

## Family Information

### Sunday Morning Class, Children's Class, & Sunday Evening Worship

The Sunday morning adult Bible class, Sunday morning children's class, and Sunday evening worship have each resumed meeting in-person.

The morning Bible class is meeting at 9:00 AM in room E44, and everyone is welcome to come. It is being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. For those who prefer to join on-line, the access information is included in Caleb's weekly e-mails on Friday.

Children ages 2-6 years will be invited to their worship and classes following the Lord's Supper in the auditorium. The children will be dismissed to parents immediately after at the end of worship service.

The Sunday evening worship session is meeting at 4:30 PM in room E44, and everyone is welcome to come. See Mike Paden or Jeff McVicker for more information.

### Baby Shower Postponed

The baby shower for the Child Care staff members has been postponed. A new date for the shower will be announced later.

## On Line Bible Studies

### Gratitude Box

This month there is a decorated box called "The Gratitude Box" on the table immediately on your left as you come in (usually where Visitor Information is). There will be blank note cards next to the box (and an instruction sheet beside it). If you are willing, just fill out a piece of paper telling the church what you are thankful for. This box will be there for the entirety of November and the answers will be anonymously read on the last Sunday (November 28th). Feel free to provide multiple answers! No need to share your name, just tell us what you are thankful for!

### Current 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. The current study is on the book of Galatians. Contact Karen 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>	\$6067	\$4539
<b>Designated:</b>	\$80	\$96

**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

### Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM  
 Sunday Ghana Worship 12:00 PM  
 Sunday Spanish Worship 3:00 PM  
 Sunday Evening Worship 4:30 PM

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

## Let All Creation Rejoice...

### Let All Creation Rejoice Before The Lord

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth . . . proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. - Psalm 96:1-3*

Jesus came to tell us a new song, a song of good news and salvation, a song of God's unfailing grace and compassion to those who open our hearts to him. Jesus came to tell us of our Heavenly Father's marvelous wonders of mercy and understanding.

Humans and other mammals vocalize with the larynx (or "voice box") just below the jaw, while birds vocalize instead through the syrinx, an organ found in birds near the heart and lungs. So bird calls and bird songs essentially come 'from the heart'. The syrinx is shaped like an upside-down Y, and our Creator designed a particular type of syrinx for each kind of bird.

For example, in cardinals one of the lower branches of the syrinx produces low-pitched tones while the other branch produces higher tones, which are then blended as a cardinal sings, producing its cheerful song. Similarly, when Jesus walked this earth, he spoke with a human voice yet he spoke truths too profound for human minds to have thought of. He told us of God's splendor and care - *The Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. - Psalm 96:5-6*

In birds like parrots and mynahs, the syrinx enables them to 'copy' sounds, giving them the ability to mimic human speech and other sounds. In a much deeper way, the Lord's thoughts are too vast and too deep for earthly minds to begin to grasp fully, yet Jesus had the ability to take our Heavenly Father's boundless truths and explain them in terms could teach and comfort his flock.

God gives the nightingale a syrinx that can produce an exceptional range of tones in each of its branches, that blend to produce the nightingale's memorable songs that have comforted and moved so many people. Similarly, Jesus tells us good news that transcends human reasoning, and he calls us simply to come before our God with the living offering of a soft and humble heart - *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. - Psalm 96:8*

We do not have a syrinx, yet our Heavenly Father gives us the gift of his Spirit, who lives within us and who helps us understand God's words and his ways, and who also enables us to encourage one another with God's promises and his words -

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound . . . let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord. - Psalm 96:11-13*

The earth is full of God's glory and understanding, and our souls rejoice in the good news of Jesus.  
 - Mark Garner



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## At The Lord's Table

Now let my faith look through her fears  
And view my dearest Lord,  
Groaning in agonies and tears,  
That I might be restor'd.

Methinks I see the thorny bands  
That tore His sacred head,  
His pierced side, His wounded hands,  
With blood His vesture red.

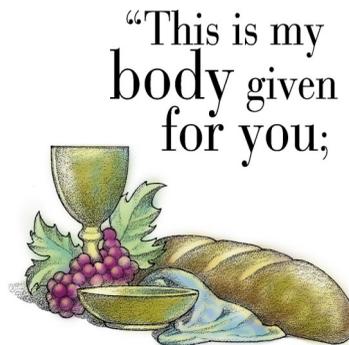
Here is a righteousness divine,  
And sin-subduing grace;  
Here every blessing meet and shine  
In my Redeemer's face.

Here peace and pardon sweetly flow,  
O what delightful food.  
Here is a balm for all my woe,  
With every needful good.

'Twas His own love that spread the feast,  
'Twas love that made Him die;  
His love hath made my soul a guest,  
And rais'd my thoughts on high.

Jesus, I bless Thy sacred name  
For favours so divine:  
All that I have, and all I am,  
Shall be for ever Thine.

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784



do this in  
remembrance  
of me.”  
Luke 22:19

## 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, Don Milnor writes about our constant need for God's care and grace.*

### God Is Not A Fire Extinguisher

If you have one . . . how often do you use your fire extinguisher? I imagine that, if you're like most people, any such item at home or work has just set there for as long as you can remember, you've never used it, or seen it used. Unfortunately, this is how many in our day treat God, and at one time, I was as well. This has also been the case for the people of God. Throughout the book of Judges, as well as in other passages of Scripture, God's people decided at times to pretty much ignore him and do their own thing, until they were really in trouble; then they called out for him.

But how should we view God? As someone to only come to when we need him, or much more than that? (Easy question. . .) He's someone we should love with all our being:

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up . . .* -Deuteronomy 6:4-7

He's someone we shouldn't just talk to when we need something, but in any situation. We should make sure we appreciate him when everything is going well. . . and perhaps it's easy to forget all about God. Psalm 8 is a good example of David praising God, describing some of the great things he has made, and not asking him for anything, or even mentioning any concerns (although he did both at other times):

*Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.* -Psalm 8:1

God is someone we desperately need, at all times:

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?* -Psalm 42:1-2

Jesus is also someone we need just as much:

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you . . . Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* -John 15:1-5

Let us recognize our need for God, and demonstrate (although imperfectly) our love and devotion to him, the remainder of our lives.

- Don Milnor