

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:	\$5100	\$5183
Designated:	\$150	\$253



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What We Go Out To See

After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. - Luke 7:24-25

Just as many people had gone to see John the Baptist in the wilderness, each of us, in our own way, has gone out into the world's wilderness looking for answers and meaning. When they finally heard John and his message, what they found often depended on what they went looking for. Likewise, our expectations and preconceptions will influence what we find.

Some went to see John to ridicule him, others went hoping to see miracles or hoping to find a man impressing them with his clothing and with his authority; yet some went because they truly wanted to hear the truth, and John faithfully told them about Jesus, their Savior, who was about to come - *But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.- Luke 7:26-27*

Physicist Robert Oppenheimer once told of an incident while he was at a scientific conference near an air force base in New Mexico. Early one morning, a call came to the base - an unusual object had been seen in the sky, and the officers were told to find out what it was and take appropriate action. They went out to see a bright light, much larger than a star, low in the morning sky.

The base immediately got some fighter planes ready for take-off and alerted the anti-aircraft artillery. The commotion woke up the scientists, who went outside to see what was going on. An astronomer asked Oppenheimer to get the attention of one of the generals, and then the astronomer patiently explained to the general that what they were seeing was the planet Venus.

At certain times, you can go out to see Venus in the early morning sky, a comforting and subtle reminder of God's vastness and his splendor. Yet just as Venus's presence can be misinterpreted, if we go out to see a Jesus who fits our preconceptions, we can stumble and miss his message; yet if we go out to see Jesus for who he really is, we'll find a Jesus who cares for everyone's souls - *The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me. - Luke 7:22-23*

For we were spiritually blind, yet Jesus opens our eyes with his words; we are still weak and lame, yet Jesus can make his strength perfect in our weaknesses; the world inflicts incurable wounds in our hearts, yet Jesus can heal them. Blessed indeed we are, for Jesus has brought the good news full of God's grace and truth.

- Mark Garner

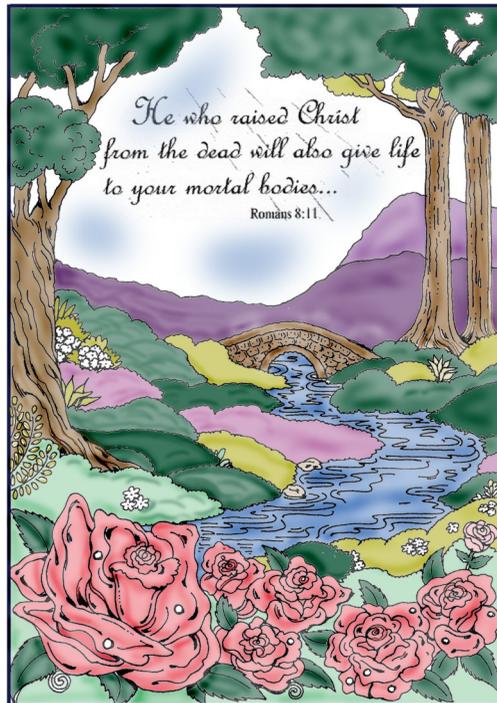
The Assurance That Says "Abba, Father"

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." - Romans 8:15

Beforehand we were under fear, because once the law was given everyone was considered guilty. Paul called the law the spirit of fear because it made people afraid on account of their sins. But the law of faith, which is what is meant by the Spirit of sonship, is a law of assurance, because it has delivered us from fear by pardoning our sins and thus giving us assurance.

Set free by the grace of God from fear, we have received the Spirit of sonship so that, considering what we were and what we have become by the gift of God, we might govern our life with great care . . . We have received such grace that we can say to God: Abba! Father! For this reason Paul warns us not to let our trust degenerate into pride . . . Indeed, God in his goodness has indulged us with what is beyond our natural capacity.

*- Ambrosiaster,
approx. AD 375,
from a commentary on Paul's epistles*



From The Northland Archives

This article was written by Patricia Black, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on March 25, 2001. Patricia and her husband Seth were members at Northland for a couple of years in the 1990s; at that time Seth and two other Northland members (Don Milnor and Mark Morris) were part of the singing group "The Joyful Noise." Patricia sent us this article after they had moved.

God Knows The Right Direction

One day while driving I decided to take a different route than how we normally go. From the back of the van I hear "Mom, are you sure you are going the right way? I don't think you are going the right way. You should have kept going down the other road. Mom, are you lost?" With a chuckle I replied, "No honey, I know where we're going."

. . . So many times we have an idea of the destination God is taking us. We even have mapped out the best route to go. While riding along, all of a sudden God turns the corner. We start thinking 'Whoa! Hold it! This isn't the way to get there. What is He doing? . . . He's in the driver seat saying, "Just trust me. I know where we're going . . ."

Look at Joseph. He had some dreams that his family will be bowing down to him. His father gives him a robe that in those times represented royalty; He could have thought, "Yeah, this is it. We are on the right road . . . Then what happens? Watch out! Sharp turn. Now he is in a pit and being sold as a slave. "Now wait a minute! This is not going to get us there, Lord? I think you took a wrong turn." Next we see Joseph in Potiphar's house. (Gen. 39:2) Now the Lord was with Joseph and he prospered. He's still a slave, but (Gen 39:4) Potiphar put him in charge of his household . . . But then what happens? Another sharp turn, now he is in a dungeon. Once again he could have thought, "We are definitely going the wrong way. God, are you lost?"

By now Joseph has been taken way out of the way as far as he can tell. But (Gen. 39:21) the Lord was with him . . . and gave him success in whatever he did. Once again, another opportunity came. He interprets some dreams for some fellow prisoners that came true. He even asked the Cupbearer to remember him. He was trying to map out how he would get out. Maybe it would only take a week at the most. OH NO, another turn. The cupbearer forgot him for two whole years! I'm sure Joseph thought, "It's hopeless, I'm never getting out of here . . . Then out of the blue, Pharaoh has a dream. Joseph gets a chance to interpret one of his dreams. Then he's second in command of all Egypt. Finally his family went to Egypt and that dream he had so many years ago came true.

God was leading Joseph the whole time. He knew right where Joseph needed to be to save his nation from the famine that was coming. He wanted his man in a certain position and He knew the best way to get him there. 'The Lord was with him.' He never left him . . . by the time he meets Pharaoh he is now broken (Gen. 41:16) - "I cannot do it, Joseph replied to Pharaoh, but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires." Humbly he gives God the credit. And then patiently he waits to see if the Lord wanted him to help Pharaoh accomplish the great task before him . . .

So when God takes a turn that we don't think is quite right, sit back enjoy the view. Soak in all the things you can learn along the way. It'll be the ride of your life.

*- Patricia Black (abridged),
March 2001*