

**I Believe...**

**CONCEIVED**

09:55 am **5 Min. Countdown - VIDEO**

10:00 am **\*\*LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am **\*\*LIVE In House Welcome –**

WELCOME to The Peak CC      Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

**\*Online Connect Card \***      -> RightNow Media

10:30 AM **\*\*Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

**The Peak Journey:** 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

**Sunday School:** 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

**Home Groups** 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku moving HYBRID / DIGITAL

**Men's Fellowship** 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - Breakfast

**STAY TUNED :** The PEAK Journey next outreach Reschedule Cliff Climbing

**ROCK the RIVERFRONT Oct 28th.** Praying, fasting, **volunteering.**  
- please reach out evelin@

**Sign up's @ WELCOME CENTER**

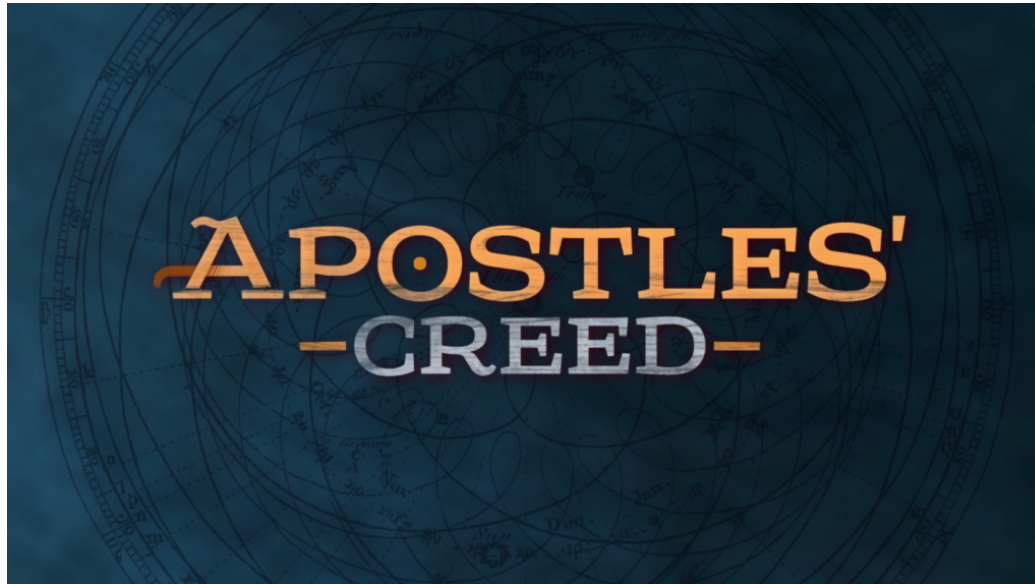
**-ALL OUTREACHES-**

**Looking for MultiMedia – Livestream (content)/ Administrative -**

**Business management /**

**Children's ministries – young adults**

***What is it that we(Christians) believe??***



We started a Sermon Series #WeBelieve a few weeks ago regarding what we as Christians MUST believe ... & why we believe it... through the lens of Scripture.

*Driving Quote*

**Albert Mohler Jr. wrote : “All Christians believe more that what’s contained in The Apostles Creed, but NONE can believe less.”**

**We started a Sermon Series #Ibeleive a few weeks ago regarding what we as Christians MUST believe ... & why we believe it... through the lens of Scripture.**

***I Believe in God the Father, Almighty. Creator of heaven & Earth.***

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord.**

**The Apostle’s Creed is a proclamation that begins with a declaration:**

**That for the past few weeks we’ve covered: Message Titles :**

● **Father God**

● **Creator**

● **JCOL -Jesus Christ Our Lord**

We answered questions regarding important doctrinal topics like the TRINITY, & Creation, some of the Characteristics of God.

If you have missed any of these messages..... App, or simply visit our web-site @thepeakcc.com

The content of the Christian faith begins with the affirmation of the God *who is, who spoke, and who has revealed Himself through the prophetic lens of Scriptures..*

***Our faith in Christ starts w/ a belief in our hearts.... & a confession w/ our mouths!!!***

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***How many parents do we have in the house?***

***How many people want to be parents ONE day?***

***How many people don't want anything to do w/ kids??***

***There's something special about being a parent....***

**There are somethings that really can't be described... It has to be felt... experienced in order to grasp the depth of it's truth**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> time I can remember that I experienced this truth in the most profound way was on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2000.**



**Our 1<sup>st</sup> child was born.... Hannah Rose Lindenberg :**



**GAME CHANGER!!** Opened my eyes,,,,, I understood what my mom meant when she said that I'll never understand until I have *my OWN kids..*

*I had this new found respect & love for my mother.... & a new level of respect, ADMIRATION, & love for my WIFE!!*

**3 years later on Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 2003**

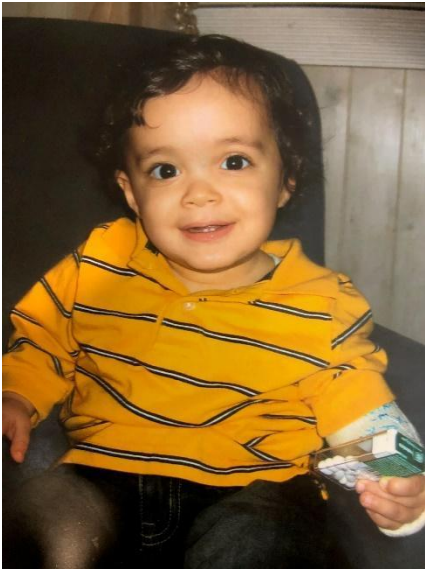


**Our 2nd child was born.... Krysten Elaine Lindenberg :**

**GAME CHANGER!! Opened my eyes to another TRUTH.... That just when you think your heart is full.... God can open another chamber... Take you to another level.**

**And then again....**

**On March 26<sup>th</sup> of 2008 a miracle happened....**



**Not w/o its own spiritual warfare... Unexpected pregnancy... many complications... frequent flyer miles to the ER... an umbilical chord strangulation complication w/ every contraction... & then GOD SHOWED UP...**

Gave me the DAY, HOUR & MINUTE he'd be born.... (that's a testimony for another story)

God's Grace...

Each one grew healthy & Happy, ... & I could see physical & behavioral patterns that would mind boggle me.. I can see Eunice & I's reflection in them.... & when people come and say how great they are... It fills your heart w/ such emotion... Knowing that we are *their covering...*

*Parents are the Covering of their Children*

Would you open your Bible to the book of

**\*\*Exodus 40:34-38**      NKJV

<sup>34</sup> Then the **cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting**, and the **glory of the Lord** filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the **cloud** rested above it, and the **glory of the Lord** filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> Whenever the **cloud** was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. <sup>37</sup> But if the **cloud** was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup> For the **cloud of the Lord** was above the tabernacle by day, and **fire** was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.<sup>1</sup>

## **Opening Prayer**

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<sup>1</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Ex 40:34–38). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

**We have a mysterious language in this passage of scripture. A mention of a cloud of covering over the Tabernacle**

**Dictionary of Biblical languages “Cloud” in Hebrew : A-nan often looked at as a covering.**

עָנָן ā·nān A visible mass, usually of condensed water vapor in the atmosphere, relatively dense enough to block light, note: this can refer to a natural or supernatural occurrence, either as a protection or as a symbol of gloom

JAMES A. SWANSON

**New American Commentary:**

**It was a way God chose to  
manifest himself—a visible  
presence—indicating  
symbol of an invisible God.**

**DOUGLAS STUART (NAC)**



**Pillar of Cloud - Supernatural phenomenon of God's presence which guided the Israelites through the wilderness.<sup>2</sup>**

***Shekinah:***

**Transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning “the one who dwells” or “that which dwells.”<sup>3</sup>**

**<<<<<LASER LIGHT BABY POWDER ILLUSTRATION>>>>**

**The Light is ALWAYS there..... But you need the “cloud” to manifest it.... So we can SEE it....**

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<sup>2</sup> Elwell, W. A., & Beitzel, B. J. (1988). [Cloud, Pillar Of](#). In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 1, p. 484). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

<sup>3</sup> Elwell, W. A., & Beitzel, B. J. (1988). [Shekinah](#). In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 2, p. 1943). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

***“Without the Cloud, it’s hard to see Him”***

The same usage of this imagery... the same language in Greek can be seen in the NT if we look for the Cloud of Glory..

**\*\*LUKE 1:30-35**      NKJV

<sup>30</sup>Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup>And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

**<sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”**

**<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</sup> [\*The New King James Version\*](#). (1982). (Lk 1:30–35). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

ἐπισκιάζω

**episkiazō**

overshadow to cast a shadow upon

**It doesn't come into contact w/.... Just overshadows....**

**“Like a CLOUD”**

**Just like in the OT the cloud was the manifestation of the Presence of God...**

**Here upon Mary.... We see a Cloud manifesting the Presence of God over Mary's womb...**

**That why we will affirm:**

**We Believe He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary**

**WHY a VIRGIN??**

***Elaborate on the sinless MAN... not born of the flesh.... But born of the Spirit***

**Jesus IS THE GLORY OF GOD .... He IS the Shekinah weight of God... He IS the manifested presence of GOD...**

**When we look upon Jesus we see the image of the invisible God....**

**\*\*Isaiah 7:14**

**<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. <sup>5</sup>**

**Whose Name IS Immanuel.... God w/ US.**

**This same language was used at the mountain of the Transfiguration**

**\*\*Matthew 17: 1-6** NKJV

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<sup>5</sup> [\*The New King James Version\*](#). (1982). (Is 7:13–14). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

**17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; <sup>2</sup> and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”**

**<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” <sup>6</sup> And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.<sup>6</sup>**

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<sup>6</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Mt 17:1–6). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

**To HEAR HIM .... Is.... To OBEY HIM...**

**\*\*John 14:15** NKJV

<sup>15</sup> **“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”<sup>7</sup>**

***Our obedience to Jesus is a direct reflection of our LOVE for Him***

**Next week we'll explore..... How, why Jesus Christ His ONLY SON**

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<sup>7</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Jn 14:15). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.



**4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell:**

**5. The third day he rose again from the dead:**

**6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:**

**7. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead**

**In the OT His manifested Presence was seen in the cloud.... But NOW..... His manifested Presence is seen IN Jesus Christ.. Can others see the light IN YOU... wherever you go are you leading? Or, are you following His cloud?**

**The H. S. is ALIVE and active... His manifested Presence is NOT seen by an overshadowing cloud .... But by the FRUIT we begin to produce.... The FRUIT Is the Shekinah GLORY .... The tangible result of our faith IN HIM!!**

**Have you Placed your faith in Him? Have you allowed HIM to be your covering? Are you following His Cloud? Or this the ONLY PLACE you encounter it?**

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*“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”*

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!