



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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I have always enjoyed Old Testament stories. There is one is from a book on prayer that has stayed in my memory. It is about Jacob. Jacob & Esau were twins born to Isaac & Rebekah. Esau as the firstborn was entitled to a birthright – a blessing & an inheritance. In a moment of weakness for Esau, Jacob tricked him into selling his inheritance for a bowl of stew. Then later he stole Esau's birthright. When Esau discovered this trickery he vowed to kill Jacob.

Fear gripped Jacob. His mother sent him far away. Jacob was gone for over twenty years but in that time he married & had children. I imagine the date of Esau's birthday would fill him with fear. Whenever someone asked about his family, fear would fill his heart. Then came the day God told Jacob to return home. He shook with fear. Fear was Jacob's problem, not Esau.

Jacob gathered his wives, children, and flocks together and headed home. When he was nearly there he gathered a peace offering for Esau of his best goats, cows, and a Ford Mustang.

That night his bottled up fear took control. His prayer was "please deliver me, please deliver me, I'm scared, help me, I'm scared. "A man wrestled with him until daybreak." (Gen 32:24) We know that it was God who wrestled with Jacob. The fear of Esau and distrust in God that Jacob had been carrying for years needed to be confronted. As dawn was breaking, so was the bondage of Jacob's fear that had held him for two decades.

The next day Esau actually ran to Jacob hugging & kissing him. The very thing that Jacob had feared never happened. It may not be fear that has trapped you but lust, doubt, anger, a critical spirit. But this hindrance needs to be dealt with before God can bless you . God is quite willing to wrestle with you & heal you.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Our annual budget meeting is coming! Please set aside time on Sunday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m. Our new budget will be presented and members will be invited to vote it in. Regular attenders are also encouraged to attend.



GEARING UP FOR SUMMER!

Keep your eye on Facebook and our website as we roll out a brand new initiative for summer. Movin' with Miss Marie is going to keep you busy as you look for Jesus in the simple things. We want everyone to get involved. Stay tuned to learn how!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, May 24

Office Closed for Victoria Day

WEDNESDAY, May 26

7:00 p.m. Watch Facebook for a special announcement about our new summer initiative!

SATURDAY, May 29

7:00 p.m. **KidZ Youth (Zoom)**
(details on next page)

SUNDAY, May 30

9:00 a.m. **Zoom Café - our virtual foyer**
(find the link at hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe)
10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live)

Join us as we dive into God's Word

A pastor can be reached any time through the
Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

Thank you for continuing to be a generous community. In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. Tithes and offerings can be sent through e-transfer (to bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com) or using the Tithely app (go to get.tithe.ly and sign up, or download the tithe.ly app from the app store). If you would like to drop off your offering, please contact the office to arrange a time.



INTRODUCING kidZ youth

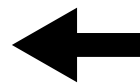
This is a program **by kids for kids** and we're excited to invite all children under junior youth age to join in. The group is using the same Zoom link you'll find posted at hanovermissionary.com/youth.

Join in on May 29 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Savannah will read a story from one of their kid's Bibles, there will be two songs, Daphne will lead a game, and someone will be asked to close in prayer. The meetings will be done by 8 p.m. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alicia DeVisser.



We are so proud of the way our youth and kids are stepping up in various ways, and want to invite you to join them. Olivia DeVisser is collecting funds on behalf of Compassion Canada to help those devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic. The link to the fundraising page has been shared on our Facebook page. Take some time to read the inspiration behind Olivia's goal and consider helping her reach it if you're able.



We still have craft supplies! If you still want to create your own glittery star like the one Miss Shirley shared in the service last week, please stop by the church between 9-noon on Tuesday to Friday.

Though our doors remain locked, someone will be in the office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you would like to drop off your tithe during this time, you may put it in the mailbox outside our main doors, or ring the doorbell and someone will come and collect it from you.

Have you been considering baptism? We would love to help you take this next step in your faith journey. Though Covid has made some things more complicated, we do have a plan to perform baptisms within safety protocols. Please reach out to a pastor or the office if you'd like to learn more.

Please keep Pastor Dave in your prayers as he takes some time to rest over the next several weeks. Please pray that it is a time of rejuvenation and relaxation, that God would guide his path and bless him with a refreshed spirit. Please respect his time away and care for him through prayer.