

Family Information

Autumn Adult Bible Classes

This Autumn, the Sunday morning class will continue in the book of Isaiah; we'll cover chapters 20-39, which will tell us how God is "The Sure Foundation For Our Times". The Wednesday class will begin studying the book of 1 Peter on September 12; and the teachers will be Steve C., Isaac K., and Mark G. (Phil S. is currently teaching the young adult class on Wednesdays.)

Pulpit Minister

We are pleased to have Tyler and Leah Smith with us this weekend. Tyler is interviewing for the minister position. They have three children, Melody age 7, Noah age 5, and Ezekiel will be 2 next month. Tyler completed a Bachelor's of Science in Bible degree from Ohio Valley University in 2013. Tyler and Leah currently attend the Ashland Church of Christ here in Ohio. Tyler has previous experience as the Pulpit Minister at Millersburg Church of Christ where he was involved in setting up a program for educating the youth of the congregation, and at Newark Road Church of Christ where he led the church in initiating small groups. As a youth minister at North End Church of Christ, Tyler taught teen classes and organized the congregation's first youth rally. Tyler and Leah, together, spent February through December of 2010 in Wuhan, China where they led worship services, Bible studies, and planted an all-Chinese house church.

Tyler will be speaking to the congregation during the 10:30 service. Please stick around after services to get to know Tyler and his family.

Calendar

September

9 Single Sisters Lunch
 9 Autumn Bible Classes Begin
 9 Grandparents Day
 22 Fall Begins
 23 Services At Willow Brook

For The Month of September
Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans
Foyer Duty: Jack Evans
Greeters: Pam and Darrell Estep

Communion Servers
 James Allison John Allison
 Glenn Culler David Estep
 William Nixon Leon Norwood
 Frank Rynearson Art Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5430	\$5241
Designated:	\$150	\$248

Following Jesus

(Who Are Bob Nieman and Keith McDonald?)

Simon Peter asked him, Lord, where are you going? Jesus replied, Where I am going, you cannot follow now. - John 13:36

Peter is distressed that Jesus will be taken away, and it can be hard for us too to imagine our gentle Savior being so brutally mistreated. For all his flaws, Peter loved Jesus and wanted to show him his devotion, yet he misunderstood what Jesus means when he calls us to follow him - *Peter asked, Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you. Then Jesus answered, Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times. - John 13:37-38*

Peter wants to do something dramatic to prove his faithfulness, so he insists that he would even die for Jesus. We too sometimes wish we could do something impressive to show our devotion to God; yet for us and for Peter, Jesus has something different he wants from us. So, after Peter stumbles, Jesus tells him that he just wants us to live by faith and to care for God's sheep - *Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? Yes, Lord, he said, you know that I love you. Jesus said, Feed my lambs. - John 21:15*

Bob Nieman and Keith McDonald set a baseball record that none of the all-time greats can match. The first two times they batted in the major leagues, they each home runs both times. Nieman (in 1951) and McDonald (in 2000) are the only two players who have done this. Yet, though they were good players, they are now forgotten except by baseball historians.

Instead, baseball players like Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio and Willie Mays are remembered years later, not just for one accomplishment, rather because year after year, game after game, they steadily helped their teams. Sometimes perhaps with a home run, but more often with a simple base hit or two, or making a difficult throw, or with alert baserunning.

Likewise, Jesus calls us to show our love for him not by moving a mountain, rather by taking each step by faith, and by comforting, reassuring and encouraging one another. As Jesus tells Peter that someday he will die for him, *Jesus said, Feed my sheep . . . when you are old . . . someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go . . . Then he said to him, Follow me! (John 21:17-19)*, each of us will someday join Jesus in heaven.

Yet in this world we cannot know nor control the future; so in the meantime, Jesus calls us simply to follow him, wait for him to show us his path, and be content with the life God has given each of us. When Peter asks what will happen to John, Jesus reminds him not to compare himself with someone else, and says *You must follow me (John 21:22)*. Each of us is dear and unique to God; God does not compare us with one another, and he will be with us as we simply follow Jesus.

- Mark Garner



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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 **Peggy Kaiser**.

Q: Hi, Peggy! What scriptures have you been studying?

Peggy: I've been reading the book of Joshua, and it's helped me deal with some anxieties. This verse stood out to me, and it sums up a lot of what I've learned from Joshua so far - *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9)*. Joshua probably had some anxieties too with what lie ahead of him. Like Joshua, our courage comes from just knowing that God will be with us. It's also showed me that learning to trust God and following what he tells us can calm our fears.

Q: Very good thoughts. What examples in Joshua have helped you with this?

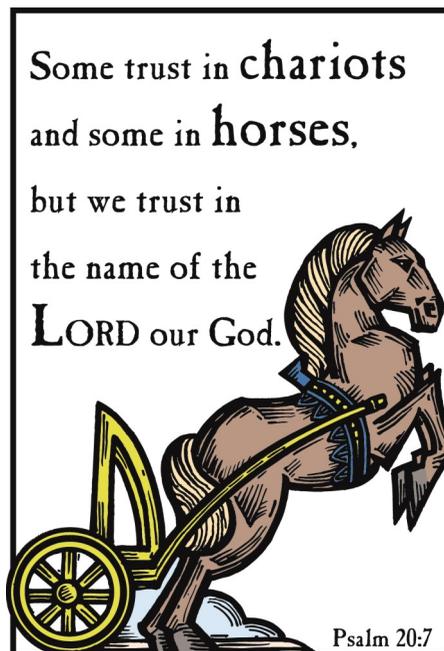
Peggy: Crossing the Jordan especially encouraged me. The priests had to carry the ark into the river, and *as soon as . . . their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing (Joshua 3:15-16)*. Then the priests stood in the middle of the river as the Israelites crossed. They could do this calmly because they knew that God was with them. I also just read about the Gibeonites (Joshua 9), who knew that the God of Israel was very powerful, so instead of fighting, they wanted to make peace.

Q: Some good examples to think about.

Peggy: This scripture also helps me a lot - *Be strong and very courageous . . . Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night (Joshua 1:7-8)* reminds me to meditate on God's words, which again calms our fears. Different ages have different anxieties, yet God promises us that he will be with us wherever we go. The Israelites had much bigger issues to handle than I have, so it calms me to remember that God will be with me too, wherever I go.

Thank you, Peggy!

(Peggy Kaiser with Mark G., September 2018)



From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on May 11, 1986. It was written by Mike Foley, who was a member at Northland for most of the 1980s. For a couple of years, Mike also worked full-time with Northland's college students and young adults.

Boast In Nothing Save Jesus

I once took pride in wisdom
till my foolishness showed clear.
I once took pride in popularity
till friends were not so near.

I once took pride in pleasure
till pain was plain to see.
I once took pride in sorrow
"I'm in touch with reality."

I once took pride in affecting souls
in being a guide to the blind.
These too proved little comfort though
when faced with the test of time.

In a desperate attempt to hold on to that pride
I tried each virtue once more.
But each in turn proved futile again
in attempts at self-worth to restore.

Now consider what I should take pride in
What is it that makes me worthwhile?
Jesus healed the lepers and blind man
He handled tough questions with style.

He offered food to the hungry
And washed the feet of his men.
He taught people, whose lives were in shambles,
How to make life worth living again.

He was mocked and scorned on trial
He was hung on an old rugged tree.
He did all this without sinning
To give one true dignity.

No better time than the present
To grab on to those words that give life.
Boast in nothing save Jesus, dear children
Please die to the pride and the strife.

- Mike Foley, May 1986