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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

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We are now meeting at 9:30 for Sunday school. Our Sunday morning worship services are now open for services at 10:30 a.m. We are also meeting at the church for our Sunday evening Bible Study at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening Bible Study is at the church at 7 p.m. We are still doing broadcasts on Facebook Live, if you are still leery about getting out. Sunday mornings we will be having Sunday school and preschool classes but we are letting the babies stay with the parents for now, so there is no nursery at this time. Our Youth groups are also starting up. Jonathan can tell you how to get your children connected and also to the Zoom youth meetings. You can call him@ 417-621-5694.

### Church Picnic

**Save the Date:** We have scheduled the date for our church picnic for **July 26<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a pot Luck meal as always. We will have it at the Kimball YMCA Nature Center @ Reading, Michigan again this year. If you do not know where this is ask; we will get you directions.

It will be right after our worship service from 12:30p.m. – 4:00 p.m. everyone and their guests is welcome to attend. So invite your family and friends to join us!

### VBS Starting August 12th

Soon will we be giving you information on our VBS. **It will be different this year, we are going to only have it on Wednesday Evenings from 6-8 p.m. for 5 weeks, August 12<sup>th</sup> – September 9<sup>th</sup>**, and then we will have a Sunday morning closing program. We will be getting more information out to you in the next few weeks. You can see Jonathan Parrott to get your children registered.

**May you all have a blessed week!**

# What's in a Name?

By: Jeremy Jones

How important is your name? At the end of May, we began our journey through the book of Daniel. In the first chapter, we read that one of the things that took place for Daniel and his 3 friends was that they had their names changed.

*"Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego. (**Daniel 1:6 – 7**)"*

This mirrored **Genesis 41:45**, *"And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of on. So, Joseph went out over the land of Egypt."* after Joseph tells the Pharaoh the meaning of his dream, he gets his name changed. Now while, on the surface this seems to have little meaning. So, I ask again, how important is your name?

Our names are extremely important to us for several reasons:

- 1) They were given to us by our parents for a specific reason (may be to pass down a family name or perhaps to highlight a characteristic they saw in us)
- 2) They have meaning (Hebrew names for instance connected you back to God)

So, in a sense to take your name is to take away who you are. But, did you know names are important to God as well. Scripture is filled with references where God shows how important names are. In fact, names are so important to God that He, Himself has a name. Now you may be saying of course God has a name. In fact, **Romans 10:13** states; *"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* But what is God's name?

Now I know, the first that comes to mind is Jesus. And while that is correct, it is also wrong. Jesus is God and at the same time He is also the Son, and His name is Jesus. You see God the Father, has a name. **Exodus 6:2 – 3** we read *"God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them."* and again in **Isaiah 42:8**, *"I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols."* Did you catch His name? His name, "the LORD."

There is a great significance when we see "the LORD" written in all caps. For it refers to God's personal name. This varies so much from "the Lord" being written in normal letters that the Jewish people, even today, will not read "the LORD" they will skip over that spelling of the word. Because they know that is God's personal name, and not a reference to God. So, what is God's name? If we go back to the original Hebrew language, we see that "the LORD " means "Yahweh." God's name is Yahweh.

When we understand that, it puts a whole new spin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."* Isn't amazing that we serve a God who has a name just like we do? A God whose image we are made in, all the way to having a name. I encourage you to go back and reread the Old Testament and see where you find God's name "the LORD". This time when you find "the LORD" put "Yahweh" there. I guarantee the Scriptures will have a whole new meaning and you will draw closer to "Yahweh, our God (**Psalms 105:7**).

