

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.

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.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards and prayers. Your love and kindness means a lot.
-Norma Stafa

Words of Wisdom

When with bold telescopes I survey the old and newly discovered stars and planets, when with excellent microscopes I discern the unimitable subtlety of nature's curious workmanship; and when, in a word, . . . I study the book of nature I find myself oftentimes reduced to exclaim with the Psalmist, How manifold are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

- Robert Boyle
(chemist & physicist), 1627-1691

On Line Bible Studies

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, this week we're beginning a new series, "Comfort, Comfort My People" (based on Isaiah 40). 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, and everyone is welcome to join.

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
General:	\$6219	\$4496
Designated:	\$55	\$99

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

Food We Knew Nothing About

Leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah? - John 4:28-29

Moved by Jesus' patience and understanding and wisdom, the Samaritan woman goes to her town to tell everyone about him, wondering if he might be the Messiah. Meanwhile, Jesus teaches his disciples, telling them about food that earthly eyes cannot see and that earthly minds knew nothing about. For Jesus brings nourishment for our souls, spiritual food that will sustain us - *Meanwhile his disciples urged him, Rabbi, eat something. But he said to them, I have food to eat that you know nothing about. - John 4:31-32*

Of the soul, Victor Hugo (1802-1885, best known as the author of "Les Misérables") writes, "There is one spectacle grander than the sea, that is the sky; there is one spectacle grander than the sky, that is the interior of the soul." Indeed, our souls are a grand blessing from God, unfathomable for earthly minds to understand fully; and God alone can satisfy the needs and hopes of our souls.

As Jesus lived as one of us, as he bore our pains and limitations and sorrows and hunger and thirst, the fullness of our Heavenly Father dwelled in him; he rejoiced in being with his Father and he rejoiced in bringing the good news of God's grace and truth and salvation, good news that brings eternal life to those who believe it and walk humbly in the light of the Lamb of God - *My food, said Jesus, is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work . . . open your eyes and look at the fields . . . Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life. - John 4:34-36*

Our souls can be satisfied only with enduring things that come from God alone, as French philosopher Simone Weil (1909-1943) writes, "There is a reality outside the world, that is to say, outside space and time, outside man's mental universe, outside any sphere whatsoever that is accessible to human faculties . . . at the center of the human heart, is the longing for an absolute good, a longing which is always there and is never appeased by any object in this world."

Our Creator nourishes our souls with lasting hope and abundant grace and everlasting care and his Spirit who lives within us; his words teach us about his Son, who came to live among us - *When the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them . . . And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, . . . Now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world. - John 4:40-42*

We have heard for ourselves the message of Jesus and of the spiritual food he brings us; we know that he really is our light of life, the Savior of the world.

- Mark Garner



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Nailed To The Cross

There was One Who was willing to die in my stead,
That a soul so unworthy might live;
And the path to the cross He was willing to tread,
All the sins of my life to forgive.

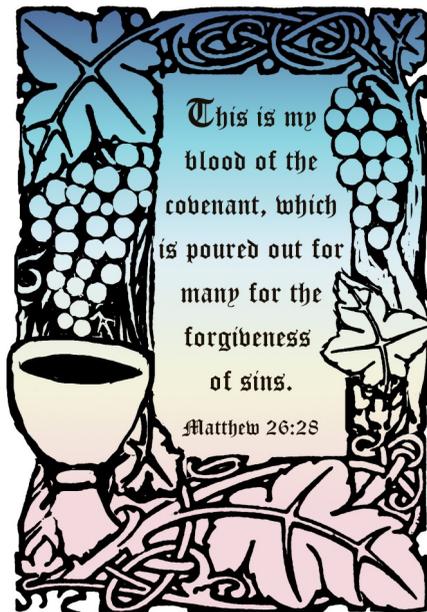
He is tender and loving and patient with me,
While He cleanses my heart of the dross;
But "there's no condemnation"—I know I am free,
For my sins are all nailed to the cross.

I will cling to my Savior and never depart—
I will joyfully journey each day,
With a song on my lips and a song in my heart,
That my sins have been taken away.

They are nailed to the cross,
They are nailed to the cross,
O how much He was willing to bear!
With what anguish and loss Jesus went to the cross!
But He carried my sins with Him there.

- Carrie Elizabeth Breck, 1855-1934

Carrie Breck wrote over 1,000 poems about God; and many of them, including this one, were set to music as hymns.



A Sure Foundation For All Our Times

Whether we 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, Leon Norwood writes about the lasting hope that Jesus brings us.

Jesus Christ, A Sure Foundation In Uncertain Times

In Jeremiah 6:14 we read, "They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. Peace, peace, they say, when there is no peace." Constantly changing conditions and a world in constant crisis seem to typify the uncertainty and instability of life today. No one knows what crisis we may meet tomorrow. There's no way of looking into a crystal ball and seeing what changes are about to be thrown into our life. Yet no matter how dramatic or unpredictable life may get, Jesus Christ will always be the firm foundation that we can depend on.

First, we need to recognize that Jesus Christ is our sure foundation. The foundation of our lives can consist of ideas, goals and plans, a set of rules, or inspiration received from the lives of people we admire. Because we are the builders of our lives, we need to be sure our foundation is chosen wisely and that it motivates and directs us.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus states that those who hear His words and do them are wise builders. They have built their homes on rock-solid foundations. Those who hear His words but fail to live by them are foolish builders. They may build the grandest of houses, but they sit on a shaky foundation. We are all tempted to believe that we can handle most crisis or situations that come up in life, but I want to assure you as someone who has always been somewhat independent, that I have rarely ever by my own efforts found the peace and comfort that comes by exclusively and completely trusting in Jesus.

Our hope is alive! The Bible reveals that Jesus is hope for the hopeless. He's our strength and confidence, our Rock in times of trouble. Although He never pretended life would be easy, He gave us this great promise: John 16:33 says "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

My Lord, Jesus has already overcome the enemy and provided His Word as a faithful anchor for us when the storms of life come. The Bible says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

So make a choice to stop looking at the "storm clouds or mountain" you face and start looking at Jesus. Stay focused on who He is and stand on His Word no matter what you see happening around you. John 10:28-30, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

- Leon Norwood