

Family Information

Sermon Schedule

11/11 - Art Silva - Relationships
 11/18 – Phil Stafa, Theme verse - Luke 1:46-47, we rejoice in God, who has been mindful of our humble state
 Plus other thoughts from Luke 1:1-56
 11/25 – Mark Garner, Theme verse - Luke 1:77-79, by God's tender mercy, he forgave our sins and brings light into the darkness, Plus other thought from Luke 1:57-2:7
 12/2 – Lynn Rosenbaum, Theme verse - Luke 2:14-15, Let's see what God has done, for he has proclaimed peace
 Plus other thoughts from Luke 2:8-52
 12/9 - Don Milnor, Theme verse - Luke 6:47-48, Building on the Rock, the foundation of Jesus,
 Plus other thoughts from Luke 6:27-49
 12/16 – Tom Johnson, Theme verse - Luke 5:13, Jesus touches us, and he is willing to heal us,
 Plus other thoughts from Luke 5:12-39
 12/23 – Jeffrey McVicker, Theme verse Luke 3:4-6, Make straight the path for the Christ,
 Plus other thoughts from Luke 3:1-38
 12/30 – Mark Garner, Theme verse - Luke 4:4 & 4:18, We live on God's word, and it brings good news to the blind & oppressed, Plus other thoughts from Luke 4:1-30

Single Sisters

Sunday, November 11th the Single Sisters will meet at Peggy Kaiser's house right after service. This is our Thanksgiving luncheon. Please see Peggy, call or text to 614-716-8624 to RSVP.

Belpre

Due to lack of attendees we will not be going to Belpre this year. If you are still interested please see Josh Evans.

Services

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

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

Calendar

November

11 Single Sisters Lunch At Peggy Kaiser's
 18 Congregational Meeting-12:15pm
 18 Services At Willow Brook
 21 Closed (Thanksgiving)

December

2 Winter Bible Classes Begin
 5 Singing At Willow Brook Home
 7 TGIF Child Care Christmas Party
 9 Teens Christmas Party
 9 Single Sisters Lunch
 19 Congregational Christmas Program
 21 Winter Begins
 27 Youth Bowling
 30 Area Wide Worship At Reynoldsburgh

For The Month of November
Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins
Foyer Duty: John Lindsay
Greeters: Dan and Sandra Loy

Communion Servers

Jake Bowman	Perry Coate
Jack Evans	Joshua Evans
Michael Evans	Mike Evans
John Lindsay	Paul Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4818	\$5223
Designated:	\$215	\$257



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Many Convincing Proofs ...

Many Convincing Proofs Of God's Care For Us

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. - Acts 1:3

Jesus gave his disciples many convincing proofs that he had risen from the grave, and he has given us many convincing proofs of God's compassion and of God's desire to give us the grace we need. Jesus has given us many sure signs of God's unfailing love and his overflowing grace, and the surest sign of all is his cross. God's Word tells us many profound truths that human minds couldn't have thought of, and he has given us the gift of his Spirit to reassure us of unseen eternal things.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. - Acts 1:4-5

God has surrounded us with many witnesses to reassure us that he is near, from the birds in the sky who remind us to look upward, to the creatures of the forests and deserts who tell us that God provides the food that each animal needs, to our brothers and sisters in Jesus, for God's Spirit lives in each of us and holds us together.

In the world around us, God has given us many reassuring examples of his majesty and his vastness, *God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made (Romans 1:20)*. God quietly calls us to let him open the eyes of our hearts, for as scientist Louis Pasteur said, 'A little science estranges man from God, but much science leads them back to him'.

In our own physical bodes, God has given us many illustrations of his understanding and his wisdom, so *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well (Psalm 139:14)*. And as poet Walt Whitman wrote, 'the narrowest hinge in my hand puts to scorn all machinery'.

Even as we go about our daily lives, God gives us many comforting reminders of his care for us; *He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food (Acts 14:17)*. No panel of scientists, no committee of experts, could ever have arranged for all of the oxygen and food and water that everyone needs. As philosopher Simone Weil wrote, 'At each moment, our existence is God's love for us'.

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. - Deuteronomy 4:39

The Lord alone is God, and truly there is no other.

- Mark Garner

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 **Lynn Rosenbaum**.

Q: Hello! What scriptures have you been reading?

Lynn R.: I've been reading James; it's unique compared with the other epistles. He is writing to Jewish believers, and he also grew up with Jesus, so he came to know him very closely. I've just been reading this - *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says . . . whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it . . . will be blessed in what they do (James 1:22, 1:25)*. James realized that it is always been hard to live a righteous life.

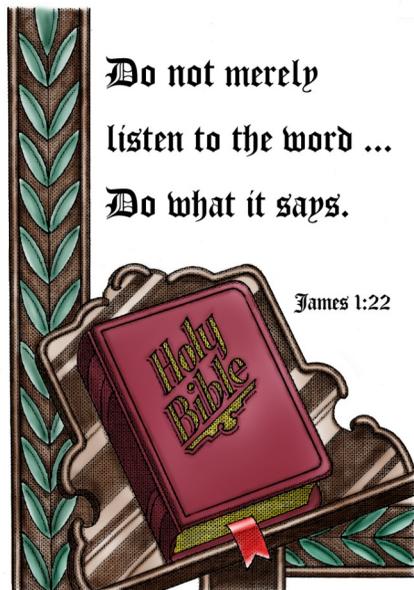
Q: Very true. How has following God's Word given you freedom?

Lynn R.: It frees us not only from sin itself, but also from the weight of sin. Another verse I've been thinking about is - *believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism (James 2:1)*. Showing favoritism to the rich loses sight of what it's about when we come together, and it isn't really good for anyone. Jesus himself lived with few possessions, to set us an example of what is most important to God. I think this ties in with what James says later - *Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, Go in peace; be warm and well fed, but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? (James 2:15-16)*. Having faith means that we care for each other.

Q: Good thoughts, and as James says, *Mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13)*.

Lynn R.: Yes, and that verse - *Judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13)* tells us that passing judgment leads to more judgment; but when we are merciful, then mercy can begin to flow around.

Thank you, Lynn!
(Lynn Rosenbaum with Mark G.)



From The Northland Archives

This poem was written by Kim Gale (now Kim Richey), and it appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on May 25, 2003. Earlier this year, we reprinted another of Kim's poems, and we also reprinted an article by her older sister Emily Graham.

We Walked Among Mountains

We walked among mountains,
though majestic and tall,
there were often valleys,
I cared not for at all.

This valley was deep,
as the river was wide,
and the rocks that were steep,
kept me lagged though I tried.

We came to a smooth bank,
where I ran ahead,
though enjoyed a stride with father,
I could have instead.

And after a time,
As I turned round to yell,
My foot met a rock,
and after pride I fell.

He ran to my aid,
but not a word he said,
as he bent low,
and lifted my head.

He set me up straight,
and took hold my hand,
Only he, my father,
could fully understand.

Even now past the valley,
I held his hand fast,
For one slip on the mountain,
back to the valley I'd be cast.

We walked among mountains,
though majestic and tall,
There had to be valleys else,
no mountains/peaks at all.

- Kim Gale, May 2003