

Family Information

Winter Sunday Morning Bible Class

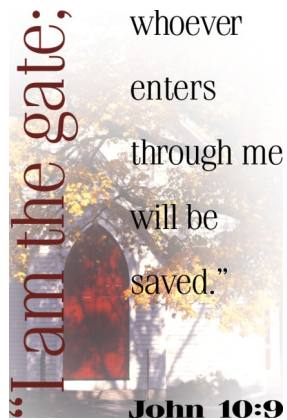
This Winter's Sunday morning adult Bible class begins today, December 1. We'll again be doing some monthly studies for the winter. December's study will be "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple: The Book Of Habakkuk". It will meet in E41 - E42, and everyone is welcome to come.

Lost But Found

Oh, the joy that fills my heart.
Oh, the grateful tears that start,
When I think of Jesus' love!
How He came that He might bear
All my weight of sin and care,
How He came from Heav'n above.

Endless praise, endless praise
To the Lord my soul shall raise;
Lost but found, O happy strain.
Dead but now I live again.

- Frances Crosby, 1880



whoever
enters
through me
will be
saved."

John 10:9

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	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
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

4	Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
8	White Elephant Gift Exchange Christmas Party
18	Food Pantry Closed
18	Northland Child Care Christmas Program, 7:00 pm
25	Food Pantry Closed
29	Area Wide Worship At Genessee
30	Church Bowling 11 am-1 pm

January 2020

1	Happy New Year
1	Food Pantry Closed

For The Month of December
Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans
Foyer Duty: Joshua Evans
Greeters: John and Jennifer Lindsay
Announcements: Perry Coate

Communion Servers
James Allison **Jake Bowman**
Glenn Culler **David Estep**
Gary McMasters **Tim McVicker**
James Milnor **Art Silva**

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4057	\$5041
Designated:	\$100	\$167



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Give Thanks To God...

Give Thanks To God & Praise His Name

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. - Psalm 100:1-2

God does so many things for us each day, he takes care of us in more ways than we could count or even notice, and he gives us eternal blessings that fill our souls with gladness and hope. This world may weary us and perplex us, yet when we fix our eyes on Jesus, God reassures us with truths that bring joy to our spirits. The Lord alone is God in the heavens above and on the earth below, and he gives us life and breath and everything else -

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. - Psalm 100:3

It is our Heavenly Father who made us, it is God who gives us life itself, it is the Lord who made us with unfailing compassion and with profound understanding. The very magnitude of the gift of life and all that comes with it is beyond our earthly minds to fully grasp and appreciate. As William Shakespeare wrote, "O Lord that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness."

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. - Psalm 100:4

It is good to come before God and praise him; it is fitting and pleasant to give our Heavenly Father thanks all day long. The poet John Milton, who is best known for writing "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained", wrote "Gratitude bestows reverence, changing forever how we experience life and the world." For when we let God open the eyes of our hearts, he will help us understand the depth and length and width of his love and his understanding and his care.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. - Psalm 100:5

God is good and his love endures forever. Despite all the things Julian of Norwich endured in her lifetime, she said, "Any time we look at our Maker with love, our importance in our own eyes diminishes, and we are filled with awe and humility and love for others", for she saw all the ways God cares for all of us, and in the cross of Jesus she saw God's abundant grace and his eagerness to be with us. Indeed, God's faithfulness and the good news of Jesus will endure forever.

- 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. This week, we are talking with **Jeff McVicker**.

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

Jeff: I've been learning a lot about kindness. As Galatians says, *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness . . . Against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23)*, there are no boundaries for kindness. There are always opportunities to show kindness, and this scripture encouraged me to look for ways to be kind to others. In Ephesians it says - *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:32)*. Jesus sought us out even before we realized it, and he was never too busy to help someone.

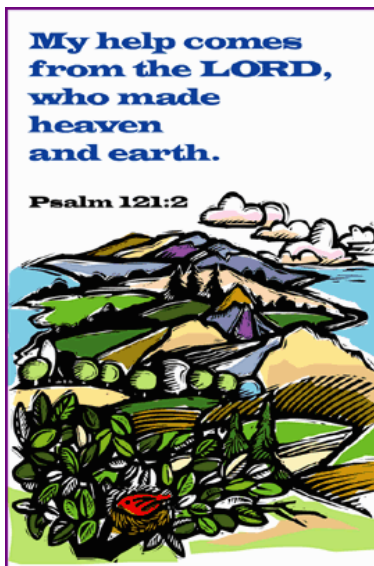
Q: Very true, and some good thoughts. What examples of Jesus' kindness have especially helped you or encouraged you?

Jeff: One is the woman at the well - *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water (John 4:10)*. Not only did he talk with her, he also helped her understand what she really needed. It's an example of how kindness can lead to healing. Some studies that people have done show how easily being in a hurry can lead to missing opportunities to show kindness. But Jesus was never in too much of a hurry to help.

Q: Encouraging thoughts about Jesus. Is there another example that has stood out to you?

Jeff: Another example is in Luke, when the leper asks for healing - *Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. I am willing, he said. Be clean (Luke 5:12-13)*. Not only does he heal him, he touches him to show him kindness, and it reminded me that sometimes small acts of kindness can mean a lot. Jesus is a living, talking, active, breathing example of God's kindness.

Thank you, Jeff!



MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #1

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 24 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.

AARON	EVERY FIRSTBORN	NO OTHER GODS	STRAW
AGATE	FROGS	PASSOVER	TABERNACLE
ALTAR	HEARTS	PHARAOH'S PALACE	TRUSTWORTHY
AMORITES	INCREASED	PRIEST OF MIDIAN	TWO TABLETS
CATTLE	IT DID NOT BURN UP	RAISED	WILD BEASTS
ENTERED	MANNA	SALVATION	ZIPPORAH
EXTEND	MOSES	SINAI	

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The answer, and another puzzle, will be in the bulletin next week.

- Mark Garner