

Family Information

Service Project Meeting

Discussions for the Service Project team will begin Wednesday November 3rd, 6:30 – 7:30. This meeting is to focus our service efforts based on the resources we have. This includes supporting the Child Care, clothing closet and pantry along with other ideas that may be suggested. There will be a signup sheet on the prayer request table. Please signup so we can select the correct size room. If you have questions or want to be involved but can't attend the discussion, please contact Jeff McVicker.

New Birth

Congratulations to Micah and Michael Evans! On Monday, October 4 at 3:40 AM, Micah gave birth to a new son, Marshall Evans. At birth Marshall's weight was 8 pounds and 9 ounces, and his height was 20½ inches. Many of us will have Micah, Michael, Milo, and Marshall in our prayers.

Disaster Relief Contribution - Thank You

Thank you to all of our members and to our Ghana brothers and sisters who contributed to support the Church of Christ Disaster Relief contribution. It raised \$2,893.50.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time will end in two weeks. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6. (The time change takes place at 2:00 AM on November 7.)

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*

On Line Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Class Resuming On November 7

The Sunday morning adult Bible class will resume meeting in-person on Sunday November 7, at 9:00 AM. We are working out the details for it to be available for those who prefer to join on-line. For today and next Sunday, the on-line Sunday afternoon class will continue.

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:	\$5090	\$4479
Designated:	\$100	\$101

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



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Our Steps Are Directed By the Lord

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. - Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans that come from human minds, yet they cannot bring enduring hope or lasting meaning; in contrast, the purposes of the Lord's heart stand forever. Many are the desires of human nature, yet our Heavenly Father's desire is for each of us to be able to come to him with a soft heart so that through his Son he may give us redemption and renewal and enduring hope. How patient God is as he reminds us to hold fast to his words and to fix our eyes on Jesus - *Desire without knowledge is not good—how much more will hasty feet miss the way. - Proverbs 19:2*

In 1841, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) wrote the poem "Excelsior" (which means 'higher' in Latin); it starts with a determined person pursuing his intention: "Through an Alpine village passed a youth, who bore, 'mid snow and ice, a banner with the strange device, Excelsior." As night falls, this man turns down all offers of hospitality and rejects every warning, replying each time, 'Excelsior'. Yet the next morning, this unfortunate man is found frozen in the snow.

Similarly, this world's thinking and human ambitions miss the way. Instead, God asks us to walk humbly and reverently in the light of his Son, and he will guide us along paths that lead to eternal life - *The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble. - Proverbs 19:23*

Later, chess player and puzzle author Sam Loyd (1841-1911) composed a chess problem that he titled "Excelsior", giving the theme a new meaning. Sam's problem starts with a complicated position, and there is only one way to attain checkmate in 5 moves. Towards one side of the board, seemingly distant from the main activity, there is a lowly pawn, apparently a mere bystander.

This pawn moves first, simply to help another piece. Next, the pawn moves to prevent an opposing capture of an important piece. Then the pawn again moves, this time just to clear the way for stronger pieces. Eventually, this pawn unexpectedly makes it all the way across the board, is promoted to a queen, and checkmates the opposing king.

In a similar way, God's ways truly lead far higher than earthly minds can imagine, so he calls us to let him direct our steps instead of following this world's false hopes and distractions; our Heavenly Father asks us simply to stay close with him, to trust in him and care for one another - *A person's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way? - Proverbs 20:24*

We know too little to find our own way, yet our Father in heaven guides us and upholds us and protects us, and he pours out care and grace on us when we walk by faith in the message of Jesus.

- Mark Garner

Long Ago

Long ago the lilies faded
Which to Jesus seemed so fair,
But the love that bade them blossom
Still is working everywhere.

In the fields, and in the valleys,
By the streams we love so well,
There is greater glory blooming,
Than the tongue of man can tell.

Long ago in sacred silence
Died the accents of His prayer;
Still the souls that seek the Father
Find His presence everywhere.

Let us seek Him, still believing,
He that worketh round us yet,
Clothing lilies in the meadows,
Will His children ne'er forget.

- William George Tarrant, 1853-1928

William Tarrant was a Welsh metalworker who wrote the words to several hymns. Later, he went into ministry full time. This hymn was later set to music that had been written by English poet Charlotte Barnard (1830-1869), who also wrote music for hymns, ballads, and other songs.

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes



John 12:13

in the name of the Lord!”

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, Donna Smith writes about the comfort, shelter, and other spiritual blessings that we get from the Lord, the Rock eternal.

The Rock

Some of the passages in scripture I find most comforting are those containing the phrase "fear not". I remember telling my son and daughter, when they were younger and afraid to attempt a new feat, "There's nothing to be afraid of. I will be nearby." I also remember advising them if a problem were to arise they could always call me. They were confident I'd come to their aid. Likewise, whenever I read a scripture wherein the Father says, "fear not", I am reassured of His presence and confident He hears if I call out to Him. He is the unshakable foundation and rock in this uncertain world. God is far more capable and dependable than even the most loving and giving mother. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:4

The years have passed. My son and daughter are now young adults. The feats they attempt today are quite different now than they were back then. The world they live in and even their relationships are far more complex and often uncertain. I'm no longer nearby or always able to offer assistance. However, God is still the same secure Rock and foundation He was then. I and they can also count on Him remaining so forever. I often tell them to always try 1-800-God first and then call others. I know the one who trusts in Him will never be dismayed. So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See I, lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. Isaiah 28:16

My family is accustomed to me having a song for everything. Actually, I am often teased about it. As is customary for me, I have a song when I need comfort. This song helps me to remember my limitations. It points me to my true source. The lyrics are: When life all around me is sinking sand on Christ the solid rock I stand. When I need a shelter when I need a friend I go to the rock. I go to the stone which the builders rejected. I go to the rock.

*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. - Psalm 18:2*

- Donna Smith