

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

We will NOT be having in person services this Sunday, November 29th. Taking this Sunday off as an extra precaution with holidays and rise of virus cases, we'll tentatively plan on returning to in person worship on Sunday December 6th.

In place of Sunday morning worship, we will upload a video to our YouTube channel Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. It will include Caleb's sermon entitled "God's Great Power", continuing our sermon series on God's attributes.

As long as technology plays kindly with us, we will also be attaching a Lord's Supper thought by Michael Evans to that same video on the YouTube Channel. If you're desiring Communion supplies, e-mail back or call Caleb or one of the elders. Or, use any bread or juice available to you.

To simulate some fellowship time and an additional Thanksgiving reflection, we will launch a Facebook Live time on Sunday, November 29th at 11:00 a.m. and we'll run that until about 11:30 a.m.

If you're still able, please continue offering your contributions, either online (<http://ncocfamily.org> and then click the "Donate Now" box in the middle of the website), or mailed to the church building.

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, a new series begins this week: "A Branch That Bears Fruit In Every Season" (based on Isaiah 11). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Mark 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.

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:	\$4460	\$4749
Designated:	\$4693	\$67
Scholarship Fund Current Total		\$ 900
See The Elders If You Have Any Questions		

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*

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

He, The Lord, Speaks The Truth

(With Thoughts From An Astronomer & A Physicist)

This is what the Lord says - the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker . . . It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts. - Isaiah 45:11-12

It is the Lord who made the earth and everything in it; it is our Father in heaven who gives all of us life and breath and everything else. God created the vast heavens that tell us of his vastness and splendor; he is the Lord who gives life to every living thing, and each of them tells us of his care and understanding. There is no other God besides him - *For this is what the Lord says - he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it . . . he says: I am the Lord, and there is no other. - Isaiah 45:18*

As a youth, American astronomer Maria Mitchell (1818-1889, she pronounced her first name 'Ma-rye-ah') became known for her mathematical skills and her scientific knowledge. When Mitchell was in her twenties, she was awarded a medal for discovering an elusive comet and calculating the path of its orbit, and she went on to become one of the best-known scientists of the 1800s.

Mitchell's researches also helped her resolve her questions and doubts about God. Maria often told her students, "Do not look at stars as bright spots only. Try to take in the vastness of the universe," and by doing so herself she came to be convinced that it was God who had made all of the celestial objects that fascinated her.

Maria Mitchell wrote, "Every formula which expresses a law of nature is a hymn of praise to God." She saw that God doesn't speak in secret, for everything he made tells us about him; moreover, God has given us his words so that those who seek him with our hearts will not seek him in vain - *I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, Seek me in vain. - Isaiah 45:19*

British physicist William Thomson (1824-1907, usually remembered as Baron Kelvin, a title he was given in recognition of his many scientific studies) often mentioned that his faith in Jesus gave him essential meaning and guidance, and Thomson was known for his daily attendance at chapel worship assemblies.

In all of his researches, William saw God's hand everywhere, and he wrote "Overpoweringly strong proofs of intelligent and benevolent design lie all around us . . . showing to us our nature, the influence of free will, and teaching us that all living beings depend on one ever-acting Creator and Ruler." For indeed the Lord alone is God, and he speaks the truth - *I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right. - Isaiah 45:19*

God's words are trustworthy and he speaks the truth, and his compassion endures forever.
- Mark Garner



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Tanya Milnor writes about one of the scriptures that have been helpful and comforting to her during all of the uncertainty we've been facing in this world.

Jesus' Immeasurable Love Gives A Reassuring Peace

The benefits of being able to focus on God with the guidance of Christ and His Spirit, through the Word, has been my major encouraging factor in helping me get through challenging things this year. I would like to share one verse out of the many verses that have helped me this year, and hope to focus on, in the future.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. -John 15:9 NIV

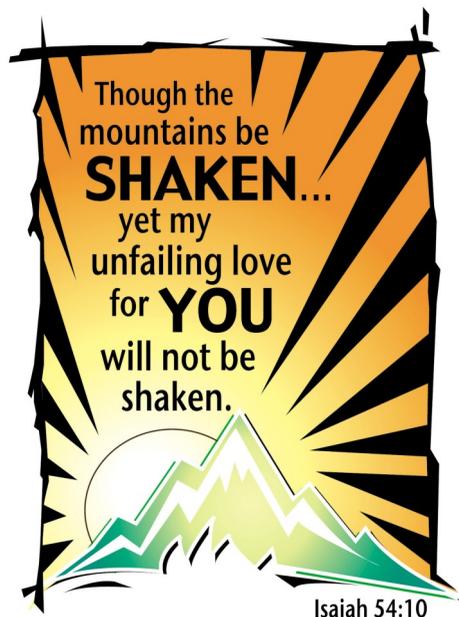
When I take time to meditate on how Jesus withstood all of the challenging temptations and trials that we have gone through, and some that we haven't, and how He did this, with the help of God's love.

I am grateful, amazed and filled with a reassuring Peace, when God helps me to understand that when remaining in Jesus' love, he will guide, comfort, and protect me in the same way, that He was loved by God. It doesn't matter what I'm going through or have yet to experience. Jesus is loving me just as God loved Him. Wow!

This verse also, teaches me how to focus and meditate on Him more, during the moment of the challenging distraction. The blessings that transpire from His Spirit lead my focus and provide me with an inexpressible awareness of God's presence.

The awareness of God's presence provides me with a sense of comfort, peace, and a glimpse at God's perspective and love for me. I look forward to growing in the understanding and the appreciation of this truth more every day. My prayer is that Christ will allow and help me to always want to remain in His Love.

- Tanya Milnor



The Way & The Truth & The Life

Jesus is the Way and the truth and the life, as well as much more. This week, Mike Paden writes about the invitation Jesus brings us to God's 'Great Banquet'.

He Invites Us Unto His Banquet Table

We are in the traditional Thanksgiving weekend. By now you would have had your fill of turkey, leftovers, casseroles and sandwiches, and would have been grateful for it. How do you think you would react if a stranger barged into your home and demanded a seat at the table. I expect that most Christians would have welcomed that person to dine with them. Underneath, I'm sure there would be a sense of apprehension and imposition.

There are a couple of curious statements made in the context of the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32. In verse 27, "whoever eats or drinks in an unworthy manner . . ." and in verse 29, "whoever drinks or eats without recognizing the body of the Lord . . ." (in Greek, "unworthy and without recognizing" are the same verb and tense, meaning the translators amplified the meanings), the point is that their actions were unworthy.

So the question is how would one eat and drink in a worthy or unworthy manner? Luke 14:15-24 records the parable of the Great Banquet. The king prepares a great feast, but none of the invitees attend and in so doing dishonor the king. He sends his servants out to the streets to invite the poor, blind and needy. None of them nor us are worthy to attend on our own merit. We cannot barge in and demand a seat at the table. It is only on the basis of His invitation, "Come unto me" that we are worthy to sit at his banquet table, for "His banner over us is love."

- Mike Paden

Jesus Is Evermore The Same

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

Is Jesus evermore the same?
Lean then, my soul, upon His name;
O bid thine unbelief be gone,
And learn to live by faith alone.

View his unchanging mercy here,
Jesus the fame from year to year ;
From age to age enduring still,
The fame in, goodness, power, and skill.

His pity saw th' expiring thief,
And chang'd for endless life his grief:
His grace is now as rich and free
As when He hung upon the tree

Still His compassion is the same
To all that love and fear His name;
Stronger than death His truths abide.
And none can turn His love aside.

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784