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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

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VBS Cancelled for this year!

September 20th we will be having a Fall Kick-off and on this Day it will also be the vote for the affirmation of leadership for our church, so please be in prayer for these 2 events.



Gessler Family Concert

Invite Your Family and Friends!

On August 16th the Gessler Family will be with us. Karl Gessler is a worship leader and Christian Song-writer and performer. Karl and his family (the KGB or Karl Gessler Band) travel the country and minister in Homes, Churches, Rescue Missions, Coffee Shops and wherever they can. You can learn more about our ministry at karlgessler.com

Genres: Folk Rock, Praise Worship, Folk

Band Members: Wesley Gessler, Josephine Gessler, Karli Gessler, Justice Gessler, Teresa Gessler, Susie Gessler

Hometown: Hendersonville, North Carolina

Fifth Sunday Offering

We will be having a 5th Sunday offering this month on August 30th.
The funds from this offering will be going into the Youth Minister Fund.

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. ⁷ 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 3rd 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**).