

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Update: The Northland elders heard feedback from various members and decided to postpone making any mask changes just yet. Any changes will be reconsidered in a leadership meeting next week, and more information will be shared in next Friday's email as to what changes would take place or when changes would take place. But for now, no changes in policy will occur for Sunday March 7th.

Please continue to practice safety and caution. When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m., and dismissal by sections, starting in the back. For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Weekend

Daylight savings time will begin next weekend. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13. (The time change takes place at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 14.)

Northland Child Care Teachers Needed

Northland Child Care is in need of teachers. We have an excellent program and will help you to get your necessary training courses and CDA certificate as you work. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please have them call Jamie at (614) 410-5861.

On Line Bible Studies

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the series is, "Treasure In Jars Of Clay" (based on 2 Corinthians 4). 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, and everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session March 12 - 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:	\$5172	\$4855
Designated:	\$0	\$145
Scholarship Fund Current Balance	\$ 438	



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A Light On Our Path...

A Light On Our Path, The Joy Of Our Hearts

*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your precepts. - Psalm 119:103-104*

How comforting God's words are to our weary spirits, how reassuring they are to our fearful hearts, how sweet they are to the souls of those who walk by faith in Jesus. The words of our Heavenly Father give us understanding and guidance; they are truths that human minds could never have conceived. God's words tell us of eternal things, and they help us see God's care for us in this world. They are a light that this world's gloom and confusion cannot overcome - *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. - Psalm 119:105*

Welsh poet George Herbert (1593-1633) endured a lifetime of ill health, passing away at age 39, yet he also lived a life of praise and devotion to God. Many of his poems focus on our walk of faith, and they reflect Herbert's appreciation for the things God has done for each of us. In one of his poems, he writes, "Immortal Love, author of this great frame (the world), Sprung from that beauty which can never fade."

For indeed this world was created out of God's love, and in spite of human weakness and human flaws, God's beauty and splendor will never fade. God's words also reveal what is inside us, and they help us see that God alone can meet our deepest needs, as George writes, "Only thy grace . . . Knoweth the ready way, And hath the privy key, Opening the soul's most subtle rooms." God's words are trustworthy, and they bring joy to our hearts - *Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end. - Psalm 119:111-112*

In one of Herbert's poems, he compares God's words to the countless stars in the sky, "Such are thy secrets . . . And comments on thee: for in every thing Thy words do find me out . . . This book of stars lights to eternal bliss." As we meditate on God's words and stay close with him in prayer, our Father in heaven will continue teaching us about his nature and about his desire for us to know him and about his understanding of what we need.

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. - Psalm 119:114

The Lord alone is God; his words tell us the good news of Jesus, and they bring us hope in things that will endure forever. God's words give us refuge from this world's harshness and empty thinking, they are a shield from its distractions and temptations, and they reassure us that God is always near, and that whenever we reach out for him he will be there for us.

- Mark Garner

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

As Spring The Winter Doth Succeed

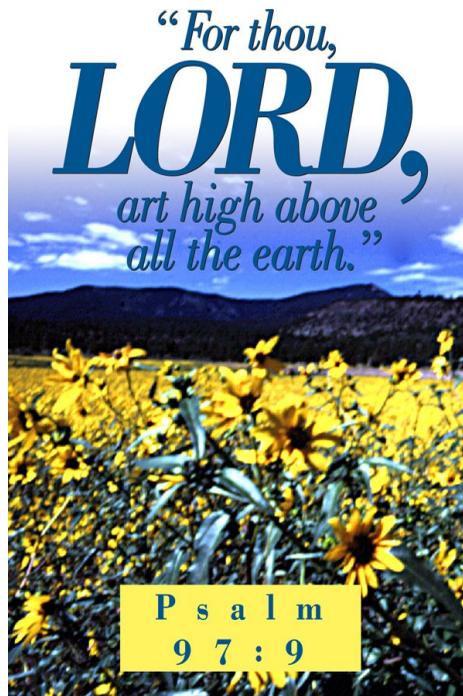
As spring the winter doth succeed
The naked trees with leaves are dressed,
The blackened earth is clothed in green,
And all with brightening joy is blessed.

My sun returns with healing wings,
My soul and body do rejoice;
My heart exalts and praises sings
To Him that heard my wailing voice.

My winters past, my storms are gone,
And former clouds seem now all fled;
But if they must eclipse again
I'll run where I was succored.

I have a shelter from the storm,
A shadow from the fainting heat,
For I have access to His throne;
Who is a God so wondrous great?

- Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672)



All Kinds Of Prayers On All Occasions

God always welcomes our prayers, whatever our circumstances may be and however we may be feeling. This week, Steve Carver writes about some of the blessings that prayer brings to us.

Blessings of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18: "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

This verse on prayer comes at the close of a passage in Ephesians 6 that many/most Bible versions title, "the Armor of God." In it, Paul encourages us to put on the full armor of God so that we can stand firm against the Devil's schemes. This armor includes: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. A soldier so equipped, can be a mighty instrument in service to God. After all, God himself is the source of the armor. The only thing missing in this description of God's warrior is the link or communication between warrior and commander. Without that communication, the warrior's armor and sword can rust through neglect and waywardness, and the warrior himself is more easily overwhelmed by the Devil's schemes. That is a major purpose of prayer, to enable us to talk with our Commander, Savior, and Friend; to share with him our anxieties, struggles, and failings, and to plead for his love, grace, strength, and peace for ourselves and for the Lord's body. It also provides a way for us praise him for the richness of his love and blessings.

For me, one of the greatest blessings that can come with prayer is the overwhelming sense of closeness with the Lord; to feel his love and presence flood my soul, especially when I feel most troubled or broken by the world or my own actions. I have memories of when I was very young being wakened by nightmares in the early hours of the morning running into my parents' bedroom and snuggling between them. And while I no longer remember the specific dreams or the fear they caused, I do remember the sense of security and comfort being surrounded by those I knew loved me. That is just a dim shadow of the love and peace (temporal and spiritual) that can be ours, as individuals and as a body, when we share our hearts with him in prayer.

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Steve Carver