

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Covid-19 cases are spiking and the risk of the virus is high - please continue to follow all CDC guidelines and recommendations so that we are still able to meet in person. We will keep you posted if any changes need to take place.

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.

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

Classes and devotionals are currently meeting on-line

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, Leon 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 December 4 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

(New) This week, evenings after 7:00 PM Monday through Thursday - 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
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General:	\$5120	\$4698
Designated:	\$135	\$69
Scholarship Fund Current Total		\$ 900
See The Elders If You Have Any Questions		

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

I Thank God For You

Ephesians 1:15,16 – For this reason, ever since I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you remembering you in my prayers. (NIV) After reading and meditating on the scripture several times, I realize that Paul was thanking God for a people who had put their faith in Christ and who loved the saints. As I continued to meditate, I asked myself the question, "How often do you thank God for His Church?" I could not recall thanking God because a congregation put their faith in Jesus.

Yes, I thanked God for those with whom I have a personal relationship and I prayed for those who ask for prayers. But to pray for my brothers and sisters because of their faith in Jesus Christ and their love for saints, I could not recall such a prayer coming forth from my lips.

Sitting there, I remembered the love that I experienced from the Northland congregation and the many acts of kindness shown to brothers and sisters. My heart was convicted. I decided to commit to thanking God and praying for our congregation on Wednesday mornings because of our faith in Christ Jesus and our love for each other.

Weekly, I take out the current church directory and I thank God for each person. If a name is not listed, I remember which pew a family usually sits and pray. Thank you for remaining faithful to God and I pray that He will give each of us a deep and intimate knowledge of Him.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, thank a brother and/or sister for remaining faithful and loving the saints. Always remember them in prayer. Additionally, thank God for His love and keeping us faithful.

I thank God for you.

- Dot Duncan



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He Sendeth Sun, He Sendeth Shower

He sendeth sun, he sendeth shower,
Alike they're needful for the flower:
And joys and tears alike are sent
To give the soul fit nourishment.
As comes to me or cloud or sun,
Father! thy will, not mine, be done!
Can loving children e'er reprove
With murmurs whom they trust and love?
Creator! I would ever be
A trusting, loving child to thee:
As comes to me or cloud or sun,
Father! thy will, not mine, be done!
Oh, ne'er will I at life repine:
Enough that thou hast made it mine.
When falls the shadow cold of death
I yet will sing, with parting breath,
As comes to me or shade or sun,
Father! thy will, not mine, be done!

- Sarah Flower Adams,
1805-1848



He is your praise;
he is your God;
who performed for you these
great and awesome wonders....
Deuteronomy 32:21

This Light, This Word

O dying souls, behold your living spring;
O dazzled eyes, behold your sun of grace;
Dull ears, attend what word this Word doth bring;
Up, heavy hearts, with joy your joy embrace.
From death, from dark, from deafness, from despairs
This life, this light, this Word, this joy repairs.

Gift better than himself God doth not know;
Gift better than his God no man can see.
This gift doth here the giver given bestow;
Gift to this gift let each receiver be.
God is my gift, himself he freely gave me;
God's gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

-- Robert Southwell, 1561-1595

Giving Joyful Thanks To Our Heavenly Father

(With More Excerpts From Jane Austen's Prayers)

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. - Colossians 1:9

Our Heavenly Father is so gracious to us all; he sustains us each day and he continually gives us understanding and guidance whenever we walk by faith in Jesus. Our God is so faithful; he always knows our deepest needs, he gives us his Spirit to help us understand his words and his ways, and he comforts us as we endure this world's uproots and confusion. God has done so many things that give joy to our spirits; we have so many things to give God thanks for - *so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father . . .*
- Colossians 1:11-12

Though only a handful of novelist Jane Austen's prayers have been preserved, they often remind us of our need for God to protect us and help us every day. She also gives our Heavenly Father thanks for these and for all of the ways he shows us his care and his understanding.

In one of her prayers Austen writes, "Thou knowest the infirmity of our nature, and the temptations which surround us. Be Thou merciful, O Heavenly Father, to creatures so formed and situated. We bless Thee for every comfort of our past and present existence, for our health of body and of mind and for every other source of happiness which Thou hast bountifully bestowed on us."

Moreover, beyond all of the ways that God cares for us and gives us many kindnesses in this world, he has also given us an imperishable inheritance above, and eternal blessings that human words cannot adequately thank him for . . . *and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.* - Colossians 1:12

In another of Jane Austen's prayers, she says, "We thank Thee with all of our hearts for . . . every hour of safety, health, and peace, of domestic comfort and innocent enjoyment. We feel that we have been blessed far beyond any thing that we have deserved . . . (as we) pray for the continuance of all these mercies." God never asks us to earn or deserve the blessings he pours out on us; he simply asks us for a humble, thankful, reverent heart.

God gives us more blessings than we could count, and he protects us and guides us in more ways than we can realize. As Jane also prays, "To Thy goodness we commend ourselves this night beseeching Thy protection of us through its darkness and dangers. We are helpless and dependent; graciously preserve us." God not only protects us from many dangers in this world, he also rescues us from the accuser's snares, and he has delivered us from the dominion of darkness - *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* - Colossians 1:13-14

God has not only brought us out of this world's thick darkness and its false hopes, he has also brought us into his kingdom of light, and he gives us lasting hope and enduring peace.

- Mark Garner