

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Minister

**Next Phase of Covid Adjustments:** We still have a lot of adjustments to plan - Bible class, Wednesday activities, church events, communion supplies, etc. We are currently working on updating the E44 classroom (formerly a Wednesday Night classroom/Spanish classroom). More details to come as we work on it this month.

We are tentatively scheduling a church building "work day" on Saturday, September 11th. We'll be doing some cleaning, organizing, and various projects to improve the building. We'll keep you updated on time and a definitive plan later.

Here are the continued precautions we are taking: 1) Face coverings are now optional. 2) Regarding the Lord's Supper: We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you. 3) We will have a contribution plate alongside the communion table as well as immediately inside the auditorium near the doors. 4) In place of the invitation song, an Elder will be at a table in the foyer for you to come to and submit any prayer requests.

### On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

The Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class won't be meeting this week. Next Sunday, September 12, we'll begin a new study, and we'll meet at 2:00.

#### 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:** Luis Valdez

## On Line Bible Studies

### More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. 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.

Contact Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$2946	\$4447
<b>Designated:</b>	\$180	\$101



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## No One Ever Spoke...

### No One Ever Spoke The Way Jesus Does

*Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. - John 7:37-39*

Jesus calls the thirsty to come to him so that he may satisfy our parched souls with the water of life; his call is for everyone in every place and in every era, and he gives eternal life and the gift of his Spirit to those who believe his message and walk humbly before our Heavenly Father. Jesus spoke truths that couldn't have come from human thinking - *On hearing his words, some of the people said, Surely this man is the Prophet. Others said, He is the Messiah. - John 7:40-41*

Nightingales are small, plain-looking birds, yet for centuries their songs have enchanted those who listen to them (nightingales live in Africa, Asia, and Europe). Ancient Greek writers wrote appreciatively about them, and English poet Edmund Spenser (1553-1599) writes, "The nightingale is sovereign of song." God indeed has given nightingales the ability to sing a countless variety of songs and in many styles, ranging from melancholy to joyous.

Just as our Heavenly Father gives these unassuming birds this unparalleled ability to sing so sublimely, Jesus spoke the very words of God, for the fullness of God dwelled in him. The Lamb of God spoke words full of compassion and grace and understanding beyond human ability to imagine. Once when guards were sent to arrest Jesus, instead they came back and said - *No one ever spoke the way this man does, the guards replied. - John 7:46*

It is not only renowned persons who have been blessed by listening to the nightingale, for in his poem "Ode To A Nightingale" John Keats (1795-1821) writes, "The voice I hear this passing night was heard In ancient days by emperor and clown." Over the centuries the lowly and the mighty, the popular and the forgotten have enjoyed the nightingale's song. Similarly, Jesus speaks the same truths to us all, and he cares for each of us regardless of what this world thinks of us.

Nightingales are also unusual among birds in that they sing at night, when sometimes their voice is the only sound. Charlotte Brontë (1816-1855) writes of how moving their singing in the night can be, "The nightingale's song was then the only voice of the hour: in listening to it, I again wept." As the nightingale's song provides solace and hope and comfort, Jesus himself is our light of life as we endure this world's long nights of harshness and uncertainty - *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. - John 8:12*

No one ever spoke the way that Jesus does, and his message is the same yesterday and today and forever.  
*- Mark Garner*

## Immortal Love

Immortal love, forever full,  
Forever flowing free,  
Forever shared, forever whole,  
A never ebbing sea!

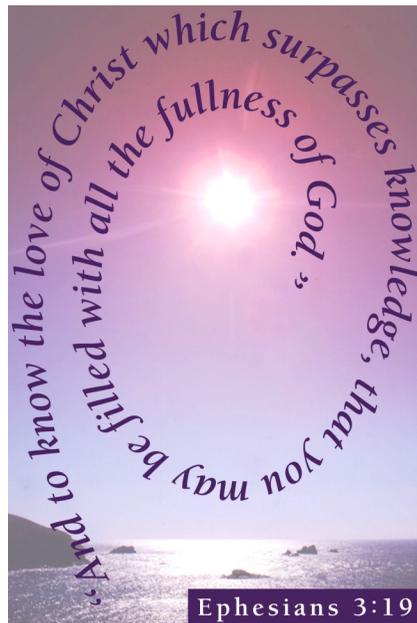
Our outward lips confess the name  
All other names above;  
Love only knoweth whence it came,  
And comprehendeth love.

Blow, winds of God, awake and blow  
The mists of earth away;  
Shine out, O Light divine, and show  
How wide and far we stray.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
To bring the Lord Christ down;  
In vain we search the lowest deeps,  
For Him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet,  
A present help is He;  
And faith still has its Olivet,  
And love its Galilee.

- John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892



## A Sure Foundation For All Our Times

*Whether are in times of hope or fear, joy or sorrow, peace or confusion, God and the message of Jesus are always a sure foundation. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about God's desire to be with us and to show us his care in every season of life.*

### Take God With You, Through All Seasons

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. - Isaiah 33:6

Take God with you through every season in your life:

- Times of loss
- Times of happiness
- Times of discouragement
- Times of poor health
- Times in change of relationships
- Times of achievement and success
- Times of heartache and failure
- Times of change and transition
- Times of a midlife crisis

God wants to be there for you, all of the time and in every season of your life. And you definitely want him to lead, guide, deliver, rescue, and be your rock as well! We never have to go through the seasons of life alone; God really and truly wants to walk with us.

I don't like change. I feel more secure when things stay the same. Change is uncomfortable and scary. But in God's wisdom, He has designed us to be always changing (I guess that is called aging). He wants us to become more mature and be transformed into the person that He created us to be. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled. This honors and glorifies him.

Take God with you through all seasons in life, He wants to be your secure foundation. He is our refuge, our stronghold and our deliverer.

- Peggy Kaiser