's Valentines' Day party at school. Jon turned three February 1st! He celebrated with his friends Ozzie and Jaleah. He's still in love with basketball and is convinced that he is a basketball player and needs to be on a team. C.J. took him to the HS girls basketball state championship game and he loved it. He also got his first haircut! Both Jon and Christopher are anticipating their little sister's arrival. They even put together baby sister's travel system. The boys were even able to experience snow in Texas! ☺



Note of Encouragement...

Coming to Lubbock, TX has been an experience that has allowed both of us to step out of our comfort zone. Originally, I always thought I would just be working with the youth. My plan, was to learn more about the Bible, to learn how to give lessons to preach, and just go to school. However, I have now been working with the elderly, we will be out in different parts of the Lubbock community and ministering to them, we have traveled to various small towns in Texas so that I can preach to congregations in need of a minister, and Alaina has been practicing interpreting for the deaf community. We have been immersed in opportunities that we never planned. I encourage you all to step out of your comfort zone and say yes sometimes, even if it is something you wouldn't normally do.

-C.J. Gilkey

A special note to those who send us cards like clockwork-

We had no idea how important the act of sending cards can really be to someone. You all have made receiving cards special. Our boys look forward to the cards that you all send. Cards have been sent to us saying that you are just thinking of us, cards have been sent for holidays, birthdays and to our boys. Some of you have even sent us precious pictures of your family. We are so thankful. You have shown us the true meaning and impact of a card ministry.

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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB



Most Importantly:


Words can't express how much your monetary investment, love, prayers, and support and random messages of encouragement mean to our family. As always, we Thank you!



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