

## Welcome to PBCC

We are glad you joined us today!

We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ and what he is doing through his Spirit. Our desire is to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family reconciled one to another and to be empowered to reach out to the world.

If you are a Newcomer, please fill out the information card found in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate so we can get acquainted with you. Along with our pastors, elders and greeters, the volunteers in the Welcome Center are available to answer questions and help with whatever you need. For PBCC news and updates, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at pbcc.org.

We encourage involvement in small groups for walking through life together, helping each other make Jesus Lord of life. For information on our various groups, contact Shawn@pbcc.org or Sharon@pbcc.org.

### Classes

**Body Life in Mandarin**, led by Joseph Chou & Teng Moh on **Sundays, 10:30am** in **room 104**.

Connect and walk through *Life Together*. **Sundays, 10:30am** in **Fellowship Hall**. This Sunday we finish Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, and next week we begin a new series, *Relational Toolkit*, with Christian Counseling Center therapists leading our discussions. Join us any time.

**Historical Geography of the Land of Israel**: taught by Bernard Bell. **Mondays, 7-9pm**, started **January 20** in **Fellowship Hall**. Everyone welcome to join at any time.

**Where Our Dreams Really Take Us: Studies in the life of Joseph** with teaching and small group interaction and application. **Wednesday nights** in **Fellowship Hall, 7 - 8:30pm, through May 20**.

Service Times: 8:30, 10:30 am Sundays

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## Upcoming Events

Next Sunday Brian Morgan will continue his series on The Jacob Story.

**Reading Scripture with Eastern Eyes**: a seminar by Jackson Wu, author of *Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes* (2019). **Saturday February 29, 9am-3pm** at PBCC. Please register at pbcc.org. Questions? contact Bernard.

**Mexicali Outreach Team** is headed off **February 28 - March 1**. If you wish to help offset costs, please make donations to PBCC with Mexicali Orphanage in the memo line. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe and successful trip. Any questions contact Eric-forster@sbcglobal.net.

**Parents Night Out**: Enjoy a night out with your spouse or an evening to yourself while we entertain your kids for free. **Fridays March 27, April 24 and May 29** from **6-9pm**. Sign up: pbcc.org.

**Sanctity of Human Life Luncheon**: Join us in **Fellowship Hall** today from **12:30-2pm**. We will hear from Donna Hecke to learn more about RealOptions in the Bay Area.

**Announcing a new art exhibit: *Not in Part, But the Whole***. Meet artist Cheryl Parris at a Reception on **March 8, 12-2pm** in the **Main Auditorium**. There will be live music and refreshments.

**VAM Joy of Color Workshop: March 15, 1-4pm** for adults and youth ages 8 & up. Sign up in person on **March 8** or online at pbcc.org/ministries/art.

## Praise & Prayer Request

Please pray for ...

1. rain.
2. my friend that she will be lifted up and encouraged in the Lord Jesus.

If you would like to share a prayer request through the bulletin, please drop a note in the offering plate.

*For emergencies, call the Prayer Vine,  
Bev Abel (408.247.6921)*

## Financial Report

December 2019	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$443,864	\$183,925	\$259,939
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$177,863	\$185,880	(\$8,017)
Need Fund	\$10,025	\$35,926	
Missions Fund	\$46,079	\$17,019	

# Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino

## A Courtship Made in Heaven

Genesis 29:1-20



William Dyce – The Meeting of Jacob and Rachel (1850)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10 (ESV)

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Music: James Garcia

Host: Bernard Bell

Message: Brian Morgan

## Hear the Word That Calls Us to Worship:

### Psalm 95:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
<sup>7</sup> for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care. (NIV)

### Scripture Reading: Hosea 2:14-16, 19-20

<sup>14</sup> Therefore I am now going to allure her;  
I will lead her into the wilderness  
and speak tenderly to her.  
<sup>15</sup> There I will give her back her vineyards,  
and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.  
There she will respond as in the days of her youth,  
as in the day she came up out of Egypt.  
<sup>16</sup> “In that day,” declares the LORD,  
“you will call me ‘my husband’;  
you will no longer call me ‘my master.’”  
  
<sup>19</sup> I will betroth you to me forever;  
I will betroth you in righteousness and justice,  
in love and compassion.  
<sup>20</sup> I will betroth you in faithfulness,  
and you will acknowledge the LORD. (NIV)

#### Songs:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) (J. Myrin, M. Redman)

Great Are You Lord (J. Ingram, L. Jordan, D. Leonard)

Come Thou Fount (R. Robinson, J. Wyeth)

Behold (Upper Room Sessions, K. Taylor)

Way Maker (O. Egbu)

Goodness Of God (E. Cash, J. Johnson)

## Sermon Text: Genesis 29:1-20

### I. Jacob Meets the Shepherds in Haran

#### A. Jacob's arrival at the well (vv. 1-3)

<sup>1</sup> Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. <sup>2</sup> As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, <sup>3</sup> and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well.

#### B. Jacob's encounter with the sheperds (vv. 4-8)

<sup>4</sup> Jacob said to them, “My brothers, where do you come from?” They said, “We are from Haran.” <sup>5</sup> He said to them, “Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?” They said, “We know him.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Is it well with him?” They said, “It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!” <sup>7</sup> He said, “Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them.” <sup>8</sup> But they said, “We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.”

### II. Jacob Meets Rachel (vv. 9-12)

<sup>9</sup> While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. <sup>10</sup> Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. <sup>11</sup> Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. <sup>12</sup> And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

### III. Jacob Meets Laban (vv. 13-14)

<sup>13</sup> As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, <sup>14</sup> and Laban said to him, “Surely you are my bone and my flesh!” And he stayed with him a month.

### IV. Jacob Negotiates with Laban for Rachel (vv. 15-20)

<sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.

<sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” <sup>19</sup> Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. (ESV)

### V. The Value of Courtship

A. It benefits the man

B. It gives worth to the woman

C. It builds the foundation for marriage

D. It prepares us to be wooed by God