

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Here again are the precautions we are currently taking with the building worship time:

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. We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you as you come into the foyer. Instead of a collection/contribution time, we will have a contribution plate where you can leave your contribution. Bulletins will not be printed. They will be on our website.

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 starting from the back and working towards the front, going section by sections. Please do not gather around in the foyer. Our Ghana brothers and sisters will be starting worship at 12:00 p.m., so please leave the parking lot by 11:40 a.m. to honor the space for their time of worship.

For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is: "In Jesus We Have Been Brought Near" (based on Ephesians 2). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Phil will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session October 16 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

Wednesday evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. Contact him for details.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

(New) Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study, "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. Contact her for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5585	\$4749
Designated:	\$50	\$69
Scholarship Fund Current Total		\$ 917
See The Elders If You Have any questions		

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	7:00 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



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Things Too Wonderful

(With More Prayers From "The Creatures' Choir")

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar . . . you are familiar with all my ways.
 - Psalm 139:1-3

Our Heavenly Father is familiar with all of our ways and all of our thoughts and all of our needs, and he sustains us each step. The Lord lives in a high and holy place, yet he is near with each of us, and he gives his Spirit to live within those who walk in the light and grace of Jesus. God's thoughts and his ways are too wonderful for earthly minds to understand fully - *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.* - Psalm 139:6

In Carmen Bernos de Gatzold's book "The Creatures' Choir", a variety of animals pray to God and express their awareness of God and his care for them. In the book, a gazelle gives thanks to God for his understanding and for her nimbleness and the many other blessings God gives her, and the gazelle prays, "Lord, that my life might be a race run straight to the haven of your love."

Likewise, God is our haven from the world's uproars and noise, and when we look past the world's appearances and set aside its empty thinking, God can fill our minds and hearts with truths too wonderful for human minds to have thought of. And wherever we may be, our Heavenly Father is always waiting patiently for us to turn to him, so that he may guide us each step - *If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me.* - Psalm 139:10

In another of Carmen's prayers, a starfish ponders the irony of being shaped like a star while living in the ocean depths, and prays, "Lord, an angel could root me up from the bottom of the sea and set me back in your sky. Oh, one day could that be?" Even at the very bottom of the sea, the starfish knows God is not far, and simply longs to be with our Heavenly Father.

Each creature brings praise to the Lord in its own way, and we have many more things to praise God for. For God created each of us with care and understanding and overflowing compassion, and God does many wonders of grace for each of us - *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.* - Psalm 139:14

In de Gaszold's book, a contented lamb reflects on all of God's acts of kindness and humbly prays, "I am your lamb, Lord, in my soft wool . . . Look, Lord, how my joy must leap." Similarly, our Father in heaven calls us to acknowledge our need for him and all of the things he does for us, so that he may pour out his grace on us and may give our spirits enduring peace and hope.

- Mark Garner

Father Of Mercies

Father of mercies, in Thy Word
What endless glory shines;
Forever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines.

Amidst these gloomy wilds below,
When dark and sad we stray;
Here, beams of Heaven relieve our woe,
And guide to endless day.

Here springs of consolation rise
To cheer the fainting mind;
And thirsty souls receive supplies,
And sweet refreshment find.

Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heav'nly peace around
And life, and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

Oh, may these heav'nly pages be
My ever dear delight
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light.

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be Thou forever near,
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,
And view my Savior there.

- Anne Steele, 1716-1778



The Way & The Truth & The Life

*Jesus is the Way and the truth and the life, as well as many more things.
This week, Leon writes about God's unchanging care and compassion for us.*

Changing Seasons & God's Unchanging Love

Well here it is again. A new season has arrived filling us with both anticipation and apprehension. In a natural sense, we know that seasons change. There is summer, fall, winter and spring. And Just like the natural seasons change, so do the seasons in our lives. But God's love for us never changes, especially during those times when the seasons of life are totally unpredictable. In those times, we learn to depend God because that is what he wants us to do.

In [John chapter 13](#) we learn that during the celebration of the Passover festival Jesus becomes aware that his time to depart and return to the Father is near; that he would be betrayed by one of the disciples and that Peter would deny him. As he shares these alarming events with the disciples, he perceives that they're obviously concerned about how these events will impact and change their lives.

We too sometimes find ourselves getting anxious about an unpredictable future. But our God is a loving God. Recall in John 14:1 when Jesus knew that the disciples were troubled after learning about the unbelievable events that were about to unfold, how he takes time to encourage and comfort them. In verse 1 he tells them "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; also believe in me." We too can depend on his love despite what we feel or think, for God created us, knows us, loves us and saved us from all our sins. We read in (1 Peter 5:7) "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

In (John 14:4-6) Jesus continues to encourage the disciples by telling them that where he is going, they too would follow later, but a question arose as to the way since they were not sure about the place he was going. The way of course is Jesus himself. In verse 6 Jesus declares "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father but through me."

Christ was his own way, for by his own blood he entered the holy place (Heb. 9:12), and he is our way, for we enter by him. When we ask about truth, we need look no further than Jesus. As truth is opposed to fallacy and deceit; he is true to all that trust in him. He is the life; for we are alive unto God only in and through Jesus Christ, (Rom. 6:11.)

Finally, as you face various seasons or trials, be cautious of looking for solutions in the wrong place. We tend to place more faith in our own resolve than we do in Jesus. Consequently, our hope and trust in God can fade as impatience tries to steal our joy. Faith in anything other than Christ is misplaced faith. While your understanding of the current situation or season may seem slow in coming, He will counsel and guide you, and will strengthen your relationship with Him, especially as you learn to trust him. John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not you heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

- Leon Norwood