

Family Information

Winter Sunday Morning Bible Class

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.

Youth Group

There will be a nerf war at the Church on Friday January 4th from 7-11! Let Josh Evans know if you plan to attend!

Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2019 are available on the table in the foyer. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please see Glenn Culler or 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

December

26	No Wednesday Activities
27	Youth Bowling Party, 11-1pm
30	No am Classes (10:30 Worship and Classes)

January

1	Happy New Year "2019"
4	Youth Nerf War, 7-11pm
6	Congregational Potluck To Welcome Caleb and Ashley Dillinger
6	Area Wide Worship At Reynoldsburg

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
General:	\$5342	\$5179
Designated:	\$150	\$243



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The Peace Of Knowing Jesus

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. - Luke 2:13-14

Jesus brings the chance to find peace in this troubled world, a kind of peace that does not depend on outward circumstances, a lasting peace that human plans and human leaders and human strength couldn't ever have achieved. The Son of God brings peace to those who seek him and know him, a peace that doesn't require great deeds nor great learning, a peace that endures even when the world insults us and ignores us, for God has made us his own children.

Instead of guiding us by force and rules and threats, Jesus came to lead us with his unfailing compassion and with his overflowing grace and with the light of God's profound truths. *And He had to be made like them, fully human in every way (Hebrews 2:17)*, and he gives us the peace of knowing that our Savior understands all the pains and discouragements and sorrows we face.

This world's striving and its ambitions and its forceful ways could not bring peace nor meaning nor life. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that . . . in spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace . . . unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word." And indeed as C. S. Lewis wrote, "God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

Thus the angel told the shepherds what to look for - not a child born in a lavish palace with a golden scepter in his hand, rather a child lying in a feeding trough for animals, humbly wrapped in the simplest of clothes, for he is our Immanuel, "God with us" - *I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. - Luke 2:10-12*

God's ways and his thoughts and his paths are far higher than ours. Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk with love and reverence." Sometimes our paths may indeed seem so narrow and they may have unexpected twists and turns, but walking them reverently in the love and grace of Jesus gives our souls peace, for he will be with us each step, and his path leads to eternal life. *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. - Luke 2:15*

So God patiently calls us to look beyond the world's appearances, to go to Jesus with an open heart and an open mind, so that God can help us see what Jesus has done for all of us.

- 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 **Becca Evans**.

Q: Hello, Becca! What scriptures have you been reading?

Becca: I'm reading through the Old Testament and am asking God to help learn more from each book. I'm in Leviticus now, and this Scripture from Exodus has helped me too - when Moses says, *I am slow of speech and tongue (Exodus 4:10)*, I feel a lot like that in speaking and in organizing my thoughts, so God's answer helps me a lot, *Who gave human beings their mouths? . . . Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you (Exodus 4:11-12)*. It's very encouraging to think that God is teaching me his words, and that he will help me when I share them.

Q: Very true, and very reassuring how God helps us understand his words. How has this helped with reading Leviticus?

Becca: Leviticus 10 used to confuse me, when two of Aaron's sons die when they offer God an unauthorized sacrifice. One of my Bible teachers helped me see that it wasn't a punishment, that instead it was about what it means to be in God's presence - *This is what the Lord spoke of when he said, Among those who approach me I will be proved holy (Leviticus 10:3)*. So I've been thinking about all that Jesus did so that we can be in God's presence without fear. No words can fully describe Jesus! I'm also reading some more about the tabernacle in Leviticus and Exodus.

Q: Very good thoughts. What have you learned about the tabernacle?

Becca: So far, I've been thinking about all the details and furnishings. Each of them seems to be about honoring God and reminding us of the beautiful things he made. There is probably a lot more, and it reminds me of one of my favorite Psalms - *Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4)*. As we spend more time with God, the more we appreciate him and what Jesus did for us, and he can make us more like him. Jesus is very great!

Thank you, Becca!
(Becca Evans with Mark G.)



...HOW WIDE AND LONG
AND HIGH AND DEEP
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #4

The words and phrases in the following list come from a certain book of the Bible, and they are all hidden in the diagram below. The words and phrases can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. As you find them, shade in the letters that you use. There will be 30 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.

ACTIVE
ASCENDED
BREAD
BY FAITH
CARRY ON
COVENANT

DO NOT DRIFT AWAY
ENDURE
FOREVER
FORTY YEARS
I MAY BE RESTORED
INNER SANCTUARY

IT STILL REMAINS
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The answer, and a new puzzle, will be in the bulletin next week. Last week's mystery verse answer:
Ask God, who gives generously to all. - JAMES 1:5

- Mark Garner