

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Ministers

This morning, we will not meet in person, due to impending weather. While we pray and hope for "normal" church service life to resume at some point in 2021, we do not know when that will be, so please continue to practice safety and caution. When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m., and dismissal by sections, starting in the back.

### Collection For The Russia Ministry

From the elders: Several members have expressed interest in helping financially with the work in Russia to help Vlad Osinovsky in his ministry. We're extending the collection through next Sunday, February 7. Please mark any contribution you would like to make as: Vlad or Russia on your contribution. Thank you.

### Marie McMasters

Marie McMasters will be celebrating her 97th birthday today, January 31st. Please send her a card or call her and wish her a happy birthday. Her address is 55 Lazelle Rd., Room 203, Columbus, OH 43235 and phone is 614-896-3463.

### Northland Child Care Teachers Needed

Northland Child Care is in need of teachers. We have an excellent program and will help you to get your necessary training courses and CDA certificate as you work. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please have them call Jamie at (614) 410-5861.

### Thank You

Thanks for the flowers, phone calls and text messages in the death of my sister, Pat Maynard. I'm more than thankful for all of them. -Geneva Fleming

## Calendar

### On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, we're starting a new series this week based on Proverbs 3, "Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart". 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, next session February 12 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details about the next session.

**Wednesday** evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. 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.

## Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$4455	\$5226
<b>Designated:</b>	\$30	\$76
<b>Scholarship Fund Current Balance</b>	\$ 523	



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## A Peaceful Abode...

### A Peaceful Abode That Will Not Be Moved

*Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view  
a Land that stretches afar. - Isaiah 33:17*

We can see our Creator all around us through the wonders he has created, our hearts rejoice in the ways he shows us his care and compassion, and he gives us refuge from this world's storms and harshness, where we can contemplate God's glory and his eternal truths. As we walk in the light of Jesus, we no longer need to fear what this world fears; as we walk by faith, we ponder the many ways our King takes care of us and protects us from spiritual foes that are too strong for us - *In your thoughts you will ponder the former terror . . . - Isaiah 33:18*

There is a British saying that goes back at least to the 1500s: "A cat may look at a king". Even those considered lowly were allowed into the monarch's presence and could take a look at their king or queen, and this saying reminded the monarch of this responsibility and the nation of this privilege. Yet, this didn't ask very much of the king, and it also didn't help anyone very much. How much better and truer this is in God's kingdom, where we all may have the gift of knowing our Heavenly Father, where anyone who walks by faith in his Son may have his Spirit live within us, and where our true King welcomes us into his presence, comforts us, guides us by the hand, and tells us truths that human minds couldn't have thought of. God has opened the door to his dwelling place, a peaceful abode where he tells us of eternal things that will never change - *Look on Zion, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see Jerusalem, a peaceful abode, a tent that will not be moved. - Isaiah 33:20*

In one of Pamela Travers's series of 'Mary Poppins' novels, she uses the old saying about cats and kings in a different way when Mary tells the children the story, "The Cat Who Looked At A King". In the story, a king is so wrapped up in analyzing facts and issuing orders that he has neglected his kind queen and has forgotten about the well-being of his subjects. Then a cat walks in and proposes a contest to the king, each asking the other three questions.

The cat's final question is for the king to name the strongest thing. After the king guesses various powerful animals and forces of nature, the queen gently suggests that it might be patience. At this the king's heart begins to soften, and he realizes that love, patience and kindness are far more important than earthly ambitions and human agendas. How patiently our Heavenly Father reminds us of these things; he is our Mighty One who also carries us gently - *There the Lord will be our Mighty One. It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams . . . The Lord is our king; it is he who will save us. - Isaiah 33:21-22*

The Lord is our King who saves us, he nourishes our spirits in this world's spiritual deserts with streams of living water, and he remains the same forever.

- Mark Garner

### 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:** Elmer Renderos, Luis Valdez

## All Glory Belongs To Jesus Alone

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. - Revelation 5:12*

All glory belongs to Jesus alone,  
To Jesus the Saviour who sits on the throne;  
To Jesus whom angels and seraphs adore,  
To Jesus salvation ascribe evermore.

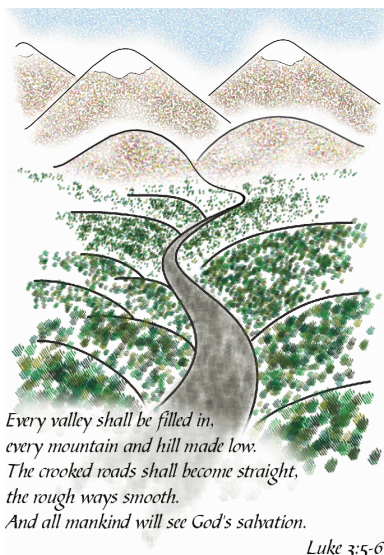
How worthy the Lamb on mount Calvary slain,  
Who triumph'd o'er death, and is risen again!  
How worthy of blessing, and glory, and praise!  
The highest ascriptions archangels can raise!

All wisdom and honor to Jesus belongs,  
He shall have the plaudits of ten thousand tongues  
Yea, infinite numbers with joy shall proclaim  
Through ages eternal His excellent name.

His mercy my thanks and astonishment raise,  
I cannot be silent in Jesus's praise;  
My soul shall adore Him who bled on the tree,  
Who laid down His life as a ransom for me.

While on earth I remain I'll shew forth His praise,  
And aim at His honor the rest of my days;  
And when I get home to His mansion above,  
All Heaven shall ring with the shouts of His love.

*- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784*



*Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.  
And all mankind will see God's salvation.*

*Luke 3:5-6*

## Immanuel, God With Us

*Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God; he is also called Immanuel, God with us. This week, Leon Norwood writes about the many things that God's presence and closeness mean to us.*

### What Immanuel Really Means for Us

In Matthew 1:23 we read "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means God with us)". When you read this verse what things comes to mind? Well, I always think of John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." Here's some food for thought.

Because of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection, we have truly received the gift of "God with us." It is not a passive relationship or ethereal experience. Recall on the night before He died, Jesus promised He would send us an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, who would come to "live with" us and "be in" us. John 14:16-18. Wow! Imagine the very spirit of God Himself resides not only with us but is in us.

And God with us, as He comes to live inside us, promises to give us strength in place of weakness, hope and courage in place of fear, and light in all those dark places that once occupied our heart and soul. Because of Jesus, Immanuel, we never have to be alone. We never have to wonder how to please God or worry if our efforts fall short. We can simply rest knowing He is with us, in us, loves us, and will never leave us.

When reflecting on God, David wrote in Psalm 139:7-10, "*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast*".

God has always been present throughout the universe, and is present with His people as well. This is what made Him so unique from all the false gods the pagan nations worshiped. He created mankind for relationship, and throughout time and generation by generation, has revealed his desire to love and to be with us. Blessed be our God forever and ever. Amen.

*- Leon Norwood*