

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Minister

We will be resuming Sunday morning worship at the building starting today, June 7th. There are many changes, so please read this to prepare for your return. The worship service time will be 10:00 a.m. Facemasks will be required. If you do not bring your own, one will be provided for you. The facemasks are to be worn at all times during the service apart from taking the cup and bread during the Lord's Supper. The service will be shortened in length.

Regarding the Lord's Supper: We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you as you come into the foyer. Mike Evans will be leading the Lord's Supper thought and prayer. Instead of a collection/contribution time, we will have a basket or box where you can leave your contribution. Bulletins will not be printed. They will be on our website.

Water fountains, hallways, and classrooms will be off limits for the time being. Restrooms will remain open in the foyer, but we encourage you to refrain from using them if possible. Each family must sit together, and there has to be 6 feet or more distance from the next person or family. Once service is finished, we will dismiss by rows. As usual, follow CDC recommendations.

Our goal is to minimize the time we spend in close quarters, so please do not hang around the foyer. Once you come in, we certainly hope you say hello, but please get your communion supplies and offer any prayer requests and then head on into the auditorium to grab your seat. You'll see lots of tape and signs courtesy of Darrell Estep's hard work. For those still worshipping from home, please visit our YouTube channel at 10:00 am for a live stream of the service.

## Calendar

### On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current study is "The Bread Of Life", based on John 6:25-69. The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Leon will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM. Next week, a new series, "The Wisdom Of God" (based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16) will begin.

### More On-Line Studies

Sunday Evenings 5:30-6:30 PM - Bible Study led by Jim Robbins. Contact him for details.

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

Every other Tuesday, next meeting June 16 at 7:00 PM Devotional and Prayer with Jeff McVicker. Contact him for details.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3298	\$4630
<b>Designated:</b>	\$25	\$87



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## The Lord Will Be At Our Side

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6*

Our Heavenly Father is always near, and he gently calls us to walk by faith in Jesus as we face the times ahead. Jesus lived like one of us and he understands the fears and sorrows we bear, and he patiently reminds us to trust in God as he guides us one step at a time. The Holy Spirit lives within us, and he helps us understand what our living God has done for us, so that we will love the Lord and trust in him with all our hearts instead of relying on ourselves - *Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. - Proverbs 3:3*

An elephant's remarkable trunk is a gift to them from God; among its many benefits, it is used for breathing and collecting food; it can lift objects weighing several hundred pounds, yet it is very sensitive and is used to show affection, sympathy, and reassurance. The trunk can draw in a couple gallons of water that the elephant can use to give itself a bath or to squirt into its mouth; it can be used for urgent communication when needed.

Baby elephants are always confused by their trunks (which have about 70 times as many muscles as there are in the entire human body), and they often trip over them. Yet within a few weeks, elephants have learned the basic uses of their trunks; and as they grow, they learn more of its blessings one after another.

Young elephants learn to use this complex appendage in large part because their mothers are always near them, to keep them out of danger, to help them as they learn about their trunks and everything else about being an elephant. Similarly, God will always be at our side; when we trust in him he comforts our spirits and protects us from the accuser's snares and this world's schemes - *For the Lord will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared. - Proverbs 3:26*

God gives us a far greater gift, the gift of knowing him; and like the young elephants, we too can be perplexed as we learn what this precious blessing means for us. Our relationship with God brings eternal life and he makes every area of our earthly lives more meaningful; being with God makes good times even more joyful and brings hope in bad times. As we trust in God, he teaches us about these blessings and many more; and he shows us how deep his compassion is for us - *Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. - Proverbs 3:13-14*

God sustains us and cares for us in far more ways than we could count, and the purposes of his heart will endure forever.

- Mark Garner

### 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:** 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, Luis Valdez

## Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're asking some of our brothers and sisters to tell us about the scriptures they've been reading. This week, **Isaac** Kyeremateng tells us what he's learned from the Psalms.

**Q:** Hello Isaac, what scriptures have you been reading?

**Isaac:** The Psalms have been a great comfort for me, and looking at the Psalms as a songbook has brought to light a new perspective for me. I find it as an invitation to prayer and worship, and preparing our minds for worship - this can be corporate or private. Psalms as a whole does that, though Psalm 119 especially prepares the heart and mind for prayer as part of worship. As Psalm 119 says, *Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart (Psalm 119:2).*

**Q:** Very good thoughts. How have the Psalms helped you recently with your walk with God?

**Isaac:** For example, the first 8 verses of Psalm 119 can: Help us recognize who God is and exalt him for who he is, help us see who we are, allow us to see what ought to be, and they end with the call - Lord, I need You; Help me. Also, this verse is a gem, *The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple (Psalm 119:130)*, as it points to the wonder of pondering and studying God's word and its benefits to all aspects of life, knowing the truth, gaining understanding, and learning to live a life of worship.

**Q:** More good thoughts. Has another Psalm especially encouraged you recently?

**Isaac:** Psalm 62 has been comforting, *Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken (Psalm 62:1-2)* and *Trust in him at all times . . . pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge (Psalm 62:8)*. The more I encounter difficult questions of life, verses like these help me see that valuable things take time to mold, shape, develop and establish, and that leaning on God as a fortress is what it takes to stand the weighty expressions of life, which many can identify with in the Psalms. This tells me more about the nature of our God and makes life not only bearable but meaningful. The more I understand my limitation and weakness, the better it is for my walk with Christ, and it is then that God is able to do more with this jar of clay that all may see that the glory is His and not mine.

Thank you, Isaac

## Let Our Souls Be Homes For The Lord

Lord, let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee or thine,  
But quiet homes of prayer and praise, where thou mayest find fit company,  
Where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away,  
And wide, sweet spaces kept for thee; where holy thoughts pass up and down  
And fervent longings watch and wait thy coming.

- Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)



## Now Before Thee, Lord, We Gather

Now before Thee, Lord, we gather  
To receive Thy precious Word;  
Let Thy grace in showers, O Father,  
On our parchèd hearts be poured.  
Send Thy Holy Spirit o'er us,  
With Thy quick'ning fire restore us,  
At Thy table spread before us  
Fill our hung'ring souls, dear Lord.

May Thy Word, to us now given,  
Be retained in hearts contrite;  
On the narrow way to Heaven  
Lead us in Thy perfect light.  
Hush, within us, all commotion,  
Silence each disturbing notion;  
May we, Lord, with true devotion  
Use this hour of grace aright.

- Lina Sandell, 1872