

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**. We have begun 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

Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino, 10601 N Blaney Ave, Cupertino CA 95014
tel 408.366.6690 • pbcc.org • info@pbcc.org



Peninsula Bible Church
Cupertino



[pbccupertino](https://www.instagram.com/pbccupertino)
[pbccworship](https://www.instagram.com/pbccworship)



[@pbccupertino](https://twitter.com/@pbccupertino)
[@pbccworship](https://twitter.com/@pbccworship)

Upcoming Events

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

You are invited to an Art Reception Today for artist Cheryl Parris, creator of the quilts now on display. Meet Cheryl, enjoy live music, and refreshment from **12 noon-2pm** in the **Main Auditorium**.

VAM Joy of Color Workshop next Sunday, from **1-4pm** for adults and youth ages 8 & up. Sign up in person **Today** or online pbcc.org/ministries/art.

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.

Baptism Sunday April 19: If you would like to be baptized, or have any questions about baptism, please e-mail Shawn Reese: shawn@pbcc.org.



Praise & Prayer Request

Please pray for ...

1. me to have faith that God's direction will become clear in His time. My professional future is unclear, and I am anxious.
2. Juan at Salinas Valley Prison who is about to be released. Pray that the Lord will protect him from the evil one.
3. God's peace for 25-year-old Candice and her family in Texas. Her mom has been fighting breast cancer and is currently struggling with lung failure and may die in the next few weeks. Candice is in a new job here with very little time off.

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

January 2020	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$162,284	\$183,671	(\$21,387)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$181,617	\$185,836	(\$4,219)
Need Fund	\$1,651	\$647	
Missions Fund	\$12,211	\$13,734	

Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino

Can Children Make You Happy?

Ask Leah and Rachel

Genesis 29:31-30:24



Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

Psalm 127:1

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Music: Kady Taylor

Host: Joel Taylor

Message: Brian Morgan

Hear the Word That Calls Us to Worship:

Psalms 65:4-8

4 Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.
8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy. (NIV)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 54:1-5

1 “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and cry aloud,
you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD.
2 Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;
do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.
3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
and your offspring will possess the nations
and will people the desolate cities.
4 Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
5 For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called. (ESV)

Sermon Text: Genesis 29:31-30:24 (ESV)

I. Leah's First Four Children (Gen 29:31-35)

When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, “Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.” She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon. Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called Levi. And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

II. Fierce competition between sisters (Gen 30:1-13)

A. Rachel Confronts Jacob (vv. 1-2)

When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I shall die!” Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?”

B. Rachel offers Jacob Bilhah, her maid (vv. 3-5)

Then she said, “Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her.” So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

C. Rachel claims the victory in the naming (vv. 6-8)

Then Rachel said, “God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name Dan. Rachel’s servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. Then Rachel said, “With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed.” So she called his name Naphtali.

D. Leah bears through Zilpah (vv. 9-13)

When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. Then Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. And Leah said, “Good fortune has come!” so she called his name Gad. Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. And Leah said, “Happy am I! For women have called me happy.” So she called his name Asher.

III. Rachel Gives Up (Gen 30:14-24)

A. Rachel and Leah (vv. 14-15)

In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to

Leah, “Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes.” But she said to her, “Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son’s mandrakes also?” Rachel said, “Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son’s mandrakes.”

B. Leah waging love with Jacob (vv. 16-21)

When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So he lay with her that night. And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. Leah said, “God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband.” So she called his name Issachar. And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. Then Leah said, “God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons.” So she called his name Zebulun. Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

C. God remembers Rachel (vv. 22-24)

Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. She conceived and bore a son and said, “God has taken away my reproach.” And she called his name Joseph, saying, “May the LORD add to me another son!”

IV. Reflections on children and happiness

A. The grace of God vs. competition

B. Children in the New Covenant

Songs:

Awake My Soul (B. Ligertwood)

How Great Thou Art (S. Hine)

King of Kings (B. Ligertwood, J. Ingram, S. Ligertwood)

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) (M. Crocker, J. Houston, S. Lighthelm)

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

Who You Say I Am (B. Fielding, R. Morgan)