

Family Information

Church Camp

Church camp registration fee- The price is \$190. If paid by **July 1st**, you get a **\$10** discount, for a total of 180. Bill Hopkins camp week is July 15th- July 21st.

Greenery Wanted

I am looking for some “greenery” for the front of the auditorium – similar to what is up there now – tall or short foliage is needed (tall trees, short bushes, silk flowers, money for matching pots, If anyone would like to donate.) If you have decent quality silk flowers or greenery that you are not using, please let me know. Many thanks, Pam Culler.

Ministry Help Needed

God is blessing the Northland Child Care. The center currently has nearly 40 students. We need help to act on the mission God has given us. There will be a meeting June 24th after AM worship for those interested in helping with this ministry. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Jeff McVicker.

Summer Sunday AM Bible Class

The study for the summer adult Bible class will cover the first part of Isaiah (chapter 1-19), with the theme coming from the scripture - *There will be a highway for the remnant of his people (Isaiah 11:16)*. God knew that among the many millions of souls that he creates and gives life to, many would turn away from him. The first part of Isaiah reassures us that *a remnant will return (Isaiah 10:21)*, and about God’s promise that there will be a ‘highway’ so we may find him when we seek him. It also tells us of God’s faithfulness and compassion, and his understanding as he guides us and teaches us. This class will meet in E41-42, and began last week..

July 4th

There will be no building activities Wednesday July 4th.

Calendar

June

17 Fathers Day
18-20 VBS Week At Northland
22 TGIF Mini Golf, Please sign-up

July

4 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
4 Happy Independence Day
4 No Building Activities
8 Single Sisters Lunch
8 Services At Willow Brook
15-21 Camp Week At Fort Hill
22 Parents’ Day

For The Month of June

Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans
Foyer Duty: Jack Evans
Greeters: Jack and Barbara Evans

Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Lynn Champney	Glen Culler
Dave Estep	Leon Norwood
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3219	\$5315
Designated:	\$185	\$277

Where’s My Manual?

(Happy Father’s Day)

When you think of your father, what thoughts come to mind. Some of us have many happy memories of warm loving fathers while others of us, unfortunately, had absentee fathers or those who were fathers in name only, leaving holes in our spirit.

Fatherhood is a tremendous responsibility. I remember wondering, when Rachel was born, whether she came with an “owner’s manual.” After discovering that she didn’t, I proceeded to write my own. Only to discover, when Stephanie was born, that each child requires its own manual. I remember lamenting to Sandy that grandparents should be parents because they have the experience. Now that I am a grandparent I understand why God, in His wisdom, chose not to do so. I don’t have the energy to keep up with them even if I am any wiser.

God, our loving Heavenly Father, does provide us with an owner’s manual. Even better, He provides us with an example to follow.

1 John 3:1 “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

1 John 4:9-10 “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

On the dedication page of each manual, God might have penned, “I continue to show you My great and unconditional love ... now, go do the same for this child.”

God’s central theme for each manual is the same, and is the same as that which came with us when we came into this world ... This precious gift is yours to nurture, guide, and correct for just a short time, but to love, share, and learn from for a lifetime.

Parenting mistakes? Being finite mortals, we all make plenty. There still are too many days where I blunder in my interactions with my daughters and granddaughters. But unconditional love, shared in word and action, covers a multitude of mistakes.



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Happy Father’s Day!

- Steve Carver

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:30 pm

Evangelist: Bobby Graham

Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. Today, we are talking with **Renée Jackson**.

Q: Hi Renée, what have you been studying recently?

Renée: For the last few weeks, I've been studying the book of Isaiah. It has helped me realize that God is always there, and it's helped me not to let the cares of the world distract me from him. I've liked thinking about Isaiah 6, when Isaiah says *Here am I (Isaiah 6:8)*. We are here and God is here, and it encouraged me to let God direct me. There are always so many things we could do and many people who could benefit from his message, so it is best to let God guide us.

Q: Very true, when we wait for God, he will show us his path for us. What other scriptures from Isaiah have helped you?

Renée: My favorite was Isaiah 53; the whole chapter has many things that have been encouraging to think about. *To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground (Isaiah 53:1-2)*. Jesus is like a tender shoot, a plant that grows close to the ground that sometimes we don't notice or care for it. Jesus is very different from what people expected.

Q: Very good thoughts, and I too always like the image of Jesus as a tender shoot.

Renée: This made an impression on me too - *He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him (Isaiah 53:2)*. Jesus looked plain on the outside; he wasn't the Savior people would have accepted, because they wanted someone like Samson, who looked impressive outwardly. But on the inside, everything about Jesus is beautiful.

Thank you, Renée!
(Renée Jackson with Mark G.)



V.B.S.

Starts Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

Friday June 22nd
TGIF and teen Mini golf
Sign up in the Lobby

A Harvest Of Peace & Understanding & Eternal Life

(With Advice From A World War I Flying Ace)

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. - Hebrews 12:11

God does not enjoy disciplining us any more than we do. Yet he knows our weaknesses, and he wants to keep our hearts soft and to give us a harvest of peace and understanding. Fortunately, this discipline usually doesn't involve physical pain or financial loss, for God may simply help us see something more clearly, or he may allow us to undergo times of disappointment or frustration.

Moreover, God's discipline is never punishment for punishment's sake. It is inherent in our relationship with our Father in heaven that he will help us understand our limitations and our need for him, so sometimes he teaches us to set aside false hopes or worldly distractions -

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. - Hebrews 12:7-8

In Eddie Rickenbacker's memoirs, the World War I flying ace tells of some experiences that taught him about flying. After his first mission, he came back feeling quite confident, until his major questioned him. Rickenbacker hadn't noticed the squadron of French planes a couple thousand feet overhead protecting him, nor had he noticed a squadron of German airplanes two miles ahead.

Rickenbacker handled this well and promised to be more observant. Then the major showed him some bullet holes that revealed how closely Rickenbacker had come to being shot down by anti-aircraft guns, and Rickenbacker turned pale and was unable to fly for a few days. On his next mission, Rickenbacker saw a plane by itself, and assumed it was an enemy aircraft, so he broke formation and attacked it - only to find out just in time that it was an American plane.

Eddie learned to take flying seriously as he understood the risks, and as he realized that he was there for a bigger purpose. The future ace learned to depend on his plane and the other flyers and his mechanics instead of on his daring. Likewise, God calls us to set aside our worldly ambitions and agendas, and instead trust in him and put our hope in his love and his grace and his holiness -

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. - Hebrews 12:14-15

Rickenbacker saw some young pilots who had quick success, yet who developed undue self-confidence that soon led to their demise. So he became thankful for the lessons he learned from his troubles and mistakes. Eddie went on to say, 'the smallest amount of vanity is fatal in airplane fighting. Self-distrust rather is the quality to which many a pilot owes his protracted existence.'

Likewise, all of our trust and our hope should be in God, and *God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness (Hebrews 12:10)*. Truly our Heavenly Father's paths are far higher than ours, and he disciplines us that we may have the eternal life of knowing our God.

- Mark Garner