

## Family Information

### Sermon Schedule

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

### Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Leona Hopkins. Leona passed away last Wednesday. Calling hours will be this Monday, November 19, 5-7 PM, and the funeral the next day, Tuesday, November 20, at 11 AM, both at Schoedinger North Chapel, 5554 Karl Rd., Columbus OH 43229.

### Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and concern during my recent surgery. It meant so much. Also, thank you to everyone who brought meals to Darrell and I. We are truly blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

-Pam Estep

### 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

**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

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  
9 Teens Christmas Party  
9 Single Sisters Lunch  
19 Congregational Christmas Program  
21 Winter Begins  
27 Youth Bowling  
30 Area Wide Worship At Reynoldsburg

**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
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<b>General:</b> \$4729	\$5173
<b>Designated:</b> \$155	\$251

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## Giving Thanks To God For Everything

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth). - Ephesians 5:8-9*

In God's unfailing compassion, he brought us into the light of Jesus. In the Lord's overflowing grace, he calls us his own children of light. In God's everlasting faithfulness, he gives us his Spirit to live within us. God's words move our hearts to sing his praises, and they remind us to give thanks to our Father in heaven for everything - *Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* - Ephesians 5:19-20

In the comic "The Far Side", one of the cartoons depicts what it calls, 'The four basic personality types.' Four different people are shown looking at a table, with a partially -filled glass on it. The first person says that the glass is half full, the second person declares that it is half empty, the third person is too confused to decide whether the glass is half full or half empty, while the fourth person says, 'Hey, I ordered a cheeseburger.'

If our lives seem half full, we can give God thanks for everything, for he has made our lives full of unseen blessings, eternal things, and *in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness (Colossians 2:9-10)*. Following Jesus makes our lives full of meaning, and he has filled us with his own Spirit.

If our lives seem to be half empty, we can still give thanks to God for everything. For as believers in Jesus, God empties our lives of pointless living, frees us from facing spiritual foes on our own, and *there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)*. Moreover, even if sometimes we feel pangs of emptiness, they are God's caring reminders to stay close with him so that he may fill us.

Then, if our lives are full of confusion, again we can give thanks to God for everything. Even if nothing else is clear, we can be certain that *the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9)*, and God promises us that, *along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth (Isaiah 42:16)*.

And if life has given us something different from what we 'ordered', we can give thanks to God for everything. As he says, *I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go (Isaiah 48:17)*; he protects us from many unseen spiritual dangers, and God gives us better, lasting, things than we asked for. *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly rounds with every spiritual blessing in Christ.* - Ephesians 1:3

Praise and thanksgiving be to God for everything; honor and glory be to our Father in heaven.  
-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 **Micah Evans**.

**Q:** Hi, Micah! What scriptures have you been reading?

**Micah:** I've been reading this Galatians 5 - *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* (*Galatians 5:22-23*). I've known this scripture since I was very young, and now I'm learning what these fruits of the Spirit are really about. It has been encouraging, and it has also encouraged me that *Against such things there is no law* (*Galatians 5:23*). We can always be kind, good, and gentle, and it is helping me in my job as a teacher too. I'm also praying about what it means to keep in step with the Spirit.

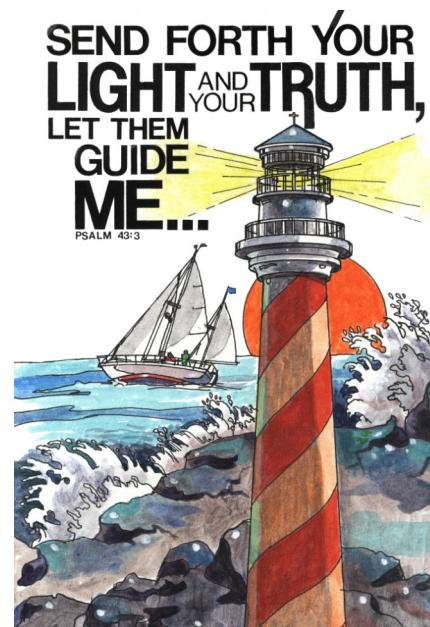
**Q:** Very good thoughts. What have you learned about walking in step with the Spirit?

**Micah:** It's all about building a closer relationship with God. *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit* (*Galatians 5:25*). The more we learn to let his Spirit guide us, it comes more naturally to do the things God calls us to do. So I'm also re-reading some familiar scriptures and stories, and they have come to mean something new. Just as one example, when God says Jonah, *Go to the great city of Nineveh . . .* (*Jonah 1:2*), it has encouraged me to see that we can apply this to simple, daily decisions, instead of only to the big ones. It is helping me to make use of some opportunities to serve that God has opened for me.

**Q:** More good thoughts, and very true how when we look closely at a familiar scripture, so often it takes on a new meaning. What do you plan to study next?

**Micah:** I'm going to go back through the book of Galatians. I'm looking at the context and the background, and am looking forward to learning some new things. Learning what it means to walk in step with the Spirit can bring new life into familiar things.

Thank you, Micah!  
(Micah Evans with Mark G., November 2018)



## Proclamation Of Thanksgiving

The year that is drawing to its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added . . .

No human counsel hath devised no hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless re-membered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens . . .

- Abraham Lincoln,  
excerpts from a proclamation made October 3, 1863

## From The Northland Archives

This poem was written by Betty Dotterer, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on March 27, 1988.  
Betty was a member of Northland for a few years in the late 1980s.

### The Friend We Need

I need a friend like Jesus, so kind, so wise, so strong.  
Who, when I am tempted, helps me from doing wrong.  
I need a guide like Jesus, to walk with me each day,  
To take my hand and lead me, and never let me stray.  
I want to be like Jesus while here on earth I stay,  
Helping, loving, kind and true, serving others day by day.  
I need a home in heaven, when life on earth shall end,  
That home prepared by Jesus, my truest, dearest friend.

- Betty Dotterer,  
March 1988