

## Family Information

### Winter Sunday Morning Bible Class

This Winter's Sunday morning adult class begins today, December 2. We'll be doing the following monthly studies:

**December** - Walking In The Truth: 2 John & 3 John  
**January** - The Lord Knows Those Who Are His: A Study Of 2 Timothy.

**February** - God's Transcendence: Who Is God? (this will be a prelude to this Summer's study comparing John & other religions)

### Area Wide Worship

The area wide worship scheduled for December 30 at Reynoldsburg Church of Christ has been changed to January 6, 2019.

### Teachers Needed!

Teachers are needed for the 2+3 year old class during worship. Please contact Lynn Paden or Art Siva if you can help in any way.

### Dillinger Moving Expenses

The elders would like to extend a big thank you to all for contributing to help Caleb and Ashley with their relocation expenses. We collected over \$2500. We are sure this will be a big blessing to the Dillinger's as they begin this new stage of their lives of service for the Lord. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

### Potluck

There will be a congregational potluck Sunday, January 6th following worship service. Join the church family in welcoming Caleb and Ashley Dillinger.

### Save the Date

May 3-4, 2019 Ladies Retreat at Heartland Conference Center.

### Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to Donna Rollie at the death of her son, Donald Robinson. Services were yesterday.

### 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

### December

19	Children's Christmas Program, 7pm
19	No Pantry, Clothing Closet, Classes
21	Winter Begins
26	No Wednesday Activities
27	Youth Bowling Party, 11-1pm
30	No am Classes (10:30 Worship and Classes)

### Daycare

Our daycare has a wish list of needs for 2019 on the Church Bulletin board by the Church Office. If you are interested in making a donation please check out the hanging pictures of items from the "clothes line". Take the pictured item/envelope you would like to donate. In the provided envelope please include pictured item along with cash or check designated to daycare and include in your church offering. If you have any questions please see Robbie McVicker.

### For The Month of December

**Invitation/ Responses:** Mike Evans

**Foyer Duty:** Josh Evans

**Greeters:** John and Jennifer Lindsay

### Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Glenn Culler	Dave Estep
Gary McMasters	Leon Norwood
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3788	\$5176
<b>Designated:</b>	\$110	\$245



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## Called Heavenward

### (Our Citizenship Is In Heaven, Not In Erewhon)

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.*  
 - Philippians 3:14-15

Jesus came to call us heavenward, he came to call us to seek God with soft and open hearts so that he can make clear to us his paths and his thoughts. Jesus understands how difficult it can be for us to listen to the world's loudness and to endure its futile ways, and God is very patient with us as he makes his words clear to us, and *The unfolding of your words give light; it gives understanding.* - Psalm 119:130

God's heavenward call is to walk by faith one step at a time as he gives us understanding, for God has called us heavenward to give us hope in eternal things. God's heavenward call is to trust in him each step as he guides us, for he calls us to fix our eyes on Jesus so that our hope may be in things that will last. This fallen world focuses on earthly things, things of dust and ashes - *For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.* - Philippians 3:18-19

Yet Jesus is so gracious to us all, *he too shared in their humanity (Hebrews 2:14)*, and whenever someone turns to him, he pours out his compassion and mercy on us. Jesus doesn't scold us nor shout at us, rather he treats us gently as he tells us what is true and real.

The 1870s novel "Erewhon" (written by Samuel Butler), describes a strange land. In Erewhon (the name comes from rearranging the letters in 'nowhere'), illness and bad luck are considered crimes and are punished. In their religion, they worship the 'Musical Bank'. In Erewhon, they also go to the 'College of Unreason', where they deliberately teach things that they know are false.

So as this strange place is described, it soon becomes clear that Erewhon is simply an image of everyday human society. In Erewhon, they get many things backwards, just as indeed every earthly society does. Human nature looks at outward things, earthly societies are consumed with their rivalries and ambitions, and indeed this world looks down on the weak and the unfortunate. Yet our citizenship is in heaven, not in Erewhon nor in any earthly nation - *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.* - Philippians 3:20-21

Jesus is so mindful of us, and God rejoices in being with everyone who seeks him with our hearts.

- Mark Garner

**From The Northland Archives**

*This article was written by Jennifer Cvelbar, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on August 27, 2000. Jennifer and her husband Doug were members at Northland during the 1990s and early 2000s. Earlier this year, we also reprinted a couple of Jennifer's other articles.*

**The Garage Sale God**

We picture God on his throne in heaven, in all his glory on Mount Sinai, on a cross over 2000 years ago, but we never imagine the Lord of Creation wandering around looking through junk at a garage sale. But He does do that. He's always done that . . . He has always found uses for the seemingly useless.

Take Gideon for example. A lot of junk there . . . His clan was weak and he himself was not the most popular . . . He was so fearful of retribution, he tore down his father's Baal/Asherah worship center in the middle of the night rather than the middle of the day and asked God to wash and dry a piece of fleece. Looks like this box of junk isn't even worth 50 cents. But God sifted through all that. He set aside the useless parts in Gideon's box and found the hidden treasure: a mighty warrior who set his people free from their enemy's grip.

And Jacob. Given a name meaning "deceiver" he lived up to it. He tricked just about everybody . . . But God saw through the grime. He cleaned and buffed him and discovered a tray made of pure silver . . .

And who can forget Peter? A big, burly fisherman with foot-in-mouth syndrome. He rebuked Jesus, fell asleep during one of his best friend's darkest hours . . . swore eternal allegiance to Christ then denied him not once but three times - well you get the picture. But while many may have focused on the picture, God saw a frame worth keeping. And on the day of Pentecost He filled that frame with a priceless piece of celestial art called the Holy Spirit . . .

What the world throws out God keeps. He buys the boxes of junk, the trays covered with grime . . . while the world watches Him as He gets into his car. They laugh and think they've made a profit off of some old fool. Then a month or so later, they catch a glimpse of the same "fool" on Antiques Roadshow. He is with a world-renowned antique dealer with the stuff He bought from them. And when He is asked where he found such priceless items He smiles pleasantly and says, "Oh I found them at a garage sale."

*- Jennifer Cvelbar (abridged), 2000*



*“The LORD is  
my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?”*

**PSALM 27:1, NRSV**

MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #3

The words in the following list come from a certain book of the Bible, and they are all hidden in the diagram below. The words can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. As you find them, shade in the letters that you use. There will be 29 unused letters, and reading from left to right beginning at the top of the diagram, they will spell out the mystery verse from this week's mystery book.

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| BIRDS           | HIS LOW POSITION | PATIENCE  | THE WORD OF TRUTH |
| BOASTING        | HUMBLE           | PRIDE     | THEIR CORROSION   |
| BROTHERS        | MERCY TRIUMPHS   | RELIGIOUS | TOMORROW          |
| BUT DOING IT    | NOBLE            | ROYAL LAW | TONGUE            |
| EVERY           | OLIVES           | SUPPOSE   | VANISHES          |
| GLORIOUS        | ORPHANS          | TAKE NOTE | WISDOM            |
| HEAVENLY LIGHTS |                  |           |                   |

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The answer, and another puzzle, will be in the bulletin next week. Last week's mystery verse answer: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart.* - PROVERBS 3:5

*- Mark Garner*