

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: "The Lord Is Trustworthy & Faithful" (based on Psalm 145). 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 November 20 - 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.

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:	\$5256	\$4740
Designated:	\$30	\$68
Scholarship Fund Current Total		\$ 903
See The Elders If You Have Any Questions		



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He Is Our God, & We Are The Flock....

He Is Our God, & We Are The Flock Under His Care

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. - Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, our Rock of salvation and truth and mercy amidst this world's noise and confusion. Let us come before God with praise and thanksgiving, for the Lord our Heavenly Father alone is truly great, and all our times are in his hands - *For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. - Psalm 95:3-4*

Astronomer Johannes Kepler (1571-1630) is known for demonstrating the details of how the planets orbit the sun; yet for Kepler, this was simply one more way of finding God's understanding and splendor. To Kepler, everything in life was about following Jesus; and whether he looked at the planets or at living creatures, Johannes saw God's hand, as he wrote, "God is the kind Creator who brought forth nature out of nothing."

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. - Psalm 95:5

God made the seas and the land and everything in them; he alone is worthy of honor and glory, as Kepler says, "It befits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God." We understand so little, so our Father in heaven patiently calls us not to trust in this world's experts and its authorities and its empty thinking; and God calls us to listen to him instead - *Today, if only you would hear his voice, Do not harden your hearts. - Psalm 95:7-8*

Jesus calls us not to fear what this world fears; Jesus calls for forgiveness in a world that prefers to pass judgement, he calls us to fix our eyes on eternal things instead of on this world's temporary circumstances, and he patiently asks us, when we hear God's words, to soften our hearts. For it is only by trusting in God's word alone and only in the message of Jesus and him crucified and him resurrected, that God can give us lasting hope and enduring peace and rest for our souls. Kepler spoke of his desire to be with God and having God living within him, "My greatest desire is that I may perceive the God whom I find everywhere in the external world, in like manner also within and inside myself." Likewise, let us worship the Lord our Maker humbly and reverently - *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. - Psalm 95:6-7*

We are all so weak and vulnerable, yet the Lord is our God; he has made us the flock under his care, and he gives eternal life to those who walk in the light of Jesus.

- 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

Till We See

Lord, purify our eyes to see
Within the seed a tree,
Within the glowing egg a bird,
Within the shroud a butterfly:

Till taught by such, we see
Beyond all creatures, Thee,
And hearken for Thy tender word,
And hear it, 'Fear not: it is I.'

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894



God Is Love, His Mercy Brightens The Path

God is love, His mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss He wakes, and woe He lightens:
God is wisdom, God is love.

Chance and change are busy ever;
Man decays and ages move;
But His mercy waneth never:
God is wisdom, God is love.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
Will His changeless goodness prove;
From the mist His brightness streameth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere His glory shineth:
God is wisdom! God is love!

- John Bowring, 1792–1872

(John Bowring wrote the words to several dozen hymns, and he was also known for translating poetry from a number of languages.)

The Way & The Truth & The Life

Jesus is the Way and the truth and the life, as well as many more things. This week, Micah Evans writes to remind us of some of God's truths that can comfort our spirits amidst this world's ongoing confusion and fears.

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

This has been a huge week for our nation. Election Day has come and gone, but interestingly enough, as I write this we still don't know the results. We still don't know who will be officially sworn in this coming January as the President of our United States.

With tensions that are, arguably, the highest they've been all year across the nation, it's important that we remember the words of Jesus. This week, I came across a verse that as a Christian is surely one of the most familiar to me, and I couldn't help but think how timely it was that I was reading it in the midst of these current events. The verse was the following:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."
Romans 12:2

It is easy to get caught up in the tension, the stress, and even the thrill of a good political debate with our peers. But with the amount of hate that seems to be coming from all sides this week, I pray that we as Christians can be transformed and instead be the example the country needs to see right now. The example of following the instructions Jesus gave us in yet another verse from the book of Romans:

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."
Romans 12:10

I find this especially convicting in remembering to honor those who think differently than I do, and to honor our leaders no matter who I voted for.

Because friends, the good news is that no matter who is elected— whether it's the red, the blue, or someone else, we have an advantage because we know Who is really in charge: He who sits on the throne. He who washed away the red and the blue to make us white as snow in freedom from our sin. Let's show the nation and the world what that truly means. For "many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know Who holds tomorrow, and I know Who holds my hand."

-- Micah Evans