

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Minister

Next Phase of Covid Adjustments: We still have a lot of adjustments to plan - Bible classes, Wednesday activities, church events, communion supplies, etc.

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.

### Sunday Morning Class Resuming On November 7

Classroom E44 is now ready for use, as the elders and others have completed numerous renovations. The Sunday morning adult Bible class will resume meeting in-person on Sunday November 7, at 9:00 AM. Until then, the on-line Sunday afternoon class will continue; we're also looking into possible ways to continue providing a study for those who aren't comfortable with meeting in-person or who are unable to come.

## On Line Bible Studies

### On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is, "How Much The Lord Has Done For Us" (based on Mark 5). 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 - 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>    | \$3767    | \$4464      |
| <b>Designated:</b> | \$10      | \$101       |

### 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

## God's Paths Are Like The Morning Sun

*Listen . . . to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning. - Proverbs 4:1-2*

Our Heavenly Father's words are full of the Spirit and they are full of grace and truth, they give us understanding and lasting hope, and they help us learn about unseen things above. It is good to ponder God's truths; it is pleasant to meditate on the words of our Heavenly Father, for his wisdom transcends human thinking - *Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you. - Proverbs 4:7-8*

God equips each animal that lives in the ocean to prevent the high salt content in seawater from dehydrating them. Besides giving most fish specialized gill cells and enabling dolphins to get their water from their food, there are also other animals that God helps to avoid dehydration in ways that we can learn from as well.

Though most fish have skeletons made of bone, there is an unusual group of fish whose skeletons are made instead of cartilage (cartilaginous fish include rays, sharks, and sawfish), so God designs them differently. This group of fish is able to produce high salt compounds from their food and store them safely, as a natural counterbalance to create equilibrium with their surroundings.

Similarly, our Father in heaven helps us keep our spiritual balance as we walk through a world full of confusion and false hopes and sadness; his words help us see the contrast between his trustworthy words and this world's futile ways. When we hold fast to God's words and walk humbly in the light of Jesus, he pours out his grace on us and gives us the promise of eternal life - *Hold on to instruction . . . guard it well, for it is your life. Do not set foot on the path of the wicked. - Proverbs 4:13-14*

Albatrosses spend months at a time over seawater, either flying long distances or resting on the surface, so they must drink saltwater. So God gives them a gland between their beaks and their eyes; this gland functions as a natural pump to filter out excess salt as soon as they ingest it, and they then release salt as a solution through ducts at the base of their beaks.

Likewise, the more we learn God's words and his ways, the closer we walk in step with his Spirit, the clearer we will be able to distinguish God's paths from the world's. This world's ways lead to nothing lasting, yet God's paths are like the morning sun -

*The path of the righteous is like the morning sun shining ever brighter till the full light of day. - Proverbs 4:18*

As we walk in the light of Jesus, our Heavenly Father rejoices in being with us, and he guides us every step.

- Mark Garner



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## Jesus Whispers His Love

'Tis so sweet just to know that along the way  
Jesus walks by my side all the livelong day,  
And He knows when the shadows begin to lower,  
And He whispers His love to me o'er and o'er.

When He scatters the gifts from His boundless store,  
And His showers of blessing around me pour,  
Lest I humble and grateful forget to be,  
Jesus whispers His wonderful love to me.

He whispers His love to me,  
He whispers His love to me;  
Lest I should stray from Him away,  
He whispers His love to me.

When my heart is so tempted and sorely tried,  
It is then that I know He is by my side,  
And I know He will give me the victory,  
As He whispers His wonderful love to me.

O His voice is so wondrously sweet to me!  
There's no music on earth has such melody;  
There's no joy that can come to the human heart  
Like the joy that His love ever doth impart.

He whispers His love to me,  
He whispers His love to me;  
Lest I should stray from Him away,  
He whispers His love to me.

- Viana B. McCown, 1885-1969

*Nurse Viana McCown wrote both the lyrics and music to this hymn in 1920. She wrote several other hymns, was well-known for her care for her patients, and she also taught in college (often teaching a class on the History of Nursing). She would later become the director of a Nursing school.*



## 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's article is from the Northland archives; it was written by Bob Henry, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on September 4, 1994. Bob was a member of the Northland congregation for several years in the 1990s; in this article he writes about the reassurance we can get from knowing that God cares about us and that he hears us.*

### God Cares & He Hears Us

"Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

The Bible does make it clear that God does hear our prayers when we come to him in true faith and trust. But, as we learn from the Psalms, that does not mean God always answers our prayers when we want him to, or in the way we think he should.

God knows that often what we want for ourselves is not in our best interests and may even harm us spiritually. So, we need to seek his will and not just our own way. The Bible promises "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" (1 John 5:14). "And, if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5:15)

The emphasis here is on God's will, not our will. So, we need to make sure of our commitment to Christ, for he is the one who has opened the way for us to come to God through his sacrificial death on the cross.

The we must commit our problem to God, not telling him what we think he must do, but asking him to help us to have patience and to trust him to do what is best for us. He will give us a definite answer. Start praying in confidence.

- Bob Henry